

collection instruments, and that the Department can accurately assess the impact of collection requirements on respondents.

By this notice, the Department is soliciting comments on the information collection provisions of regulations pertaining to section 101(f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The statute and the regulatory provisions codified at 29 CFR 2520.101-4 require the administrator of a defined benefit plan which is a multiemployer plan to furnish an annual plan funding notice to each plan participant and beneficiary, each labor organization representing such participants or beneficiaries, each employer that has an obligation to contribute under the plan, and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. A copy of the information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office shown in the addresses section of this notice. ICRs submitted to OMB also are available at <http://www.RegInfo.gov>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the addresses section on or before January 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the information collection request and burden estimates to: G. Christopher Cosby, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5718, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-8410; Fax: (202) 219-4745. These are not toll-free numbers. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the following Internet e-mail address: ebbsa.opr@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Pursuant to section 101(a)(1) of ERISA, the administrator of a defined benefit plan which is a multiemployer plan must furnish an annual plan funding notice to each plan participant and beneficiary, each labor organization representing such participants or beneficiaries, each employer that has an obligation to contribute under the plan, and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. The Department issued a final implementing regulation under this provision on January 11, 2006 (71 FR 1904), which is codified at 29 CFR 2520.101-4. The ICR relating to the regulation was approved on March 17, 2005 under OMB Control Number 1210-0126. The ICR was extended on

extended on August 20, 2008 and is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2009.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Department is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- 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;
- 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 submission of responses.

III. Current Actions

The Employee Benefits Security Administration is requesting an extension of the currently approved ICR for the Multiemployer Plan Annual Funding Notice under ERISA section 101(f) and 29 CFR 2520.101-4. The Department is not proposing or implementing changes to the regulation or to the existing ICR at this time but is working toward amending the regulation to reflect amendments made by the Pension Protection Act of 2006. A summary of the ICR and the current burden estimates follows:

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Multiemployer Plan Annual Funding Notice.

OMB Number: 1210-0126.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit institutions; not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 1,595.

Total Responses: 10,048,000.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,345.

Estimated Annual Burden Cost: \$1,083,000.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the ICR. They will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 12, 2008.

Joseph S. Piacentini,

*Director, Office of Policy and Research,
Employee Benefits Security Administration.*

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Meetings; Sunshine Act

November 17, 2008.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, December 4, 2008.

PLACE: The Richard V. Backley Hearing Room, 9th Floor, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will consider and act upon the following in open session: *Secretary of Labor on behalf of Lawrence L. Pendley v. Highland Mining Company, LLC*, Docket Nos. KENT 2007-383-D and KENT 2007-506-D. (Issues include whether the Administrative Law Judge properly concluded that the operator did not discriminate against the miner in question under section 105(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act, 30 U.S.C. 815(c).)

Any person attending this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFO: Jean Ellen (202) 434-9950/(202) 708-9300 for TDD Relay/1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

Jean H. Ellen,

Chief Docket Clerk.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[NOTICE 08-093]

Notice of Information Collection

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or

continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: All comments should be submitted within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Dr. Walter Kit, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dr. Walter Kit, NASA Clearance Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW., JE0000, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-1350, *Walter.Kit-1@nasa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NASA needs information pertaining to student experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs in order to conduct civil rights compliance reviews of higher education STEM programs receiving federal financial assistance from NASA, as required by NASA regulations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (requiring NASA to conduct periodic compliance reviews of grant recipient institutions) and the Section 619 of the NASA Authorization Act of 2005 (requiring NASA to conduct at least two Title IX reviews annually of NASA grant recipient institutions).

II. Method of Collection

NASA will utilize an on-line survey tool that will allow students at institutions on which NASA is conducting Title IX compliance reviews to provide responses by e-mail.

III. Data

Title: Title IX Survey.

OMB Number: 2700-XXXX.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.083 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.00.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

Walter Kit,

NASA Clearance Officer.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NASA needs to collect racial and ethnic data information from on-line job

applicants to determine if NASA's recruitment efforts are reaching all segments of the country, as required by Federal law.

II. Method of Collection

NASA will utilize a Web-based application form with instructions and other application materials also on-line. All data will be collected via this Web-based application (separate under graduate and graduate forms) and unless the user chooses to download the application form and other application materials and mail them in. NASA will utilize an on-line job application system to collect information. There is no other information technology application available to reduce applicant burden.

III. Data

Title: NASA Voluntary On-Line Job Applicant Racial and Ethnic Data Collection.

OMB Number: 2700-XXXX.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.083 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3334 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.00.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NASA, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NASA's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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 automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

Dr. Walter Kit,

NASA Clearance Officer.

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