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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) requires covered employers to secure the payment of compensation under the Act and its extensions by purchasing insurance from a carrier authorized by the Secretary of Labor to write Longshore Act Insurance, or by becoming authorized self-insured employers (33 U.S.C. 932 et seq). Each authorized insurance carrier (or carrier seeking authorization) is required to establish annually that its Longshore obligations are fully secured either through an applicable state guaranty (or analogous) fund, a deposit of security with the Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation (DLHWC), or a combination of both. Similarly, each authorized self-insurer (or employer seeking authorization) is required to fully secure its Longshore Act obligations by depositing security with DLHWC. These requirements are designed to assure the prompt and continued payment of compensation and other benefits by the responsible carrier or self-insurer to injured workers and their survivors. Forms LS-276, Application for Security Deposit Determination; LS-275-IC, Agreement and Undertaking (Insurance Carrier); and LS-275-SI, Agreement and Undertaking (Self-insured Employer) are used to cover the submission of information by insurance carriers and self-insured employers regarding their ability to meet their financial obligations under the Longshore Act and its extensions. This information collection is currently approved for use through November 30, 2013.

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 ensure that a carrier's LHWCA obligations are sufficiently secured and, if necessary, to deposit security in an amount set by OWCP. This procedure will ensure the prompt and continued payments of compensation and medical benefits to injured workers and help protect the Longshore special funds assets from consequences flowing from insurance carriers' insolvencies.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

Title: Request for Earnings Information.

OMB Number: 1240-0005.

Agency Number: LS-276, LS-275-IC and LS-275-SI.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institution.

Total Respondents: 569.

Total Annual Responses: 668.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 454.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes to 60 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$344.

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: June 6, 2013.

Vincent Alvarez,

Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation; Proposed Collection of Existing 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: Request for State or Federal Workers' Compensation Information (CM-905). 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 August 12, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Mr. Vincent Alvarez, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-32331, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0372, fax (202) 693-1447, Email alvarez.vincent@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background: The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended (30 U.S.C. 901) and 20 CFR 725.535, require that DOL Black Lung benefit payments to a beneficiary for any month be reduced by any other payments of state or federal benefits for workers' compensation due to pneumoconiosis. To ensure compliance with this mandate, DCMWC must collect information regarding the status of any state or Federal workers' compensation claim, including dates of payments, weekly or lump sum amounts paid, and other fees or expenses paid out for this award, such as attorney fees and related expenses associated with pneumoconiosis. Form CM-905 is used to request the amount of those workers' compensation benefits. This information collection is currently approved for use through October 31, 2013.

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.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

Title: Request for State or Federal Workers' Compensation Information.

OMB Number: 1240-0032.

Agency Number: CM-905.

Affected Public: Federal government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 2000.

Total Annual Responses: 2000.

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 500.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$980.

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: June 6, 2013.

Vincent Alvarez,

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

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NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: National Mediation Board.

SUMMARY: The Director, Office of Administration, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments within 60 days from the date of this publication.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Chief Information Officer, Finance and Administration Department, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Record keeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Currently, the National Mediation Board is soliciting comments concerning the new collection of information in the form of Request for Arbitration Panel for Airline System Boards of Adjustment, Request for Public Law Board Member, Arbitration Services-Personal Data Sheet and is interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the agency; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the agency enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the agency minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: June 6, 2013.

June D.W. King,

Director, Office of Administration, National Mediation Board.

A. Request for Arbitration Panel for Airline System Boards of Adjustment

Type of Review: New Collection.

Title: Request for Arbitration Panel for Airlines System Boards of Adjustment.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Airline Carrier and Union Officials.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: Estimate about 80 annually.
Burden Hours: 20.

Abstract: Section 183 of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C., 183, provides that the parties to the labor-management disputes in the airline industry must have a procedure for the resolution of disputes involving the interpretation or application of provisions of the collective bargaining agreement. The Railway Labor Act mentions system board of adjustment or arbitration boards as the mechanism for resolution and is silent as to how the neutral arbitrator is to be selected if the parties are unable to agree on an individual. The National Mediation Board provides panels of arbitrators to help the parties in their selection of an arbitrator.

This form is necessary to assist the parties in this process. The parties invoke the process through the submission of this form. The brief information is necessary for the NMB to perform this important function.

B. Request for Public Law Board Member

Type of Review: New Collection.

Title: Request for Public Law Board Member.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Carrier and Union Officials of railroads.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: Estimate 15 annually.
Burden Hours: 3.75.

Abstract: Section 153, Second, of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. 153, Second, governs procedures to be followed by carriers and representatives of employees in the establishment and functioning of special adjustment boards. These special adjustment boards are referred to as public law boards (board). The statute provides that within thirty (30) days from the date a written request is made by an employee representative or carrier official for the establishment of a board, an agreement establishing such board shall be made. If, however, one party fails to designate