

of Workers' Compensation Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: **Application for Approval of a Representative's Fee in Black Lung Claim Proceedings Conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor (CM-972)**. 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 October 19, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Mr. Vincent Alvarez, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0372, fax (202) 693-1378, E-mail [Alvarez.Vincent@dol.gov](mailto:Alvarez.Vincent@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or E-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*I. Background:* Individuals filing for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA) may elect to be represented or assisted by an attorney or other representative. For those cases that are approved, 30 U.S.C. 901 of the Black Lung Benefits Act and 20 CFR 725.365-6 established standards for the information and documentation that must be submitted to the Program for review to approve a fee for services. The CM-972 is used to collect the pertinent data to determine if the representative's services and amounts charged can be paid under the Black Lung Act. This information collection is currently approved for use through December 31, 2010.

*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 gather information to determine the amounts of Black Lung benefits paid to beneficiaries. Black Lung amounts are reduced dollar for dollar, for other Black Lung related workers' compensation awards the beneficiary may be receiving from State or Federal programs.

*Agency:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Approval of a Representative's Fee in Black Lung Claim Proceedings Conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor

*OMB Number:* 1240-0011.

*Agency Number:* CM-972.

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

*Total Respondents:* 285.

*Total Annual Responses:* 285.

*Average Time per Response:* 42 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 200.

*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.

Dated: August 17, 2010.

**Vincent Alvarez,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, US Department of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

#### Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation; Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request

**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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Operator Response to Schedule for Submission of Additional Evidence (CM-2970) and Operator Response to Notice of Claim (CM-2970A). 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 October 19, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Mr. Vincent Alvarez, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0372, fax (202) 693-1378, E-mail [Alvarez.Vincent@dol.gov](mailto:Alvarez.Vincent@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or E-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*I. Background:* The Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation administers the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), which provides benefits to coal miners totally disabled due to pneumoconiosis, and their surviving dependents. When the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation (DCMWC) makes a preliminary analysis of a claimant's eligibility for benefits, and if a coal mine operator has been identified as potentially liable for payment of those benefits, the responsible operator is notified of the preliminary analysis. Regulations require that a coal mine operator be identified and notified of potential liability as early in the adjudication process as possible. Regulatory authority is found in 20 CFR 725.410 for the CM-2970 and 20 CFR 725.408 for the CM-2970A. This information collection is currently approved for use through December 31, 2010.

*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 administer the Black Lung Benefits Act.

*Agency:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Operator Response to Schedule for Submission of Additional Evidence (CM-2970) and Operator Response to Notice of Claim (CM-2970A).

*OMB Number:* 1240-0033.

*Agency Number:* CM-2970 and CM-2970A.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

Form	Time to complete	Frequency of response	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Hours burden
CM-2970 .....	10 min .....	occasion .....	4,800	4,800	800
CM-2970A .....	15 min .....	occasion .....	4,800	4,800	1,200
Totals .....	.....	.....	9,600	9,600	2,000

*Total Respondents:* 9,600.  
*Total Annual Responses:* 9,600.  
*Average Time per Response:* 15 minutes.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,000.  
*Frequency:* On occasion.  
*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$4,512.

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: August 17, 2010.

**Vincent Alvarez,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, US Department of Labor.*

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**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NARA is giving public notice that the agency has submitted to OMB for approval the information collection described in this notice. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to OMB at the address below on or before September 20, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Mr. Nicholas A. Fraser, Desk Officer for NARA, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5167; or electronically mailed to [Nicholas\\_A.\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-837-1694 or fax number 301-713-7409.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. NARA published a notice of proposed collection for this information collection on June 2, 2010 (75 FR 30863). No comments were received. NARA has submitted the described information collection to OMB for approval.

In response to this notice, comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology; and (e) whether small businesses are affected by this collection. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* National Archives and Records Administration Training and Event Evaluation.

*OMB number:* 3095-0023.

*Agency form number:* NA Form 2019.

*Type of review:* Regular.

*Affected public:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Nonprofit organizations and institutions, Federal, state, local, or tribal government agencies.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 6,830.

*Estimated time per response:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion (when respondent takes NARA sponsored training classes).

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 569 hours.

*Abstract:* The information collection allows uniform measurement of customer satisfaction with NARA training courses and workshops. NARA distributes the approved form to the course coordinators on the intranet for customization of selected elements, shown as shaded areas on the form submitted for clearance.

Dated: August 12, 2010.

**Charles K. Piercy,**

*Acting Assistant Archivist for Information Services.*

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