

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 new collection "Alternate Employment Information Request." A copy of the proposed information collection request 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 addressee section below on or before October 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339, fax (202) 693-1451, e-mail pforkel@fenix2.dol-esa.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

I. Background

The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, as amended (EEOICPA or Act), 42 U.S.C. 7384 *et seq.*, established a program to provide compensation to covered employees, and where applicable, survivors of such employees, suffering from illnesses incurred in the performance of duty for the Department of Energy (DOE) and certain of its contractors, subcontractors and vendors. Employees and/or survivors claiming benefits must establish a verified employment history that includes at least one period of covered employment. As part of an employment verification process, DOE reviews the claimed period of employment to affirm its accuracy. If DOE is unable to verify the alleged employment history, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs must obtain factual evidence necessary to establish covered employment from private entities who are not current contractors or subcontractors of DOE.

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 approval of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to establish eligibility for benefits to those persons seeking compensation under EEOICPA. There is no standardized form or format associated with the information request, and each private entity may determine the most convenient methodology to respond. The OWCP will accept responses via e-mail, telephone, FAX or mail.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Alternate Employment Information Request.

OMB Number: 1215-0NEW.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 100.

Total Responses: 2,000.

Frequency: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,000.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$480.

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: August 22, 2002.

Margaret J. Sherrill,

Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Noise Exposure Assessment; Audiometric Testing, Evaluation, and Records and Training in all Mines

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

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 the continuing collection 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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Noise Exposure Assessment; Audiometric Testing, Evaluation, and Records and Training in all Mines. MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the 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 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 information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to David L. Meyer, Director, Office of Administration and Management, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2125, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet e-mail to *Meyer-David@msha.gov*, along with an original printed copy. Mr. Meyer can be reached at (202) 693-9802 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Tarr, Management Analyst, Records Management Group, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 2171, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Ms. Tarr can be reached at *Tarr Jane@msha.gov* (Internet e-mail), (202) 693-9824 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile). This Information Collection Request (ICB) may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page (*http://www.msha.gov*) and then choosing "Statutory and Regulatory Information" and "Federal Register Documents."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Noise is one of the most pervasive health hazards in mining. Exposure to hazardous sound levels results in the development of occupational noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL), a serious physical, psychological, and social

problem. NIHL can be distinguished from aging and medical factors, diagnosed, and prevented. NIHL is among the "top ten" leading occupational diseases and injuries.

For many years, the risk of acquiring an NIHL was accepted as an inevitable consequence associated with mining occupations. Miners use mechanized equipment and work under conditions that often expose them to hazardous sound levels. But MSHA standards, OSHA standards, military standards, and others around the world have been established in recognition of the controllability of this risk. Records of miner exposures are necessary so that mine operators and MSHA can evaluate the need for and effectiveness of engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment to protect miners from harmful levels of exposure.

II. Current Actions

Records of miner exposures are necessary so that mine operators and MSHA can ensure that engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment are used to protect miners from harmful levels of exposure. However, the Agency believes that extensive records for this purpose now maintained by the coal mining sector are not needed, Part 62 replaced these requirements with a performance-oriented approach to monitoring. The final rule expanded notification of

exposure information to miners to assist them in becoming more active participants in hearing conservation efforts.

Hearing tests of miners are offered and if a miner takes the test mine operators are required to compile and maintain a record of each audiometric test. Detection of a hearing loss can trigger certain protective actions under Part 62. The record will be used by mine operators and MSHA to verify that the testing was done and the required actions implemented.

Part 62 also requires the mine operator to provide training to overexposed miners about the hazards of noise exposure, hearing protector selection and use, the hearing test program, and the operator's noise controls. Records of training are needed to confirm that miners receive the information they need to become active participants in hearing conservation efforts. There is no existing requirement for such records; however, training records required under other MSHA regulations are used for similar purposes.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Noise exposure assessment; audiometric testing, evaluation, and records and training in all mines.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Burden hours
62.110(a)	13,552	Annually	5,782	3.0	14,960
62.110(c)	13,552	Occasion	80,699	0.09	7,028
62.110(d)	13,552	Occasion	215,977	0.09	18,373
62.130	13,552	Occasion	26,039	0.05	1,263
62.170(b)	13,552	Occasion	157,783	0.09	13,656
62.171(b)	13,552	Occasion	34,203	0.09	3,061
62.172(a)(1)	13,552	Occasion	34,203	0.09	2,918
62.172(a)(3)	13,552	Occasion	1,822	0.3	547
62.173(a)	13,552	Occasion	240	0.09	21
62.173(b)	13,552	Occasion	61	0.15	9
62.173(c)	13,552	Occasion	61	0.15	9
62.174(a)	13,552	Occasion	5,000	0.08	396
62.175(a)(1)	13,552	Occasion	39,583	0.09	3,624
62.175(a)(2)	13,552	Occasion	4,951	0.1	493
62.180(a)	13,552	Occasion	14,702	0.35	5,146
62.180(b)	13,552	Occasion	171,965	0.14	23,394
62.190(b)	13,552	Occasion	27,678	0.16	4,408
62.190(c)	13,552	Occasion	1,094	0.64	704
Total	13,552		821,843		100,010

Discrepancies due to rounding.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$4,151,367.

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: August 23, 2002.

David L. Meyer,

Director, Office of Administration and Management.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for GPRA Performance Assessment (#13853); Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Advisory Committee for GPRA Performance Assessment (AC/GPA) (#13853).

Date and Time: September 18, 2002, 8:30 a.m.–10 am; September 19, 2002, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.; September 20, 2002, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.;

Place: National Science Foundation 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Room 1235.

Contact: Mr. Thomas N. Cooley, Chief Financial Officer, National Science Foundation, Room 405, Arlington, Virginia. Phone: 703/292-8200.

Type of Meeting: Open. National Science Foundation, Suite 405, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 292-4609. If you are attending the meeting and need access to the NSF building, please contact Carol Heffner cheffner@nsf.gov so that your name can be added to the building access list.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF) Director regarding the Foundation's performance as it relates to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA).

Agenda: Topics include results (outcomes and outputs) of past awards as they relate to indicators associated with the National Science Foundation's PEOPLE, IDEAS and TOOLS outcome goals; the quality, relevance, and balance of NSF award portfolios; and potential future impact of NSF investment portfolios.

Dated: August 21, 2002.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8681]

International Uranium (USA) Corporation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) proposes to accept the license amendment for the NRC Materials License SUA-1358 to authorize the licensee, International Uranium (USA) Corporation (IUSA), to allow for the receipt and processing of material from the Maywood facility located in Maywood, New Jersey, at IUSA's White Mesa uranium mill, located near Blanding, Utah. An Environmental Assessment was performed by the NRC staff in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. The conclusion of the Environmental Assessment is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed licensing action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William von Till, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-8A33, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone (301) 415-6251, e-mail rwv@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Materials License SUA-1358 was originally issued by NRC on August 7, 1979, Pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), part 40, "Domestic Licensing of Source Material." The IUSA site is licensed by the NRC under Materials License SUA-1358 to possess byproduct material in the form of uranium waste tailings and other uranium byproduct waste generated by the licensee's milling operations, as well as other source material from multiple locations. Some of these locations include material from Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) sites managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). These materials have similar chemical, physical, and radiological composition to conventional mill tailings. The mill is currently operating.

Summary of the Environmental Assessment

The NRC staff performed an appraisal of the environmental impacts associated

with the receipt and processing of materials from the Maywood facility at the White Mesa mill, in accordance with 10 CFR part 51, Licensing and Regulatory Policy Procedure for Environmental Protection. A draft Environmental Assessment was sent to the State of Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Ute Mountain Utes by letter dated September 21, 2001, and was made public. The NRC staff received multiple comments from the public, the Utah DEQ, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribe. Based on some of the comments concerning potential groundwater impacts, the NRC staff requested that IUSA provide additional information regarding the potential for groundwater seepage to occur while the Maywood material would be temporarily stored on the ore pad. IUSA conducted a series of infiltration permeability tests on the ore pad soils and addressed the NRC staff concerns by letter dated July 1, 2002. In addition IUSA addressed issues concerning dust control by letters dated February 15, 2002, and March 11, 2002. In conducting its appraisal, the NRC staff considered the following: (1) Information contained in previous environmental evaluations of the White Mesa project; (2) information contained in the IUSA's amendment application dated June 15, 2001, June 22, 2001, August 3, 2001, and supplemented by letters dated, November 19, 2001, December 6, 2001, December 10, 2001, March 11, 2002, and July 1, 2002; (3) information derived from NRC staff site visits and inspections of the White Mesa mill site, and (4) comments from and conversations with the State of Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Ute Mountain Ute tribe, and the public. The results of the staff's appraisal are documented in an Environmental Assessment.

Conclusions

The NRC staff has examined the actual and potential environmental impacts associated with the receipt and processing of the proposed Maywood material, and has determined that the action is (1) consistent with requirements of 10 CFR part 40, (2) will not be inimical to the public health and safety, and (3) will not have long-term detrimental impacts on the environment. The following statements support the FONSI and summarize the conclusions resulting from the staff's environmental assessment:

1. An acceptable environmental and effluent monitoring program is in place to monitor effluent releases and to detect whether applicable regulatory limits are exceeded. Radiological