

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services):* \$0.

*Description:* Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations, § 77.1101(a) requires operators of surface coal mines, including surface facilities, and surface work areas of underground coal mines to establish and keep current a specific escape and evacuation plan to be followed in the event of a fire.

Section 77.1101(b) requires that all employees be instructed in current escape and evacuation plans, fire alarm signals, and applicable procedures to be followed in case of fire. The training and record keeping requirements associated with this standard are addressed under OMB No. 1219-0009 (Training Plan Regulations).

Section 77.1101(c) requires that escape and evacuation plans include the designation and proper maintenance of adequate means for exiting areas where persons are required to work or travel including buildings, equipment, and in areas where persons normally congregate during the work shift.

The escape and evacuation plan is prepared by the mine operator and is used by mines, MSHA, and persons involved in rescue and recovery. The plan is used to instruct employees in the proper methods of exiting structures in the event of a fire. MSHA inspection personnel use the plan to determine compliance with the standard requiring a means of escape and evacuation be established and the requirement that employees be instructed in the procedures to follow should a fire occur.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of currently approved collection.

*Title:* Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas. (Pertains to slope and shaft sinking operations at coal mines).

*OMB Number:* 1219-0082.

*Type of Response:* Recordkeeping.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector:

Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 35.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 11,858.

*Average Response Time:* Approximately 1.25 hours.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 14,823.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services):* \$0.

*Description:* Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations, 77.1901 requires operators

to conduct examinations of slope and shaft areas for hazardous conditions, including tests for methane and oxygen deficiency, within 90 minutes before each shift, once during each shift, and before and after blasting. The surface area surrounding each slope and shaft is also required to be inspected for hazards.

The standard also requires that a record be kept of the results of the inspections. The record includes a description of any hazardous condition found and the corrective action taken to abate it. The record is necessary to ensure that the inspections and tests are conducted in a timely fashion and that corrective action is taken when hazardous conditions are identified, thereby ensuring a safe working environment for the slope and shaft sinking employees. The record is maintained at the mine site for the duration of the operation.

The records are used by slope and shaft supervisors and employees, State mine inspectors, and Federal mine inspectors. The records show that the examinations and tests were conducted and give insight into the hazardous conditions that have been encountered and those that may be encountered. The records of inspections greatly assist those who use them in making decisions that will ultimately affect the safety and health of slope and shaft sinking employees.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

#### 136th Full Council Meeting; Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the 136th open meeting of the full Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans will be held on November 8, 2006.

The meeting will run from 10 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m., with a break for lunch. The morning session will take place in Room S4215 A-B, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The afternoon session will take place in Room S-2508 at the same address, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The purpose of

the open meeting is for the chairpersons of the three Working Groups to submit reports on their study topics for the full Advisory Council's review and acceptance, and for the Council to present a summary of the reports to the Secretary of Labor.

Organizations or members of the public wishing to submit a written statement pertaining to any topic under consideration by the Advisory Council may do so by submitting 20 copies to Larry Good, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5623, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Statements received on or before October 31, 2006 will be included in the record of the meeting. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Advisory Council should forward their request to the Executive Secretary at the above address or via telephone at (202) 693-8668. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Larry Good by October 31 at the address indicated in this notice.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of October, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

#### Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Working Group on Plan Asset Rules, Exemptions and Cross Trading, Working Group on a Procedurally Prudent Investment Process, and Working Group on Health Information Technology; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held on November 7, 2006 of the Working Groups assigned by the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to study the issues of (1) plan asset rules, exemptions and cross trading, (2) a procedurally prudent investment process, and (3) health information technology.

The sessions will take place in Room S4215 A-B, U.S. Department of Labor,