DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs

Proposed Collection of Information; Comment Request

AGENCY: Division of Coal Mine Workers’ Compensation, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, Department of Labor.

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. 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 (OWCP) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Application For Self-Insurance Under The Black Lung Benefits Act, 1240–0NEW (CM–2017; CM–2017a; CM–2017b).

DATES: Written comments must be received by the office listed in the addresses section below by December 29, 2017.

ADDRESS: You may submit comments by mail, delivery service, or by hand to Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S–3323, Washington, DC 20210; by fax to (202) 354–9637; or by Email to ferguson.yoon@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail/delivery, fax, or Email). Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be considered.

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

I. Background: The Department of Labor is requesting an approval of a new information collection. This information collection is essential to the mission of OWCP’s Division of Coal Mine Workers’ Compensation, which administers the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), 30 U.S.C. 901 et seq. The statute grants the Department authority to authorize and regulate coal mine operators who wish to self-insure their BLBA liabilities. 30 U.S.C. 933. This information collection would provide OWCP with sufficient information to determine whether a coal mine operator should be (or continue to be) authorized to self-insure. The information would also allow OWCP to determine the security amount a coal mine operator must deposit to guarantee that it will be able to meet its BLBA liabilities.

II. Review Focus: The Department is particularly interested in comments that will help it to:

* 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 seeks the approval of this new information collection to carry out its responsibility to administer the BLBA. Agency: Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs.

Type of Review: New Collection (Request for New OMB Control Number).


OMB Number: 1240–0NEW.


Affected Public: Business entities or other for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 53.

Total Annual Responses: 318.

Average Time per Response: 20 minutes–2 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 283.

Frequency: Annually and quarterly.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): $137.47.

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.


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: 17–079]

NASA Advisory Council; Aeronautics Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Aeronautics Committee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). The meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting, from the aeronautics community and other persons, research and technical information relevant to program planning. This Committee reports to the NAC.

DATES: Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 12:30–5:15 p.m.; and Thursday, November 16, 2017, 8:00–11:30 a.m., Local Time.

ADDRESS: The AERO Institute, 38256 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Irma Rodriguez, Designated Federal Officer, NAC Aeronautics Committee, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–0984, or irma.c.rodriguez@nasa.gov.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. This meeting is also available telephonically and WebEx. You must use a touch-tone telephone to participate in this meeting. Any interested person may dial the USA toll-free conference number 1–844–467–6272, passcode 317924, to participate in this meeting by telephone. The WebEx link is https://nasa.webex.com/, the meeting number for 11/15/17 is 998 190 104, and the password is NACAero@1; and for 11/16/17 the meeting number is 999 027 064, and the password is NACAero@2. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Low Boom Flight Demonstrator (LFBD)
- System Wide Safety Assurance Project
- Hypersonics Project

Attendees will be requested to sign a register to document attendance. It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. For questions, please call Ms. Irma Rodriguez at (202) 358–0984.

Patricia D. Rausch, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration. [FR Doc. 2017–23408 Filed 10–27–17; 8:45 am]

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 17–080]

NASA Advisory Council; Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Task Force reports to the NAC.

DATES: Monday, November 13, 2017, 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Beverly Girten, Designated Federal Officer, NAC Ad Hoc Task Force on STEM Education, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–0212, or beverly.e.girten@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be virtual and will be available telephonically and by WebEx only. You must use a touch tone phone to participate in this meeting. Any interested person may dial the toll free access number 844–467–6272 or toll access number 720–259–0462, and then the numeric participant passcode: 634012 followed by the # sign. To join via WebEx, the link is https://nasa.webex.com/, the meeting number is 999 557 944 and the password is Education1! (Password is case sensitive.) NOTE: If dialing in, please “mute” your telephone. The agenda for the meeting will include the following:

- Opening Remarks by Chair
- Transition Update
- Business Service Assessment Update
- Formulation of Recommendations and Findings
- Other Related Topics

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

Patricia D. Rausch, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration. [FR Doc. 2017–23455 Filed 10–27–17; 8:45 am]

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals

AGENCY: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics.

ACTION: Submission to OMB and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirements to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by [ ] to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Comments should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 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, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (703) 292–7556; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703–292–7556. 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).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) The proposed confidentiality pledge’s fit for use by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES), and (b) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the pledge.

Title: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics Confidentiality Pledge.

OMB Approval Number: 3145–0245.

Summary of Collection: Federal statistics provide key information that the Nation uses to measure its performance and make informed decisions. It is imperative that the data be collected with appropriate confidentiality protections in place. The confidentiality pledge is an essential component of this protection.

Written comments on this notice must be received by [ ] to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.