

Dated: May 29, 2008.

Hazel M. Bell,

Acting 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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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Proposed Extension of the Approval Information Collection Requirements

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance 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 its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection: Certificate of Medical Necessity (CM-893). 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 August 4, 2008.

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: The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Federal Black Lung Workers' Compensation Program. The enabling regulations of the Black Lung Benefits Act, at 20 CFR 725.701, establishes miner eligibility for medical services and supplies for the length of time

required by the miner's condition and disability. 20 CFR 706 stipulates there must be prior approval before ordering an apparatus where the purchase price exceeds \$300.00. 20 CFR 725.707 provides for the ongoing supervision of the miner's medical care, including the necessity, character and sufficiency of care to be furnished; gives the authority to request medical reports and indicates the right to refuse payment for failing to submit any report required. Because of the above legislation and regulations, it was necessary to devise a form to collect the required information. The CM-893, Certificate of Medical Necessity is completed by the coal miner's doctor and is used by the Division of Coal Mine Worker's Compensation to determine if the miner meets impairment standards to qualify for durable medical equipment, home nursing, and/or pulmonary rehabilitation. This information collection is currently approved for use through December 31, 2008.

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 currently approved information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to determine the eligibility for reimbursement of medical benefits to Black Lung recipients.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Certificate of Medical Necessity.

OMB Number: 1215-0113.

Agency Number: CM-893.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 3,200.

Total Annual Responses: 3,200.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,253.

Time per Response: 20 to 40 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

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.

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Hazel M. Bell,

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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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a new information collection activity. Before submitting the Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval, MSPB is soliciting comments on aspects of the proposed information collection including the public reporting burden in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). In this regard we are soliciting comments on the public reporting burden. The reporting burden for the collection of information on this form is estimated to average 20 minutes per respondent, including time for reviewing instructions and completing the survey. In addition, the MSPB invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSPB's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of MSPB's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 4, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Dr. Dee Ann Batten, Office of Policy and Evaluation, Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20419.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Dr. Dee Ann Batten at (202) 653-6772, ext. 1411, or by e-mail to deeann.batten@mspb.gov (please put "Employee Survey" in the subject line of the message).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This study is being conducted under MSPB's statutory authority to "conduct, from time to time, special studies relating to the civil service and to other merit systems in the executive branch, and report to the President and to the Congress as to whether the public interest in a civil service free of prohibited personnel practices is being adequately protected." (section 1204, title 5 U.S.C.) In addition, the Code of Federal Regulations also describes the role of MSPB's Office of Policy and Evaluation as responsible for carrying out "the Board's statutory responsibility to conduct special reviews and studies of the civil service and other merit systems in the Executive Branch, as well as oversight reviews of the significant actions of the Office of Personnel Management." 5 CFR 1200.10(b)(6). The MSPB intends to ask for approval to collect information to support its study on Federal Telework. Respondents will be asked to complete a survey(s) about their experiences with and perceptions of Telework and other related topics about their organizations and careers.

Burden Statement: The reporting burden for the collection of information on this request is estimated to vary from 15 minutes to 30 minutes, with an average of 20 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The respondents will be selected via stratified random sampling to facilitate representative samples of employees. We plan to survey 28,000 people with one response per person. We estimate the response rate to be 60 percent (16,800 total responses) resulting in an annual reporting burden of 5,544 hours (.33 hours × 16,800).

William D. Spencer,
Clerk of the Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by July 7, 2008. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application No. 2009-006

1. *Applicant:* Wayne Z. Trivelpiece, Antarctic Ecosystem Research Division, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Take, Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASP), and Import into the USA. The applicant plans to enter the ASPA located on the Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island (ASP 129), and Lions Rump, King

George Island (ASP 151) to capture up to 1,000 chicks and 500 adult Adelie, Gentoo, Chinstrap penguins, Skuas, Sheathbill, Southern Petrel and Kelp Gull for banding, weighing, diet studies, collecting blood and gland oil samples, as well as attaching instruments (Tx's, PTT's, TDR's). The collection of samples and instrument readings are a continuation of the study of the behavioral ecology and population biology of the Adelie, Gentoo and Chinstrap penguins and the interactions among these species and their principal avian predators: Skuas, sheathbills, and giant petrels. All captured animals will be released.

Location

Western Shore of Admiralty Bay, King George Island (ASP 128) and Lions Rump, King George Island (ASP 151).

Dates

October 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

Neighborworks® America; Thirtieth Annual Board of Directors Meeting; Sunshine Act

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

PLACE: 1325 G Street NW., Suite 800, Boardroom, Washington, DC 20005.

STATUS: Open.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Erica Hall, Assistant Corporate Secretary, (202) 220-2376; ehall@nw.org.

AGENDA:

- I. Call To Order.
- II. Approval of the Minutes.
- III. Summary of the Audit Committee Actions.
- IV. Summary Report of the Corporate Administration Committee.
- V. Summary of the Finance, Budget and Program Committee Actions.
- VI. Edward M. Gramlich Fellowship in Community Development.
- VII. NHSA Interim Assessment Update (Executive Session).
- VIII. Financial Report.
- IX. Corporate Scorecard.
- X. Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Management Report.