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 1205–0425. 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: Reporting for the National Farmworker Jobs Program under Section 167 of Title I of the Workforce Investment Act.
OMB Control Number: 1205–0425.
Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; and Private Sector—not-for-profit institutions.
Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 69.
Total Estimated Number of Responses: 29,949.
Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 74,059.
Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $0.

Michel Smyth,
Departmental Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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: This ICR is for a three-year extension to the OMB PRA approval for the Workforce Investment Act Management Information and Reporting System with modifications to make Workforce Investment Act (WIA) performance reporting completely compatible with workforce investment streamlined performance reporting. This WIA reporting structure includes quarterly (ETA 9090) and annual (ETA 9091) reports, as well as a standardized individual record file for program participants, called the Workforce Investment Act Standardized Record Data (WIASRD). States submit WIASRD to the ETA and include participant level information on customer demographics, type of services received, and statutorily defined measures of outcomes. This ICR also covers customer satisfaction surveys related to the program.

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 that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1205–0420. The current approval is scheduled to expire on December 31, 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 September 26, 2012 (77 FR 59224).

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 1205–0420. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

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Agency: DOL–ETA.
Title of Collection: Workforce Investment Act Management Information and Reporting System.
OMB Control Number: 1205–0420.
Affected Public: Individuals or Households and State, Local, and Tribal Governments.
Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,053.
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) allows the mine operator or representative of miners to file a petition to modify the application of any mandatory safety standard to a coal or other mine if the Secretary of Labor determines that:

(1) An alternative method of achieving the result of such standard exists which will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners of such mine by such standard; or

(2) That the application of such standard to such mine will result in a diminution of safety to the miners in such mine.

In addition, the regulations at 30 CFR 44.10 and 44.11 establish the requirements and procedures for filing petitions for modification.

II. Petitions for Modification

Docket No: M–2012–163–C

Petitioner: Tenneco Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 517, Middleboro, Kentucky 40065.

Mine: Hance Mine No. 1, MSHA I.D. No. 15–19408, located in Bell County, Kentucky.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.208 (Warning devices).

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit a readily visible warning to be posted at the second row of permanent roof support outby unsupported roof or a physical barrier to be installed to impede travel beyond permanent support, except during the installation of roof supports. The petitioner states that:

(1) The Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing requires "a warning device" to be placed installed on the second row of permanent roof support outby unsupported roof.

(2) MSHA’s approved Precautions for Remote Control Operation of Continuous Mining Machines states that "while using remote controls, the continuous mining machine operator and all other persons will position themselves no closer than the second "full row" of installed roof bolts outby the face.

(3) This petition is necessary to improve safety and to attain commonality between State and Federal regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Barron, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances at 202–693–9447 (Voice), barron.barbara@dol.gov (Email), or 202–693–9441 [Facsimile]. [These are not toll-free numbers.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) allows the mine operator or representative of miners to file a petition to modify the application of any mandatory safety standard to a coal or other mine if the Secretary of Labor determines that:

(1) An alternative method of achieving the result of such standard exists which will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners of such mine by such standard; or

(2) That the application of such standard to such mine will result in a diminution of safety to the miners in such mine.

In addition, the regulations at 30 CFR 44.10 and 44.11 establish the requirements and procedures for filing petitions for modification.

(1) The Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing requires "a warning device" to be placed installed on the second row of permanent roof support outby unsupported roof.

(2) MSHA’s approved Precautions for Remote Control Operation of Continuous Mining Machines states that "while using remote controls, the continuous mining machine operator and all other persons will position themselves no closer than the second "full row" of installed roof bolts outby the face.

(3) This petition is necessary to improve safety and to attain commonality between State and Federal regulations.

(4) Safety increases when the distance an employee keeps from unsupported roof increases.

The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded by the existing standard.

Docket No: M–2012–164–C

Petitioner: Gateway Eagle Coal Company, LLC, Three Gateway Center, Suite 1340, 401 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222–1000.

Mine: Campbells Creek No. 10 Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 46–08637, located in Boone County, West Virginia.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.500(d) (Permissible electric equipment).

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an alternative method of compliance to permit the use of battery-powered nonpermissible surveying equipment in or inby the last open crosscut, including, but not limited to, portable battery-operated mine transits, total station and surveying equipment, distance meters, and data loggers.

The petitioner states that:

(1) To comply with requirements for mine ventilation maps and mine maps in 30 CFR 75.372 and 75.1200, use of the most practical and accurate surveying equipment is necessary.

(2) Application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. Under ground mining by its nature and size, and the complexity of mine plans, requires that accurate and precise measurements be completed in a prompt and efficient manner.

The petitioner proposes the following as an alternative to the existing standard:

(a) Nonpermissible electronic surveying equipment will be used when equivalent permissible electronic surveying equipment is not available.

Such nonpermissible surveying equipment includes portable battery-operated total station surveying equipment, mine transits, distance meters, and data loggers.

(b) All nonpermissible electronic surveying equipment to be used in or inby the last open crosscut will be examined by surveying personnel prior to use to ensure the equipment is being maintained in a safe operating condition. These examinations will include the following steps:

(i) Checking the instrument for any physical damage and the integrity of the case.

(ii) Removing the battery and inspecting for corrosion.

(iii) Inspecting the contact points to ensure a secure connection to the battery.