

Foreign Labor Certification, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor, announces a formal briefing to demonstrate to agricultural employers and the interested parties the new On-Line Application Processing System. The briefing will allow ETA to demonstrate to the regulated community, *i.e.*, employers, attorneys, agents and associations, the benefits of the online application completion module.

**DATES:** The briefing date is: Friday, December 5, 2003; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monterey, CA.

Notices of intention to appear at the briefing must be postmarked no later than November 26, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The briefing location is: Hilton Monterey, 1000 Oguajito road, Monterey, CA 93940

Send notices of intention to appear to: Charlene Giles, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-4318, Washington, DC 20210. Notice also may be faxed to Charlene Giles at 202-693-2769 (this is not a toll-free number), or submitted by e-mail at [dflc.onp@dol.gov](mailto:dflc.onp@dol.gov).

**ADDITIONAL BRIEFINGS:** In the near future, the Division of Foreign Labor Certification, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor, will announce additional locations for formal briefings to be held on the East Coast in January 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charlene Giles; telephone 202-693-2950. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information public briefings will be chaired by a senior official of the Employment and Training Administration. Persons appearing at the briefings will be allowed a hands on experience with the system and to pose questions to Department staff.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of November, 2003.

**Emily Stover DeRocco,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the Work Schedules Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS), to be conducted in May 2004. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before January 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

The CPS has been the principal source of the official Government statistics on employment and unemployed for over 50 years. Collection of labor force data through the CPS is necessary to meet the requirements in title 29, United States Code, sections 1 and 2. Over the past several decades, the economy of the United States has been undergoing a fundamental restructuring. Advances in computer and communications technology have increasingly enabled some workers to perform part or all of their work at home. The growth of this phenomenon represents an important development in this country's labor markets. This supplement will provide a substantial and objective set of data about work at home and work in home-based businesses. It will provide valuable information on the work schedules of employed persons, that is,

the beginning and ending times of work, type of shift worked, and calendar days worked. It also will provide information about employed persons who do work at home. Work schedule supplements have been conducted since the 1970s.

Questions on home-based work were included in May 1985, May 1991, May 1997, and May 2001. A key purpose of the May 2004 supplement is to gather updated information on these topics. The May 2004 supplement will provide information that will help researchers gauge the extent to which the number of persons who work at home is expanding and will provide additional detail on the nature of this work activity. More generally, the May 2004 supplement will be used by BLS researchers and others to examine the changes in work schedules and work at home that are taking place over time.

#### II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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

OMB clearance is being sought for the Work Schedules Supplement to the CPS.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Title:* Work Schedules Supplement to the CPS:

*OMB Number:* 1220-0119.  
*Affected Public:* Households.  
*Total Respondents:* 58,000.  
*Frequency:* Occasional.  
*Total Responses:* 58,000.  
*Average Time Per Response:* 4.5 Minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 4,3250 hours.

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of November, 2003.

**Cathy Kazanowski,**

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of existing safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

##### 1. Hoffmann, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2003-076-C]

Hoffmann, Inc., 6001 49th Street South, Muscatine, Iowa 52761 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 77.206(c) (Ladders; construction; installation and maintenance) to the Goals Coal Company's Goals Preparation Plant (MSHA I.D. No. 46-05317) located in Raleigh County, West Virginia. The petitioner is currently constructing a concrete silo at the Mine. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow the use of ladder safety devices in lieu of backguards or ladder cages on temporary ladders installed for workers to access scaffold platforms during construction of the silo. The safety devices would consist of a full-body harness connected to an independent lifeline. Workers would be required to wear these devices while ascending or descending the ladders. The petitioner states that compliance with the existing standard is not feasible during construction of the silo, and the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 2. Consolidation Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2003-077-C]

Consolidation Coal Company, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a

petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.507 (Power connection points) to its Robinson Run #95 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 46-01318) located in Harrison County, West Virginia. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit non-permissible submersible pumps to be installed in bleeder and return entries and sealed areas of the Robinson Run #95 Mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 3. Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2003-078-C]

Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company, 1800 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15241-1421 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.507 (Power connection points) to its Enlow Fork Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 36-07416) located in Greene County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit non-permissible submersible pumps to be installed in bleeder and return entries and sealed areas of the Enlow Fork Mine. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 4. Gladly Fork Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2003-079-C]

Gladly Fork Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 430, Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(4) (Weekly examination) to its Mine No. 1 (MSHA I.D. No. 46-01162) located in Upshur County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use an alternative method to examine the air in certain areas of the return air course. The petitioner states that there are nine seals within approximately 1000 feet that would be unsafe to travel for examination due to fallen walkway and deteriorating roof conditions. The petitioner proposes to check the air going into seals on the intake side in 3 locations, and return 1 location of the affected area, and check the quality of air entering the seals at 3 locations and return 1 location on a daily basis until all production has ceased and all equipment has been removed from the mine. The petitioner states that all air will be directed to the main return within approximately 1000 feet of the main fan and that its proposed alternative method for the Mine No. 1 would exceed the existing standard.

##### 5. KenAmerican Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2003-080-C]

KenAmerican Resources, Inc., 7590 State Route 181, Central City, Kentucky 42330 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2) (Weekly examination) to its Paradise #9 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 15-17741) located in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to establish a Measuring Point Location in the Main East return at x-cut #10 (MPL 1B) and the ventilation entries at x-cut #7 (MPL C & D), and in the Main North return at x-cut #1. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

##### 6. Bowie Resources Limited

[Docket No. M-2003-081-C]

Bowie Resources Limited, P.O. Box 483, Paonia, Colorado 81428 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (Installation of electric equipment and conductors; permissibility) to its Bowie No. 3 Mine (MSHA I.D. No. 05-04758) located in Delta County, Colorado. The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit the use of high-voltage continuous miners in by the last open crosscut and within 150 feet of the pillar workings. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to [comments@msha.gov](mailto:comments@msha.gov), or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before December 12, 2003. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 5th day of November, 2003.

**Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations,  
and Variances.*

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