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#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Open Letter to States With Permits That Appear to Qualify as Alternatives to NICS Checks.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: None. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: State, local, or tribal government. Other: None. The purpose of this information collection is to ensure that only State permits that meet the statutory requirements contained in the Gun Control Act qualify as alternatives to a National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) check.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* There will be an estimated 21 respondents, who will take 1 hour to prepare a written response to ATF.

(6) *An estimate of the total burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There is an estimated 21 total burden hours associated with this collection.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda E. Dyer, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 1600, Patrick Henry Building, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: August 23, 2004.

#### Brenda E. Dyer,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Southwest Research Institute: Validation of a Methodology for Assessing Defect Tolerance of Welded Reeled Risers

Notice is hereby given that, on August 12, 2004, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Southwest Research Institute (“SwRI”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties to this project and (2) the nature and objectives of a venture titled “Validation of a Methodology for Assessing Defect Tolerance of Welded Reeled Risers.” The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Chevron Texaco Exploration and Production Technology Company, San Ramon, CA; ExxonMobil Development Company, Houston, TX; and Shell International Exploration & Production, Inc., Houston, TX. The nature and objectives of the venture are to validate the EPFM predictions of ductile tearing and tear-fatigue of pre-existing surface defects, as calculated by FlawPro™, using full-scale pipes subjected to strain excursions representative of pipe reeling and straightening and to assess the influence of reeling strains on fatigue in sweet and sour environments, as well as to validate FlawPro™’s predictions of fatigue performance in these service environments. SwRI originally developed FlawPro™ computer software for analysis of reeled pipe in October 2002.

Membership in this research project group remains open, and the participants intend to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership or planned activities.

#### Dorothy B. Fountain,

Deputy Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### 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 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 Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Worker Information—Terms and Conditions of Employment (WH-516 English and WH-516 Espanol). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before November 8, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, E-mail [bell.hazel@dol.gov](mailto:bell.hazel@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or E-mail).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Various sections of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA), 29 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; require each farm labor contractor, agricultural employer and agricultural association to disclose employment terms and conditions in writing to: (a) Migrant agricultural workers at the time of recruitment (MSPA section 201(a)); (b) seasonal agricultural workers, upon request, at the time of hire (MSPA section 301(a)(1)); and (c) seasonal agricultural workers employed through a day-haul operation at the place of recruitment (MSPA section 301(a)(2)). MSPA sections 201(b) and 301(b) also

require that each such respondent provide each migrant worker, upon request, a written statement of terms and conditions of employment. In addition, MSPA sections 201(g) and 301(f) require providing such information in English or, as necessary and reasonable, in a language common to the workers and that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) make forms available to provide such information. DOL prints and makes optional Form WH-516, Worker Information—Terms of Conditions of Employment, available for this purpose. MSPA sections 201(a)(8) and 301(a)(1)(H) require disclosure of certain information regarding State workers' compensation insurance to each migrant or seasonal agricultural worker (*i.e.*, whether State workers' compensation is provided and if so, the name of the State workers' compensation insurance carrier, the name of each person of the policyholder of such insurance, the name and the telephone number of each person who must be notified of an injury or death and the time period within which this notice must be given). Respondents may also meet this disclosure requirement, by providing the worker with a photocopy of any notice regarding workers' compensation insurance required by law of the state in which such worker is employed. The terms and conditions required to be disclosed to workers are set forth in sections 500.75(a) and (b) and 500.75(a), (b) and (c) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 500, Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection. Regulations 500.75(a) and 500.76(a) allow respondents to complete and disclose to workers the terms and conditions of employment using the DOL-developed optional form WH-516 to satisfy these requirements. Optional Form WH-516 may be used by the respondent to disclose employment terms and conditions in writing to migrant and seasonal agricultural workers. This information collection is currently approved for use through February 28, 2005.

## 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 for the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to ensure that farm labor contractors, agricultural employers and agricultural associations have disclosed to their migrant and seasonal agricultural workers the terms and conditions of employment as required by MSPA and its regulations.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Worker Information—Terms and Conditions of Employment.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0187.

*Agency Number:* WH-516 English and WH-516 Espanol.

*Affected Public:* Farms, Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

*Total Respondents:* 129,000.

*Total Responses:* 1,594,800.

*Average Time per Response:* 32 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 68,800.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$43,060.

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: September 1, 2004.

**Bruce Bohanon,**

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

### Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, Morris K. Udall Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. Appendix; 20 U.S.C. 5601-5609.

**SUMMARY:** The National Environmental Conflict Resolution (ECR) Advisory Committee, of the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, will meet by teleconference on Wednesday, September 15, 2004. The call will occur from 2 p.m. to approximately 4 p.m. eastern daylight time. Members of the public may participate in the call by dialing 1-800-930-9002 and entering a passcode: 8072291.

During this teleconference, the Committee will discuss: the Committee's first draft report, next steps for the Committee and planning for future Committee work. The report of approved recommendations by the Committee can be viewed at <http://www.ecr.gov/necrac/reports.htm>.

Members of the public may make oral comments on the teleconference or submit written comments. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to five minutes, and total oral comment time will be limited to one-half hour at the end of the call.

Written comments may be submitted by mail or by e-mail to [gargus@ecr.gov](mailto:gargus@ecr.gov). Written comments received in the U.S. Institute office far enough in advance of a meeting may be provided to the Committee prior to the meeting; comments received too near the meeting date to allow for distribution will normally be provided to the Committee at the meeting. Comments submitted during or after the meeting will be accepted but may not be provided to the Committee until after that meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who desires further information concerning the teleconference or wishes to submit oral or written comments should contact Tina Gargus, Special Projects Coordinator, U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, 130 S. Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701; phone (520) 670-5299, fax (520) 670-5530, or e-mail at [gargus@ecr.gov](mailto:gargus@ecr.gov). Requests to make oral comments must be in writing (or by e-mail) to Ms.