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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice; Revised Schedule of Remuneration for the UCX Program

Under section 8521(a)(2) of title 5 of the United States Code, the Secretary of Labor is required to issue from time to time a Schedule of Remuneration specifying the pay and allowances for each pay grade of members of the military services. The schedules are used to calculate the base period wages and benefits payable under the program of Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX Program).

The revised schedule published with this Notice reflects increases in military pay and allowances which were effective in January 2003.

Accordingly, the following new Schedule of Remuneration, issued pursuant to 20 CFR 614.12(c), applies to "first claims" for UCX which are effective beginning with the first day of the first week which begins on or after April 6, 2003.

Pay grade	Monthly rate
(1) Commissioned Officers:	
0-10	\$14,857
0-9	14,302
0-8	13,206
0-7	11,992
0-6	10,402
0-5	8,816
0-4	7,554
0-3	5,976
0-2	4,608
0-1	3,527
(2) Commissioned Officers With Over 4 Years Active Duty as an Enlisted Member or Warrant Officer:	
0-3E	6,851
0-2E	5,513
0-1E	4,651
(3) Warrant Officers:	
W-5	7,709
W-4	6,832
W-3	5,719
W-2	4,951
W-1	4,217
(4) Enlisted Personnel:	
E-9	6,453
E-8	5,346
E-7	4,724
E-6	4,124
E-5	3,456
E-4	2,964
E-3	2,660

Pay grade	Monthly rate
E-2	2,494
E-1	2,245

The publication of this new Schedule of Remuneration does not revoke any prior schedule or change the period of time any prior schedule was in effect.

Signed at Washington, DC on March 5, 2003.
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Assistant Secretary of Labor.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Identification of Independent Contractors

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a pre-clearance 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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection related to the 30 CFR sections 45.3—Identification of Independent Contractors.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Jane Tarr, Management Analyst, Administration and Management 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2171, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to *Tarr-Jane@Msha.Gov*. Ms. Tarr can be reached at (202) 693-9824 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

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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).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Title 30 CFR 45.3 provides that independent contractors may voluntarily obtain a permanent MSHA identification number by submitting to MSHA their trade name and business address, a telephone number, an estimate of the annual hours worked by the contractor on mine property for the previous calendar year, and the address of record for service of documents upon the contractor. Independent contractors performing services or construction at mines are subject to the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) and are responsible for violations of the Mine Act committed by them or their employees.

Although Independent Contractors are not required to apply for the identification number, they will be assigned one by MSHA the first time they are cited for a violation of the Mine Act. MSHA uses the information to issue a permanent MSHA identification number to the independent contractor.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

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 can be obtained by contacting the employee listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice, or viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and then