

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.

*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 (minutes)	Frequency of response	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Hours burden
CM-2970 .....	10	occasion	4800	4800	800
CM-2970A .....	15	occasion	4800	4800	1200
Totals .....			9600	9600	2000

*Total Respondents:* 9,600.  
*Total Annual Responses:* 9,600.  
*Average Time per Response:* 10-15 minutes.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2000.  
*Frequency:* On occasion.  
*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.  
*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$4,704.

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: September 5, 2013.

**Yoon Ferguson,**

*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**

**Proposed Extension 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 proposal to extend OMB approval of the information 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 November 12, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-32331, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0701, fax (202) 693-1447, Email *Ferguson.Yoon@dol.gov*. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

**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 January 31, 2014.

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

*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:* 338

*Total Annual Responses:* 338

*Average Time per Response:* 42 minutes  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 237  
*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: September 5, 2013.

**Yoon Ferguson,**

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

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 13-111]

### National Environmental Policy Act; Mars 2020 Mission

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Mars 2020 mission and to conduct scoping for the EIS.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and NASA policy and procedures (14 CFR part 1216 subpart 1216.3), NASA intends to conduct scoping and prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Mars 2020 mission. NASA is seeking input on environmental issues and concerns associated with the proposed action, as well as alternatives that should be addressed in the EIS. The mission would fly a near-duplicate of the Mars Science Laboratory mission's rover, Curiosity, outfitted with new scientific instruments. The mission would be designed to seek signs of past life on Mars, collect and store a compelling set of soil and rock samples that could be returned to Earth in the future, and test new technology to benefit future robotic and human exploration of Mars.

The Proposed Action is to continue preparation for and implement the Mars 2020 mission. The Mars 2020 mission would launch the spacecraft from the

Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS), Brevard County, Florida during the summer of 2020. NASA would select the launch vehicle for the mission through NASA's launch services procurement process. There is a backup launch opportunity for the mission during the summer of 2022. The baseline mission plan would include the use of one multi-mission radioisotope thermoelectric generator (MMRTG) for rover electrical power and temperature control while on the surface of Mars. Some science instruments may require the use of small quantities of radioactive material for instrument calibration or for experimentation. Environmental impacts to be considered in the EIS are those impacts associated with a normal launch from CCAFS, and radiological and non-radiological risks associated with a potential launch accident.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit comments on environmental concerns in writing on or before October 30, 2013 to assure full consideration during the scoping process. NASA will conduct scoping meetings to solicit and collect comments on the scope of the Mars 2020 mission EIS as well as the Proposed Action in October 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Mr. George Tahu, Planetary Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, Mail Suite 3E46, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546-0001. Comments by electronic mail may be sent to [mars2020-nepa@lists.nasa.gov](mailto:mars2020-nepa@lists.nasa.gov). Those persons requesting to receive a hard copy of the Mars 2020 Draft EIS should also provide a valid US Postal Service mailing address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. George Tahu, by telephone at 202-358-0016 or by electronic mail at [mars2020-nepa@lists.nasa.gov](mailto:mars2020-nepa@lists.nasa.gov).

Additional information is available at <http://www.nasa.gov/agency/nepa/mars2020eis>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NASA seeks to continue scientific investigations of Mars with a long-term landed mission to explore the planet's surface. On April 12, 2005, in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 19102), NASA published the Notice of Availability for Final Programmatic EIS (PEIS) for the Mars Exploration Program (MEP). The Record of Decision (ROD) for the MEP PEIS was signed on June 22, 2005, enabling continued planning for the MEP, which represents NASA's overall plans for the robotic exploration of Mars through 2020. The PEIS for the MEP encompasses the launch of at least one

spacecraft to Mars during each favorable launch opportunity, which occurs approximately every 26 months. The Mars 2020 EIS will focus on reasonable alternatives to implement the purpose and need of the Mars 2020 mission and the potential environmental impacts associated with each.

NASA's proposed Mars 2020 mission would use the proven design and technology developed for the Mars Science Laboratory mission and rover (Curiosity) that arrived at Mars in August 2012. NASA would select a high priority, scientifically important landing site based upon data from past and current missions.

The rover would be equipped with new scientific instrumentation that would: (a) Characterize the geological processes and history of an astrobiologically relevant ancient environment on Mars; (b) within the selected geological environment, assess the past habitability of the landing region and search for evidence of past life; (c) assemble a scientifically selected, well-documented, cache of samples for potential future return to the Earth; (d) further the preparation for future human exploration of Mars; and (e) demonstrate improved technical capabilities for landing and operating on the surface of Mars to benefit future Mars missions.

It is anticipated that the electrical, thermal and operational requirements of the rover would require a radioisotope power source (MMRTG) using plutonium-238. This single MMRTG would provide adequate power to operate the rover, similar to the Mars Curiosity rover. Some of the waste heat from the MMRTG would be used for temperature control of the rover electronics, science instruments, and other sensitive components. Alternatives to the Proposed Action addressed in this EIS will include, but are not necessarily limited to, (1) the use of alternative sources of on-board power and heat (including solar energy); and (2) the No Action Alternative. The Mars 2020 EIS will address the purpose and need for the proposed Mars 2020 mission and the environmental impacts associated with its implementation. The environmental impacts of this mission are anticipated to be those associated with the normal launch of the mission. Potential consequences of accident situations will also be addressed. Environmental issues to be addressed will include, but not necessarily be limited to, air quality, water quality, flora and fauna, and potential radiological effects.

NASA plans to hold two scoping meetings to receive comments on the