

as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

The entire document is available at <http://www.usbr.gov/nepa> on the Internet. Copies of the NEPA Handbook may also be requested from Theresa Taylor at the above address or via the INTERNET at [nepa@do.usbr.gov](mailto:nepa@do.usbr.gov) or by calling (303) 445-2826.

Copies of the NEPA Handbook are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Reclamation Service Center Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, Colorado 80225; telephone: (303) 445-2072

- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240-0001

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Theresa Taylor, Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Policy, at (303) 445-2826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NEPA Handbook was developed to assist Reclamation employees who are required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and various other environmental laws as part of their daily work. The document was first published in 1991. After Reclamation was reorganized in 1994 to reflect a decentralization of decision making and authority, the NEPA Handbook needed major revisions to reflect the reorganization and to update the content. The handbook was extensively revised and has gone through various stages of reviews both internally and with the Council on Environmental Quality. At the commencement of the public review, comments received will be considered as part of a final revision of the handbook.

Dated: April 13, 2000.

**Elizabeth Cordova-Harrison,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### **Proposed Information Collection Request; Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 19, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Theresa M. O'Malley, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 715, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to [tomalley@msha.gov](mailto:tomalley@msha.gov), along with an original printed copy. Ms. O'Malley can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile). Ms. O'Malley can be reached at [tomalley@msha.gov](mailto:tomalley@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

30 CFR 56/57.3203 and 75.204 address the quality of rock fixtures and their installation. Roof and rock bolts and accessories are an integral part of ground control systems and are used to prevent the fall of roof, face, and ribs. These standards require that metal and nonmetal and coal mine operators obtain a certification from the manufacturer that rock bolts and accessories are manufactured and tested in accordance with the 1995 American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) publication "Standard Specification for Roof and Rock Bolts and Accessories" (ASTM F432-95).

##### **II. Desired Focus of Comments**

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines. MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home Page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and then choosing "Statutory and Regulatory Information" and "Paperwork Reduction Act Supporting Statements (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>)", or contacting the employee listed above in the For Further Information Contact section of this notice.

##### *III. Current Actions*

MSHA is seeking to continue the requirement for mine operators to obtain certification from the manufacturer that roof and rock bolts and accessories are manufactured and tested in accordance with the applicable American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications and make that certification available to an authorized representative of the Secretary.

##### *Type of Review:*

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines (30 CFR 56.3203(a), 57.3203(a), and 75.204(a)).

*OMB Number:* 1219-0121.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Burden hours*
30 CFR 56/57.3203(a) .....	252 M/NM Surface .....	On Occasion .....	1,008	0.05	50.4
	190 M/NM Underground .....	On Occasion .....	1,520	0.05	76.0
75.204(a) .....	761 Coal Underground .....	On Occasion .....	6,088	0.05	304.4
Total .....	1,203 .....	.....	8,616	.....	430.8

\*Discrepancies due to rounding.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 14, 2000.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 9, 2000, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on March 23, 2000 to the following applicant:

Raytheon Polar Service Company (RPSC)

- Permit No. 2001-001
- Permit No. 2001-002
- Permit No. 2001-003
- Permit No. 2001-004
- Permit No. 2001-005

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**Notice of Permit Modification Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modification issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 17, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** of a request for modification to permit 2000WM-01 (ASA) for waste management activities at all U.S. Antarctic Program facilities in Antarctica. The requested modification transfers responsibility for waste management activities from the incumbent support contractor, Antarctic Support Associates, to Raytheon Polar Services Company. The transfer modified the permit to change the permit holder from Antarctic Support Associates to Raytheon Polar Services Company, who is the sole holder of the permit. All special conditions of the original permit remain the same except for the change in name of the permit holder. All references to Antarctic Support Associates now apply to Raytheon Polar Services Company.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad

Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

**Summary of Proposal(s)**

- (1) *Collection title:* Survivor Questionnaire.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* RL-94-F.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0032.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 6/30/2000.
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 8,000.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 8,000.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 1,391.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under Section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act, benefits are payable to the survivors or the estate of deceased railroad employees. The Collection obtains information about the survivors if any, the payment of burial expenses and administration of estate when unknown to the Railroad Retirement Board. The information is used to determine whether and to whom benefits are payable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Joe Lackey (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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