

impacts of alternatives to correct safety deficiencies identified at Keechelus Dam. Reclamation proposes to modify the existing dam to return full capacity to Keechelus Lake.

The preferred alternative of modifying the dam would provide for the safe operation of Keechelus Dam and also maintain benefits from Keechelus Lake that include meeting existing contractual commitments for storage space for irrigators within the Yakima Project and controlling seasonal downstream flooding.

The DEIS describes and analyzes the impacts of four alternatives that would correct safety deficiencies at Keechelus Dam, as well as the No Action Alternative. This Draft EIS assesses the impacts of the interim restriction, implemented in November 1998 to protect public safety, as the No Action Alternative.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft EIS must be received no later than February 9, 2001, at the address listed in **ADDRESSES** section below.

On Thursday, January 18, 2001, two public hearings will be held to accept oral comments on the Draft EIS in Ellensburg, Washington. Each public hearing will be preceded by an informal open house where exhibits can be viewed and discussed with agency managers and staff. The first will begin with an informal open house from 12:30 to 2 p.m., followed by the formal public hearing from 2 to 4:00 p.m. The second will begin with a 5:30 to 7 p.m. informal open house, followed by a formal public hearing from 7 to 9 p.m. The facilities are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Please contact Mr. Kaumheimer (see below) for sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other auxiliary aids by January 10, 2001, so arrangements can be made.

**ADDRESSES:** The open houses and public hearings will be held at the Ellensburg Inn, 1700 Canyon Road, Ellensburg, Washington, telephone (509) 925-9801.

Written comments on the Draft EIS should be submitted to Mr. Dave Kaumheimer, UCA-1600, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Columbia Area Office, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, WA 98901; or by fax (509) 454-5611.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of

your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the DEIS are available for public review and inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dave Kaumheimer at (509) 575-5848, extension 232. Those wishing to obtain a copy of the Draft EIS in the form of a printed document or on compact disk (CD-ROM with reader included) or a Summary of the Draft EIS may contact Mr. Kaumheimer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Keechelus Dam was completed in 1917 as part of Reclamation's Yakima Project, storing Yakima River water in central Washington for irrigation of part of 443,400 acres of prime farmland and for flood control. Recent investigations have shown that the wooden railroad trestle, used to deliver earth material and rocks while constructing the dam, has deteriorated, forming vertical paths where earthen materials within the dam can move, leaving voids in the dam. Examination of the seepage problems indicates the material is internally unstable and is subject to failure, with an associated potential for loss of life and property downstream. Because of the deficiencies identified, Keechelus Lake has been operated at a restricted pool elevation 7 feet below normal full pool elevation 2,517 feet since November 1998, with increased monitoring and surveillance at the dam.

The Safety of Dams Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-578) and amendments of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-404) authorize the Secretary of the Interior to analyze existing Reclamation dams for changes in the state-of-the-art criteria and additional hydrologic and seismic data developed since the dams were constructed. For dams where a safety concern exists, the Secretary is authorized to modify the structure to ensure its continued safety.

Section 3 of the Safety of Dams Act states that construction authorized by the act shall be for dam safety and not for specific purposes of providing additional conservation storage capacity or developing benefits over and above those provided by the original dams and reservoirs.

#### Review and Inspection of the DEIS

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

- Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior, Room 7455,

18th and C Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Denver Federal Center, Building 67, Room 167, Denver, Colorado 80225.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83706-1234.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Columbia Area Office, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, Washington 98901.

#### Libraries

Carpenter Memorial Library, 302 N Pennsylvania Ave, Cle Elum, WA 98922; (509) 674-2313.

Central Washington University Library, 700 E 8th Ave, Ellensburg WA 98926; (509) 963-1777.

Ellensburg Public Library, 209 N Ruby, Ellensburg WA 98926; (509) 962-7250.

Yakima Valley Regional Library, 102 N 3rd St, Yakima WA 98901; (509) 452-8541.

University of Washington Campus, Suzzallo Library, Government Publications Division, Seattle WA 98195; (206) 543-1937

#### Internet

The DEIS is also available on the Internet at: <http://www.pn.usbr.gov/>

#### Hearing Process Information

Requests to make oral comments at the public hearings may be made at each hearing. Comments will be recorded by a court reporter. Speakers will be called in the order of their requests. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five (5) minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the public hearing or identified as hearing comments and mailed to be received by Mr. Kaumheimer no later than February 9, 2001 (the end of the public comment period).

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 1, 2000.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public

information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 693-4127 or by E-mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 693-4129 or by E-Mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

*Title:* Gamma Radiation Exposure Records.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0039.

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

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 2.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 2.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1-hour.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* Title 30 CFR 57.5047 requires that gamma radiation surveys be conducted annually in all underground mines where radioactive ores are mined. The Standard also requires, where average gamma radiation measurements are in excess of 2.0 milliroentgens per hour in the working place, that gamma radiation dosimeters be provided for all persons affected, and that records of cumulative individual gamma radiation exposure be kept. These recordkeeping requirements are necessary to protect miners from adverse health affects resulting from occupational exposure to gamma radiation.

**Ira L. Mills,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**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. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of the following information collections: (1) Certification by School Official (CM-981); and (2) Records to be Kept by Employers (Fair Labor Standards Act). Copies of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before February 9, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington,

DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 693-1451.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Certification by School Official (CM-981)

##### I. Background

In order to be a dependent who is eligible for black lung benefits, a child aged 18 to 23 must be a full-time student as described in the Black Lung Benefits Act, 30 U.S.C. 902(g), and 20 CFR 725.209 or 20 CFR 410.370. The form is partially completed by the school registrar and is used to verify full-time status of the student.

##### II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor 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.

##### III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to determine continued eligibility of the student.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Certification by School Official (CM-981).

*OMB Number:* 1215-0061.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*No. of Respondents:* 1,000.

*No. of Responses:* 1,000.

*Burden per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 167.

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

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