

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 submission of responses.

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:

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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.

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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. 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