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Dated: March 30, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Mine Ventilation System Plan

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 5, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 709A, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mrs. Teaster can be reached at bteaster@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Underground mines present harsh and hostile working environments. The ventilation system is the most vital life support system in underground mining and a properly operating ventilation system is essential for maintaining a safe and healthful working environment. Lack of adequate ventilation in underground mines has resulted in fatalities from asphyxiation and explosions.

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 Mine Ventilation System 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.

III. Current Action

A well planned mine ventilation system is necessary to assure a fresh air supply to miners at all working places, to control the amounts of harmful airborne contaminants in the mine atmosphere, and to dilute possible accumulation of explosive gases.

The standard requires that mine operators prepare a written plan of the mine's ventilation system and to update the plan annually. The purposes are to insure that each operator routinely plans, reviews, and updates the plan; to insure the availability of accurate and correct information; and to provide MSHA with the opportunity to alert the mine operator to potential hazards.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Mine Ventilation System Plan.

OMB Number: 1219-0016.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Annually.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR 57.8520.

Total Respondents: 284.

Total Responses: 284.

Average Time Per Response: 24 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 6,816 hours.

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 request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

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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 collections of information included in its Prohibited Transaction Exemptions 75-1, 80-83, and 88-59 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice announces the OMB approval numbers and expiration dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Address requests for copies of the information collection requests (ICRs) 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. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of August 22, 2000 (65 FR 51038), the Agency announced its intent to request renewal of its current OMB approval for the information collection provisions of Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 75-1 (Broker-dealers, reporting dealers, banks engaging in securities transactions with employee benefit plans). In accordance with PRA 95, OMB has renewed its approval for the ICR under OMB control number 1210-0092. The approval expires January 31, 2004.

In the **Federal Register** of August 22, 2000 (65 FR 51038), the Agency announced its intent to request renewal of its current OMB approval for the information collection provisions of