

*Title of Collection:* High-Voltage Continuous Mining Machines Standards for Underground Coal Mines.

*OMB Control Number:* 1219-0140.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 4,810.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 148 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

Dated: August 15, 2016.

**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; Operations Under Water

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Operations Under Water," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before September 19, 2016.

**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 free of charge from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201604-1219-001](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201604-1219-001) (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-MSHA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street

NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Operations Under Water information collection requirements. Regulations 30 CFR 7516.1 and 7516.3 require a coal mine operator to obtain a permit to mine under a body of water that is sufficiently large enough to constitute a hazard to miners and outline the procedural requirements for obtaining the permit. Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 section 101(a) and section 103(h) authorize this information collection. See 30 U.S.C. 811(a) and 813(h).

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 1219-0020.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2016. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice

published in the **Federal Register** on May 20, 2016 (81 FR 31966).

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 thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1219-0020. 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-MSHA.

*Title of Collection:* Operations Under Water.

*OMB Control Number:* 1219-0020.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—business or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 91.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 91.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 501 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$1,360.

Dated: August 15, 2016.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Proposed 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed 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 October 18, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE., Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by fax to 202-691-5111 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97) is a nationally representative sample of persons who were born in the years 1980 to 1984. These respondents were ages 12-17 when the first round of annual interviews began in 1997; starting with round sixteen, the NLSY97 is conducted on a biennial basis. Round eighteen interviews will occur from September 2017 to May 2018. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) contracts with a vendor to conduct the NLSY97. The primary objective of the survey is to study the transition from schooling to the establishment of careers and families. The longitudinal focus of this survey requires information to be collected

from the same individuals over many years in order to trace their education, training, work experience, fertility, income, and program participation.

One of the goals of the Department of Labor (DOL) is to produce and disseminate timely, accurate, and relevant information about the U.S. labor force. The BLS contributes to this goal by gathering information about the labor force and labor market and disseminating it to policymakers and the public so that participants in those markets can make more informed, and thus more efficient, choices. Research based on the NLSY97 contributes to the formation of national policy in the areas of education, training, work experience, fertility, income, and program participation. In addition to the reports that the BLS produces based on data from the NLSY97, members of the academic community publish articles and reports based on NLSY97 data for the DOL and other funding agencies. To date, approximately 497 articles examining NLSY97 data have been published in scholarly journals. The survey design provides data gathered from the same respondents over time to form the only dataset that contains this type of information for this important population group. Without the collection of these data, an accurate longitudinal dataset could not be provided to researchers and policymakers, thus adversely affecting the DOL's ability to perform its policy- and report-making activities.

**II. Current Action**

The BLS seeks approval to conduct round 18 of biennial interviews of the NLSY97. Respondents of the NLSY97 will undergo an interview of approximately 72 minutes during which they will answer questions about schooling and labor market experiences, family relationships, and community background.

During the fielding period for the main round 18 interviews, about 2 percent of respondents will be asked to participate in a brief validation interview a few weeks after the initial interview. The purpose of the validation interview is to verify that the initial interview took place as the interviewer reported and to assess the data quality of selected questionnaire items.

For round 18, we propose to convert the NLSY97 to a predominantly telephone survey. We anticipate that

approximately 75 percent of interviews will be completed by telephone.

The round 18 questionnaire will resemble the round 17 questionnaire with few modifications. New questions for the round 18 questionnaire include questions on job tasks. In addition, extensive minor edits have been made to adapt the round 18 instrument for predominantly telephone administration, including the removal of references to show cards, introductory statements, reduction of self-administered content, and shortening of code frames.

As in prior rounds of the NLSY97, round 18 will include a pretest conducted several months before the main fielding to test survey procedures and questions and resolve problems before the main fielding begins. Because of the transition to phone interviewing, the pretest for round 18 precedes main fielding by a longer period of time (an additional 2 months) to correct any problems encountered in the pretest.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.
- 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.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0157.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Estimated total burden (hours)
NLSY97 Pretest April/May 2017 .....	150	One-time .....	150	72	180

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Estimated total burden (hours)
Main NLSY97: September 2017–May 2018 .....	6,980	One-time .....	6,980	72	8,376
Validation interview: October 2017–June 2018 .....	139	One-time .....	139	4	9
Totals * .....	7,130	.....	7,269	.....	8,565

\* The difference between the total number of respondents and the total number of responses reflects the fact that about 6,980 are expected to complete the main interview. In addition, about 139 respondents will be interviewed twice, once in the main survey and a second time in the 4-minute validation interview.

*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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of August 2016.

**Kimberley D. Hill,**

Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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## 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 and Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 44 govern the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for modification. This notice is a summary of petitions for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the parties listed below.

**DATES:** All comments on the petitions must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before September 19, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments, identified by "docket number" on the subject line, by any of the following methods:

1. *Electronic Mail:* [zzMSHA-comments@dol.gov](mailto:zzMSHA-comments@dol.gov). Include the docket number of the petition in the subject line of the message.

2. *Facsimile:* 202-693-9441.

3. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:* MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th

Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, Virginia 22202-5452; Attention: Sheila McConnell, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances. Persons delivering documents are required to check in at the receptionist's desk in Suite 4E401. Individuals may inspect copies of the petitions and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above.

MSHA will consider only comments postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or proof of delivery from another delivery service such as UPS or Federal Express on or before the deadline for comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Barron, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202-693-9447 (Voice), [barron.barbara@dol.gov](mailto: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.

##### II. Petitions for Modification

*Docket Number:* M-2016-002-M.

*Petitioner:* United Salt Hockley, LLC, 14002 Warren Ranch Road, Hockley, Texas 77447.

*Mine:* Hockley Mine, MSHA I.D. No. 41-02478, located in Marshall Harris County, Texas.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 57.4131 (Surface fan installations and mine openings).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests that the previously granted petition for modification, Docket Number M-81-41-M be amended for the Hockley Mine, to meet the modern needs of the mine and to clarify the meaning and intent of the modifications. The petitioner states that:

(1) The purpose for amending the previously granted petition, docket number M-81-41-M, is to clarify any confusion relating to the location of fire sensors and the equipment used to alert miners to a fire. A strategic location for a fire sensor may change as the mine continues to expand, therefore the petitioner suggests that the consultant review the system and sensor locations every five years and make suggestions for any updates subject to MSHA's review and approval.

(a) Paragraph 1 of the previously granted petition reads as follows:

—Fire detection systems shall be installed with sensors at strategic locations throughout the mill building. An alarm indicating the fire location shall be provided in the main shaft hoist house and in the vicinity of the bottom of the first floor stairway to the upper floors. An alarm indicating a mill building fire shall be located in the mine office. The final locations shall be approved by MSHA as an integral part of the mine's emergency procedures.

(b) The petitioner proposes to amend Paragraph 1 to read as follows:

—A fire detection system will be installed with sensors at strategic locations throughout the mill building. An annunciator to indicate, at a minimum, the mill building fire location will be provided in the mine office, the main shaft hoist house, and in the vicinity of the bottom of the first floor stairway to the upper floors. Beginning in 2016, a fire protection consultant will be hired every five years to review the fire detection system. MSHA will review and approve any consultant suggestions, and modification or additions will be