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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request renewed approval for the collection of information under 30 CFR Part 850 which provides authority for State regulatory authorities to develop a blaster certification program.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by January 2, 2001, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 1320.8(d)]. This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. These collections are contained in 30 CFR 850, Permanent regulatory program requirements—standards for certification of blasters.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of

approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

Title: Permanent regulatory program requirements—standards for certification of blasters, 30 CFR 850.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0080.

Summary: This part establishes the requirements and procedures applicable to the development of regulatory programs for the training, examination, and certification of persons engaging in or directly responsible for the use of explosives in surface coal mining operations.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 1.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 173.

Dated: October 30, 2000.

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Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Partial Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on October 19, 2000, a proposed Partial Consent Decree in *United States v. American Scrap Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:99-CV-2047, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

In this action the United States seeks the reimbursement of response costs in connection with the Jack's Creek/Sitkin

Smelting Superfund Site in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania ("the Site"), pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* The Partial Consent Decree resolves the United States' claims against Industrial Steel & Pipe Supply Company, J. Sepenuk & Sons, Inc., and Kingsport Iron & Metal Co., Inc. for response costs incurred as a result of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Site. These parties will pay the United States \$140,000.00. The Partial Consent Decree will not resolve the United States' claims against the remaining defendants in the litigation.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Partial Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044, and should refer to *United States v. American Scrap Company, et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-911/1.

The Partial Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Federal Building, 228 Walnut Street, Suite 220, Harrisburg, PA 17108, or at the Region III Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. A copy of the Partial Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail by requesting a copy from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$9.00 (36 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on October 24, 2000, a proposed Consent Decree ("the Decree") in *United States v. Blue River Exploration, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 4:99 CV-10-M, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky