DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Training Plans, New Miner Training, Newly-hired Experienced Miner Training

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before June 27, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nora Hernandez by telephone at 202–693–8633, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), as amended, 30 U.S.C. 801 et seq., recognizes that education and training is an important element of federal efforts to make the nation’s mines safe. These standards are intended to ensure that miners will be effectively trained in matters affecting their health and safety, with the goal of reducing the occurrence of injury and illness in the nation’s mines. Title 30 CFR 46.3 requires written training plans for training and retraining miners engaged in shell dredging or employed at sand, gravel, surface stone, surface clay, colloidal phosphate, or surface limestone mines. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on January 21, 2022 (87 FR 3357).

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 the OMB approves it 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 OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL–MSHA.
Title of Collection: Training Plans, New Miner Training, Newly-hired Experienced Miner Training.
OMB Control Number: 1219–0131.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,996.
Total Estimated Number of Responses: 1,135,343.
Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 155,965 hours.
Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $348,531.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Explosive Materials and Blasting Units (Pertains Only to Underground Metal and Category III Nonmetal Mines Deemed to be Gassy)

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

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Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 30 CFR parts 7 and 15, MSHA evaluates and approves explosive materials and blasting units as permissible for use in mines. However, some underground metal and nonmetal Category III mines (gassy mines) use non-approved explosive materials or blasting units. Section 57.22606(a) outlines the