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

*Docket Number:* M-2013-038-C.

*Petitioner:* Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC, P.O. Box 338, Pineville, West Virginia 24874.

*Mine:* Pinnacle Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 46-01816, located in Wyoming County, West Virginia.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 75.1002(a) (Installation of electric equipment and conductors; permissibility).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an alternative method of compliance to allow the use of battery-powered nonpermissible surveying equipment within 150 feet of pillar workings, including, but not limited to, portable battery-operated mine transits, total station 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, 75.1002(a), and 75.1200, use of the most practical and accurate surveying equipment is necessary. To ensure the safety of the miners in active mines and to protect miners in future mines that may mine in close proximity to these same active mines, it is necessary to determine the exact location and extent of the mine workings.

(2) Application of the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners. Underground 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 may be used. 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 within 150 feet of pillar workings will be examined 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.

(iv) Reinserting the battery and powering up and shutting down to ensure proper connections.

(v) Checking the battery compartment cover to ensure that it is securely fastened.

(c) The results of such examinations will be recorded and retained for one year and made available to MSHA on request.

(d) A qualified person as defined in 30 CFR 75.151 will continuously monitor for methane immediately before and during the use of nonpermissible surveying equipment within 150 feet of pillar workings.

(e) Nonpermissible surveying equipment will not be used if methane is detected in concentrations at or above one percent for the area being surveyed. When methane is detected at such levels while the nonpermissible surveying equipment is being used, the equipment will be deenergized immediately and the nonpermissible electronic equipment withdrawn further than 150 feet from pillar workings.

(f) All hand-held methane detectors will be MSHA-approved and maintained in permissible and proper operating condition as defined in 30 CFR 75.320.

(g) Batteries in the surveying equipment will be changed out or charged in fresh air more than 150 feet from pillar workings.

(h) Qualified personnel who use surveying equipment will be properly trained to recognize the hazards and limitations associated with the use of nonpermissible surveying equipment in areas where methane could be present.

(i) The nonpermissible surveying equipment will not be put into service until MSHA has initially inspected the equipment and determined that it is in compliance with all the terms and conditions in this petition.

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

Dated: September 4, 2013.

**George F. Triebisch,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 78 FR 38410, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission (including comments) may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

**DATES:** Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the

collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Experimentation with Factual Knowledge of Science Survey Items.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145–NEW.

*Overview of this information collection:* The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862) authorizes the National Science Foundation to “initiate and support basic scientific research and programs to strengthen scientific research potential and science education programs in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, social, and other sciences.” The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505, codified in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, established the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation. NCSES supports surveys that measure the level of basic factual knowledge of science among the American public and prepares information on this topic for dissemination in *Science and Engineering Indicators*, a biennial publication of the National Science Board (NSB), NSF’s governing body. Survey questions cover topics in biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, and other sciences. NCSES is proposing to conduct a series of survey-based experiments in which question wording and content are systematically varied in order to test the sensitivity of survey measures of factual knowledge of biological evolution and the origins of the universe to variations in question design. These experiments will be conducted via an Internet survey. Data from these experiments may be used in *Science and Engineering Indicators* to address the effects of question design on survey estimates of public science knowledge and the relationship between understanding and acceptance of scientific conclusions. Results from this research may also be reported in scholarly research publications.

*Expected Respondents:*

Approximately 3,500 U.S. adults (persons aged 18+) will be responding to the survey.

*Estimate of Burden:* The Foundation estimates that, on average, 15 minutes per respondent will be required to

complete the survey. The annual respondent burden for completing the survey is therefore estimated at 875 hours, based on 3,500 respondents.

Dated: September 4, 2013.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. NRC–2013–0071]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on May 7, 2013 (78 FR 26661).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 25, “Access Authorization.”

3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150–0046.

4. *The form number if applicable:* N/A.

5. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

6. *Who will be required or asked to report:* NRC-regulated facilities and other organizations requiring access to NRC-classified information.

7. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 918.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 78.

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 365.

10. *Abstract:* NRC-regulated facilities and other organizations are required to provide information and maintain

records to ensure that an adequate level of protection is provided to NRC-classified information and material.

The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly available documents, including the final supporting statement, at the NRC’s Public Document Room, Room O–1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC’s Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/>. The document will be available on the NRC’s home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by October 10, 2013. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Chad Whiteman, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150–0046), NEOB–10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be emailed to [Chad\\_S\\_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov) or submitted by telephone at 202–395–4718.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Tremaine Donnell, telephone: 301–415–6258.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of September, 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Tremaine Donnell,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. NRC–2013–0088]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby