

under standard PRA clearance procedures.

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- 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.

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration.

*Title of Collection:* Collecting Aggregate Participant Counts for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title IB, Wagner-Peyser Act, National Emergency Grants, and Reemployment Services Grants.

*OMB Control Number:* Pending.

*Frequency of Collection:* Monthly collection.

*Affected Public:* State Workforce Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 54.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 41,472 hours for monthly reports and 573,160 hours for quarterly WIASRD reports.

*Description:* The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (The Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. To record the impact of the Recovery Act resources, more current information on participants and the services received is essential. Therefore, to obtain a more robust look at participants and services provided with the additional Recovery Act resources, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) proposes supplemental reports. Under these new supplemental reports, States are required to submit information that States already collect; however, the supplemental reports are required to be submitted monthly.

- *For WIA Adult,* States will report aggregate counts of *all* participants, including those whose services are funded with regular WIA Adult formula

funds and Recovery Act funds. States will report aggregate counts on those participants who are low-income, those receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families and other public assistance, the number of UI claimants, Veterans, and individuals with disabilities, numbers in training and type of training, and numbers receiving supportive services.

- *For WIA Dislocated Workers,* States will report aggregate counts of *all* participants, including those whose services are funded with regular WIA Dislocated Worker formula funds and Recovery Act funds. States will report the number of UI claimants, Veterans, and individuals with disabilities, numbers in training and type of training, and numbers receiving supportive services.

- *For National Emergency Grants, financed with Recovery Act Funds Only,* States will report aggregate counts of participants, including the number of UI claimants, Veterans, and individuals with disabilities, numbers in training and type of training, and numbers receiving supportive services.

- *For WIA Youth, served with Recovery Act Funds Only,* reporting will be slightly different. States will report aggregate counts of all Recovery Act youth participants, including the characteristics of participants, the numbers of participants in summer employment, services received, attainment of a work readiness skill, which is required in the Recovery Act, and completion of summer youth employment. States will also continue to submit the regular WIA quarterly and annual reports, including any youth who continue services under the WIA year-round youth program.

- *For the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service,* States will report on the number of participants served, number of Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants served, and the type of services received. States will be required to submit supplemental reports of aggregate counts of all participants whose services are financed with regular Wagner-Peyser Act formula funds and Recovery Act funds (*i.e.*, Employment Service and Reemployment Services).

- *For the Wagner-Peyser Reemployment Services Grants,* States will report on the same data elements that are collected for the Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service report, with one additional data element: *referral to training, including WIA-funded training.*

In addition to these aggregate monthly reports, ETA proposes that States submit the WIA individual records (WIASRD) on *all* participants in the

WIA title 1B programs, and in National Emergency Grants, on a quarterly basis, beginning with the 3rd quarter of Program Year 2009, which ends on March 31, 2010. The first deadline for the required quarterly submission will be May 15, 2010. This start date gives States sufficient time to adjust their management information systems.

*Why are we requesting Emergency Processing?* The supplemental reports and quarterly collection of WIA individual records allows ETA to overcome the limitations imposed by current outcome based performance reporting requirements. This collection comprises a participant and performance reporting strategy that will provide a more robust, "real time" view of the impact of the Recovery Act funds, providing greater information on levels of program participation, and provide more information about the characteristics of the participants served, and the types of services provided. The approval of this request is necessary to allow ETA to report performance accountability information immediately on the effective use of Recovery Act funds already received by State workforce agencies. With these monthly reports more detailed information on individuals will be available while they are participating in the programs. There is also significant value added by obtaining quarterly individual records from State workforce agencies. First, quarterly submissions provide more timely information to respond to the oversight needs of Governors, Congress and other Federal/ State stakeholders and the general public. Second, ETA will benefit from more timely analysis and States will have access to more regular updates on nationwide participation information as well as employment and training trends.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Underground Retorts

**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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection related to the 30 CFR Section 57.22401; Underground Retorts.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 29, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to, Debbie Ferraro, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2141, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on computer disk, or via e-mail to [Ferraro.Debbie@DOL.GOV](mailto:Ferraro.Debbie@DOL.GOV). Ms. Ferraro can be reached at (202) 693-9821 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile). Because of potential delays in receipt and processing of mail, respondents are strongly encouraged to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. We cannot guarantee that comments mailed will be received before the comment closing date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

This regulation pertains to the safety requirements to be followed by the mine operators in the use of underground retorts to extract oil from shale by heat or fire. Prior to ignition of retorts, the mine operator must submit a written plan indicating the acceptable levels of combustible gases and oxygen; specifications and location of off-gas monitoring procedures and equipment; procedures for ignition of retorts and details of area monitoring and alarm systems for hazardous gases and actions to be taken to assure safety of miners.

### II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

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A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, or viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov/>) and selecting "Rules & Regs", and then selecting "FedReg. Docs". On the next screen, select "Paperwork Reduction Act Supporting Statement" to view documents supporting the **Federal Register** Notice.

### III. Current Actions

This request for information contains provisions whereby mine operators can maintain compliance with the regulations and assure the safety of miners where underground retorts are used.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Underground Retorts.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0096.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Respondents:* 1.

*Total Burden Hours:* 160 hours.

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$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.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 24th day of April 2009.

**John Rowlett,**

*Director of Management Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Ground Control Plan

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

Each operator of a surface coal mine is required under 30 CFR 77.1000 to establish and follow a ground control plan that is consistent with prudent engineering design and which will ensure safe working conditions. The plans are based on the type of strata expected to be encountered, the height and angle of highwalls and spoil banks, and the equipment to be used at the mine. Ground control plans are required by 30 CFR 77.1000-1 to be filed with the MSHA district Manager in the district in which the mine is located. The plans are reviewed by MSHA to