DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639–5960 or send an e-mail to omb@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC or by fax to (202) 295–6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

The Continuous Miner Tramming Study Interviews—NEW—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Federal Mine Safety & Health Act of 1977, section 501, enables CDC/NIOSH to carry out research relevant to the health and safety of workers in the mining industry. NIOSH is undertaking this project to investigate the hazards in underground mines associated with the work environment and mobile face equipment. This project will show how to reduce the likelihood of these hazards through human factors design considerations and/or engineering interventions. The specific aims are to (1) determine face equipment risk to the operator, (2) define the information cues operators need to perform their job tasks, (3) identify the types of changes operators could make to reduce their exposure from each of the environmental hazards that affect their safety.

The purpose of this study is to determine which mechanisms cause injuries to operators of mobile face equipment and find new ways to reduce injuries, work-related musculoskeletal disorders, and accidents. Industry participation will help researchers in their study to improve the health and safety of employees in the mining industry, specifically those who operate and maintain mobile face mining equipment. The information for this study will be collected by conducting one-on-one structured interviews with approximately 5 managers and 15 continuous miner operators at each of 10 mines located throughout the major coal producing regions of the US. This survey will last less than 1 year.

There are no costs to the respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 250.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

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Dated: March 6, 2006.
Joan F. Karr,
Acting Reports Clearance Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following: Availability of opportunity for the public to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) to reduce noise emissions from powered hand tools.

Notice: This notice invites manufacturers of electric and pneumatic-powered hand tools to enter into a cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) with NIOSH and some of the leading technical experts on noise control engineering in the United States to reduce noise emissions from powered hand tools. By reducing the noise emissions of electric and pneumatic powered hand tools, the risk of noise-induced hearing loss among construction workers may be lowered.
Additional efficiency in tool performance may also be realized as tool designs are optimized to reduce vibration and noise emissions. This effort will identify sources of noise emissions in powered hand tools and will investigate ways to reduce the noise emissions through engineering noise control. NIOSH has successfully worked with university partners to analyze several classes of tools (e.g., table saws, pneumatic nail guns, and air compressors) and demonstrated that significant reductions in noise levels can be achieved through application of noise control engineering. Furthermore, NIOSH expects to partner with academic programs that have advanced technical expertise, acoustic test facilities and specialized equipment, software and data analysis necessary for such an effort. NIOSH is seeking an industrial partner in a CRADA so that particular problems of interest can be targeted for investigation. The industry partners will provide power tools for investigation of noise source identification, product life cycle testing of new designs, and nominal funding of $50,000 to defray expenses in the effort.

NIOSH expects to provide up to $50,000 per year over a three-year CRADA agreement. The CRADA defines the role of the various partners regarding intellectual rights, publications, and the material and financial resources that are exchanged during the period of the agreement. At this time, this announcement seeks to identify potential partners in the effort. Detailed development of the CRADA will occur over the next eight months, with the partnership beginning in October 2006.

This announcement does not obligate NIOSH to enter into an agreement with any respondent. NIOSH reserves the right to establish a partnership based on engineering analysis and capabilities found by way of this announcement or other searches, if determined to be in the best interest of the government.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Charles S. Hayden, NIOSH, Hearing Loss Prevention Team, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, 513/533-8152. Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to chayden@cdc.gov.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Dated: March 9, 2006.

Alvin Hall, Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panels (SEP): Studies to Understand Transmissibility of Influenza Viruses in Mammalian Species, Request for Applications (RFA) CI06–004; Replication of Pathogenic Avian Influenza Viruses in Swine, RFA CI06–005

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Studies to Understand Transmissibility of Influenza Viruses in Mammalian Species, RFA CI06–004; Replication of Pathogenic Avian Influenza Viruses in Swine, RFA CI06–005.

Time and Date: 12 p.m.–4 p.m., May 1, 2006 (Closed).

Place: Teleconference.

Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92–463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to: Studies to Understand Transmissibility of Influenza Viruses in Mammalian Species, RFA CI06–004; Replication of Pathogenic Avian Influenza Viruses in Swine, RFA CI06–005.

For Further Information Contact: M. Chris Langub, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Centers for Disease Control, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Mailstop E–74, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone Number 404.498.2531.

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Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Court Improvement Program.

OMB No.: 0970–0245.

Description: The Court Improvement Program provides grants to State court systems to conduct assessments of their foster care and adoption laws and judicial processes and to develop and implement a plan for system improvement. ACF proposes to collect information from the States about this program (applications, program reports) by way of a Program instruction, which (1) describes the requirements for States under the reauthorization of the Court Improvement Program; (2) outlines the programmatic and fiscal provisions and reporting requirements of the program; (3) specifies the application submittal and approval procedures for the program for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2006; and (4) identifies technical resources for use by State courts during the course of the program. This Program Instruction contains information collection requirements that are found in Pub. L. 103–66, as amended by Pub. L. 105–89 and Pub. L. 107–133; and pursuant to receiving a grant award. The agency will use the information received to ensure compliance with the statute and provide training and technical assistance to the grantees.

Respondents: State Courts.