

comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Ground Control Plan. 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 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 selecting "Statutory and Regulatory Information" then "Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>)", or by contacting the employee listed above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice for a hard copy.

III. Current Actions

MSHA is seeking to continue the requirement for mine operators to submit ground control plans to ensure that highwalls and spoil banks are maintained in safe condition so that a safe working environment is provided for miners.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Ground Control Plan.

OMB Number: 1219-0026.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR 77.1000 and 77-1000-1.

Total Respondents: 159.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 159.

Average Time per Response: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,404.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$204.

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: May 15, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA) is announcing that a collection of information has been approved the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFC Program). This notice announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Address comments on the VFC Program in writing to: VFC Program, Office of Enforcement, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5702, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Written comments may also be sent by Internet to: vfc-program@pwba.dol.gov.

For general questions regarding the VFC Program, contact the appropriate PWBA Regional Office listed in Appendix C of the VFC Program (65 FR 14179), or Jeffrey A. Monhart, Investigator, Office of Enforcement, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration ((202) 219-8820). For comments on the VFC Program, contact Elizabeth A. Goodman, Pension Law Specialist, Office of Regulations and Interpretations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration ((202) 219-8671).

Address comments on the information collection request (ICR) and requests for copies of the ICR to Gerald B. Lindrew, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782. These telephone numbers are not toll-free.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 15, 2000, PWBA published a notice concerning its adoption of a Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (65 FR 14164), which allows certain persons to

correct possible fiduciary breaches of Part 4 of Title I of ERISA, and to avoid potential civil actions initiated by the Department of Labor under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the assessment of civil penalties under section 502(1) of ERISA. Although written comments on the VFC Program were accepted through May 15, 2000, the Department submitted the information collection request (ICR) included in the VFC Program to OMB using emergency procedures, and requested approval by April 14, 2000. The information collection provisions of the VFC Program generally require that documentation of the correction of a fiduciary breach be supplied to the Department.

On April 14, 2000, OMB approved the ICR under emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320. The approval will expire on September 30, 2000. The control number assigned to this ICR by OMB is 1210-0118. PWBA will take any comments received into consideration in finalizing the VFC Program and in preparing the application for continuing approval of the ICR, which will be submitted to OMB prior to the expiration of the emergency approval.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA) is announcing that a collection of information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for the Application for EFAST Electronic Signature and Codes for EFAST Transmitters and Software Developers (Form EFAST-1). This notice announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.