

insurers who have been identified as responsible for paying Black Lung benefits to an eligible miner or an eligible surviving dependent of the miner, are called Responsible Operators (ROs). ROs who pay benefits are required to report any change in the benefit amount to the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation within the OWCP. Form CM-908, when properly completed and submitted, notifies the agency of the change in the beneficiary's benefit amount and the reason for the change. Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 as amended, section 432 (30 U.S.C. 942) and regulations 20 CFR 725.621 necessitate this information collection.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB Control Number 1240-0030. The current OMB approval is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2012; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. New requirements would only take effect after OMB approval. This ICR is classified as a revision, because the OWCP has made certain changes for Form CM-908; however, those changes are not expected to change respondent burden. For example, the OWCP has added the DOL seal and removed a reference to the no longer existent Employment Standards Administration. In addition, the OWCP has added a notice that additional assistance is available for respondents with disabilities and improved accessibility for such persons who access the form on the Internet. The OWCP has also added some functionality to ensure consistency and accuracy for some responses. For additional information, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 2012 (77 FR 13636).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES**

section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB Control Number 1240-0030. The OMB 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;
- 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 submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-OWCP.

Title of Collection: Notice of Termination, Suspension, Reduction, or Increase in Benefit Payments.

OMB Control Number: 1240-0030.

Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 325.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 5,000.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$4,800.

Dated: June 13, 2012.

Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Tax Performance System

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Tax Performance System," to the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site, <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, on the day following publication of this notice or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-6929/Fax: 202-395-6881 (these are not toll-free numbers), email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tax Performance System (TPS) gathers and disseminates information on the timeliness and accuracy of state unemployment insurance (UI) tax operations. The Department is required to review the timeliness, accuracy, and completeness of certain tax collections of states using the TPS. The TPS Operations Handbook, ET-407, prescribes the operation of this program. TPS data now are an integral part of UI PERFORMS, the performance management system for the UI program. UI PERFORMS incorporates a strategic planning process of identifying priorities; ongoing collection and monitoring of valid data to measure performance; identification of areas of potential improvement; and development of specific action steps to improve performance, followed by use of available data to determine whether the action steps are successful.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of

law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB Control Number 1205–0332. The current OMB approval is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2012; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 23, 2012 (77 FR 3287).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1205–0332. The OMB 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;
- 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 submission of responses.

Agency: DOL–ETA.

Title of Collection: Tax Performance System.

OMB Control Number: 1205–0332.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 52.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 52.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 90,428.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: June 14, 2012.

Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Dominican Republic—Central America—United States Free Trade Agreement; Notice of Request for Public Comments on Submission #2011–03 (Dominican Republic)

AGENCY: Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Request for comments from the public.

SUMMARY: The Office of Trade and Labor Affairs (OTLA) requests public comments and specific information related to Submission #2011–03, which was accepted for review pursuant to Article 16.4.3 of the Dominican Republic—Central America—United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA–DR). The submission alleges that the Government of the Dominican Republic (GODR) failed to fulfill its obligations under Chapter 16 of the CAFTA–DR (the Labor Chapter) through actions or lack thereof that denied workers in the sugar sector their rights under the laws of the Dominican Republic relating to freedom of association, the right to organize, child labor, forced labor, the right to bargain collectively, and acceptable conditions of work. The submission is posted on the ILAB Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/otla/DRSubmission2011.pdf>.

DATES: Written comments are due no later than 5 p.m. July 2, 2012.

Submission of Comments: Submitters of information are requested to provide their submission to OTLA in English at the email or physical address below by 5:00 p.m. on July 2, 2012. Information may be submitted by any of the following methods:

(1) By email to:

FRFTADOMINICANREPUBLIC@dol.gov.

(2) Federal eRulemaking Portal:

<http://www.regulations.gov>. The portal includes instructions for submitting comments. Parties submitting responses electronically are encouraged not to submit paper copies.

(3) By facsimile (fax): Joshua Kagan, OTLA, at 202–693–4851.

(4) Mail, Express Delivery, Hand Delivery, and Messenger Service: Joshua Kagan, U.S. Department of Labor, OTLA, Bureau of International Labor

Affairs, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S–5303, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Joshua Kagan, OTLA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room S–5303, Washington, DC 20210. Email: kagan.joshua.m@dol.gov. Telephone: (202) 693–4882. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 16.4.3 of the Labor Chapter of the CAFTA–DR provides for the receipt and review of public communications (“submissions”) regarding labor law matters in Central America and the Dominican Republic. A **Federal Register** notice issued on December 21, 2006, informed the public that the OTLA had been designated as the office to serve as the contact point for implementing the CAFTA–DR’s labor provisions. The same **Federal Register** notice informed the public of the Procedural Guidelines that OTLA would follow for the receipt and review of public submissions (71 FR 76691 (2006)). These Procedural Guidelines are available at <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/otla/proceduralguidelines.htm>.

On February 22, 2012, Submission #2011–03 was accepted for review pursuant to Article 16.4.3 of the CAFTA–DR, and a **Federal Register** notice announcing this decision was published on March 15, 2012 (77 FR 15397 (2012)). OTLA is now in the process of conducting its review of the submission to determine its findings on the allegations in the submission. As part of this review, OTLA has received information from stakeholders, visited the Dominican Republic, met with organizations and individuals, and conducted interviews with workers and their representatives, management and other sugar industry representatives, and the government. In addition, OTLA, via this notice, seeks information from the general public relevant to the submission as part of its review process. Comments submitted should, to the greatest extent possible:

1. Provide facts relating to the enforcement of the GODR’s laws related to freedom of association, the right to organize, child labor, forced labor, the right to bargain collectively, and acceptable conditions of work in the sugar sector;

2. Relate to events occurring after March 1, 2007;

3. Include the source of the information received, such as a legal document, an interview, a report from another organization, or if appropriate to the facts at hand, personal experience; as well as the title, name