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Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection related to the 30 CFR Sections 77.1101; Escape and Evacuation Plans.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 15, 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](mailto:Tarr-Jane@Msha.Gov). Ms. Tarr can be reached at (202) 693-9824 (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](mailto:Tarr-Jane@Msha.Gov) (Internet e-mail), (202) 693-9824 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 77.1101(a) requires operators of surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines to establish and keep current a specific escape and evacuation plan to be followed in the event of a fire. Section 77.1101(b) requires that all employees be instructed in current escape and evacuation plans, fire alarm signals, and applicable procedures to be followed in case of fire. The training and record keeping requirements associated with this standard are addressed under OMB No. 1219-0070 (Certificate of Training, MSHA Form 5000-23).

Section 77.1101(c) requires escape and evacuation plans to include the designation and proper maintenance of an adequate means for exiting areas where persons are required to work or travel, including buildings, equipment, and areas where persons normally congregate during the work shift.

While escape and evacuation plans are not subject to approval by MSHA district managers, MSHA inspectors evaluate the adequacy of the plans during their inspections of surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines.

**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 choosing "Statutory and Regulatory Information" and "Federal Register Documents."

**III. Current Actions**

MSHA proposes to continue the information collection requirement related to escape and evacuation plans for surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines for an additional 3 years. MSHA believes that eliminating these requirements would expose miners to unnecessary risk of injury or death should a fire occur at or near their work location.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Escape and Evacuation Plans.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0051.

*Recordkeeping:* Indefinite.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

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

*Respondents:* 183.

*Average Time Per Respondent:* 4.8 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 878 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 information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated at Arlington, VA, this 8th day of July, 2003.

**David L. Meyer,**

*Director, Office of Administration and Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Mine Safety and Health Administration**

**Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas (Pertains to Slope and Shaft Sinking Operation at Coal Mines)**

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, DOL.

**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 77.1901—Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 15, 2003.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 77.1901 requires operators to conduct examinations of slope and shaft areas for hazardous conditions, including tests for methane and oxygen deficiency, within 90 minutes before each shift, once during each shift, and before and after blasting. The surface area surrounding each slope and shaft is also required to be inspected for hazards.

Section 77.1901 also requires that records be kept of the results of the inspections. The record includes a description of any hazardous condition found and the corrective action taken to abate it. These records are necessary to ensure that the inspections and tests are conducted in a timely fashion and that corrective action is taken when hazardous conditions are identified, thereby ensuring a safe working environment for the slope and shaft sinking employees. The record is maintained at the mine site for the duration of the operation.

**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
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*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0082.

*Recordkeeping:* The standard also requires that a record be kept of the results of the inspections. The record includes a description of any hazardous condition found and the corrective action taken to abate it. The record is necessary to ensure that the inspections and tests are conducted in a timely fashion and that corrective action is taken when hazardous conditions are identified, thereby ensuring a safe working environment for the slope and shaft sinking employees. The record is maintained at the mine site for the duration of the operation.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

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

*Respondents:* 35.

*Average Time Per Response:* 1.25 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 14,823 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 information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 8th day of July, 2003.

**David L. Meyer,**

*Director, Office of Administration and Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0183(2003)]

**Standard on 4,4'-Methylenedianiline Construction (29 CFR 1926.60); Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor

**ACTION:** Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA requests comment concerning its proposed extension of the information-collection requirements specified by the Standard on 4,4'-Methylenedianiline Construction (29 CFR 1926.60). The standard protects employees from the adverse health effects that may result from occupational exposure to MDA, including cancer, and liver and skin disease.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

*Hard Copy:* Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or received) by September 15, 2003.

*Facsimile and electronic transmission:* Your comments must be sent by September 15, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:**

**I. Submission of Comments**

*Regular mail, express delivery, hand-delivery, and messenger service:* Submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0183(2003), Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. OSHA Docket Office and Department of Labor hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., EST.

*Facsimile:* If your comments, including any attachments, are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648. You must include the docket number ICR 1218-0183(2003), in your comments.

*Electronic:* You may submit comments, but not attachments, through the Internet at <http://ecomments.osha.gov>.

**II. Obtaining Copies of the Supporting Statement for the Information Collection Request**

The Supporting Statement for the Information Collection Request is available for downloading from OSHA's Web site at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov). The supporting statement is available for inspection and copying in the OSHA