

nonmetal mines must notify MSHA when the operation of a mine will commence or when a mine is closed. Openings and closings of mines are dictated by the economic strength of the mined commodity, and by weather conditions prevailing at the mine site during various seasons.

MSHA must be aware of openings and closings so that its resources can be used efficiently in achieving the requirements of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.* Section 103(a) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 813, requires that each underground mine be inspected in its entirety at least four times a year, and each surface mine at least two times per year. Mines which operate only during warmer weather must be scheduled for inspection during the spring, summer, and autumn seasons. Mines are sometimes located a great distance from MSHA field offices and the notification required by this standard precludes wasted time and trips.

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 **ADDRESSES** 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."

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III. Current Actions

Currently, MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection requirements related to 30 CFR 40.3, 40.4, and 40.5 (Representative of Miners), 30 CFR part 41.20 (Notification of Legal Identity), and 30 CFR 56.1000 and 57.1000 (Notification of Commencement of Operations and Closing of Mines).

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Representative of Miners, Notification of Legal Identity, and Notification of Commencement of Operations and Closing of Mines.

OMB Number: 1219-0042.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 3,900.

| Cite / reference | Annual responses | Average responses time | Annual burden hours |
|---|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 30 CFR 40.3, 40.4, and 40.5 (Representative of Miners) | 90 | 0.75 | 68 |
| 30 CFR Part 41.20 (Notification of Legal Identity): | | | |
| New mines (paper filings) | 755 | 0.5 | 378 |
| New mines (electronic filings) | 45 | 0.33 | 15 |
| Changes (paper filings) | 3,900 | 0.25 | 975 |
| Changes (electronic filings) | 1,600 | 0.17 | 267 |
| 30 CFR 56.1000 and 57.1000 (Notification of Commencement of Operations and Closing of Mines, pertains to metal and nonmetal mines): | | | |
| Telephone responses | 1,725 | 0.05 | 86 |
| Written responses | 345 | 0.5 | 173 |
| Total | 8,460 | | 1,962 |

Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (Operating/Maintaining): \$3,078.

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 in Arlington, Virginia, this 23rd day of March, 2004.

David L. Meyer,

Director, Office of Administration and Management.

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MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

Time and Date: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday April 23, 2004.

Place: The offices of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.

Status: This meeting will be open to the public, unless it is necessary for the Board to consider items in executive session.

Matters to be Considered: (1) A report on the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution; (2) a report from the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy; (3) a report on the Native

Nations Institute; (4) program reports; and (5) a report from the Management Committee.

Portions Open to the Public: All sessions with the exception of the session listed below.

Portions Closed to the Public: Executive session.

Contact Person for More Information: Christopher L. Helms, Executive Director, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 670-5529.

Dated: March 26, 2004.

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