DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Application for Self-Insurance Under the Black Lung Benefits Act

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (OWCP)-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 August 10, 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) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) 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: Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202–693–0213, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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). The statute grants the Department authority to authorize and regulate coal mine operators who wish to self-insure their BLBA liabilities. 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. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on May 2, 2022 (87 FR 11738).

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–OWCP.


OMB Control Number: 1240–0057.

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

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 49.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 294.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 261 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $34,080.

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

Nicole Bouchet,

Senior PRA Analyst.

Instructions: Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for Office
of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Amy DeBisschop, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Alternative formats are available upon request by calling 1–866–487–9243. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background
The Department’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) administers the McNamara-O’Hara Service Contract Act (SCA or Act), 41 U.S.C. 351 et seq. The SCA applies to every contract entered into by the United States or the District of Columbia, the principal purpose of which is to furnish services to the United States through the use of service employees. The SCA requires contractors and subcontractors performing services on covered federal or District of Columbia contracts in excess of $2,500 to pay service employees in various classes no less than the monetary wage rates and fringe benefits to which such workers would have been entitled if employed under the predecessor contract. See 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq. Problems sometimes arise (1) when employees are working on service contracts in job classifications for which no wage determinations have yet been issued for recurring numbers; (2) when employees are working on service contracts for which the Department was not previously informed about or (2) when there are job classifications for which no wage data are available.

Section 4.6(b)(2) of 29 CFR part 4 provides a process for “conforming” (i.e., adding) classifications and wage rates to the wage determinations for classes of service employees not previously listed on a wage determination but where employees are actually working on an SCA covered contract. This process ensures that the requirements of section 2(a) of the Act are fulfilled and that a formal record exists as part of the contract which documents the wage rate and fringe benefits to be paid for a conforming classification while a service employee(s) is employed on the contract.

The contracting officer is required to review each contractor-proposed conformance to determine if the unlisted classes have been properly classified by the contractor so as to provide a reasonable relationship (i.e., appropriate level of skill comparison) between such unlisted classifications and the classifications (and wages) listed in the wage determination. See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2). Moreover, the contracting agency is required to forward the conformance action to WHD for review and approval. Id.

C. Indexing
In any case where a contract succeeds a contract under which a class was previously conformed, the contractor may use an optional procedure known as indexing (i.e., adjusting) to determine a new wage rate for a previously conformed class. See 29 CFR 4.6(b)(2)(iv)(B). This procedure does not require the Department’s approval, but it requires the contractor to notify the contracting agency in writing that a previously conformed class has been indexed and to include information describing how the new rate was computed. Id.

D. Submission of Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)
Sections 2(a) and 4(c) of the SCA provide that any contractor that succeeds a contract subject to the Act and under which substantially the same services are furnished shall pay any service workers employed on the contract no less than the wages and fringe benefits to which such workers would have been entitled if employed under the predecessor contract. See 29 CFR 4.163(a).

29 CFR 4.6(l)(1) requires a predecessor contractor to provide to the contracting officer a copy of any CBA governing the wages and fringe benefits paid service employees performing work on the contract during the contract period. The contracting agency submits these CBAs to WHD where they are used in issuing wage determinations for successor contracts subject to sections 2(a) and 4(c) of the SCA. See 29 CFR 4.4(c).

WHD uses this information to determine whether covered employers have complied with various legal requirements of the laws administered by the agency. The Department seeks approval to extend this information collection related to labor standards for federal service contracts.

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;
• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
• 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; or
• 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 an approval for the extension of this information collection that requires
employers to make, maintain, and preserve records in accordance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

Type of Review: Extension．

Agency: Wage and Hour Division.

Title: Labor Standards for Federal Service Contracts Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 1235–0007.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 137,394.

Total Annual Responses: 137,394.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 136,462.

Estimated Time per Response:

Vacation Benefit Seniority List: 1 hour.

Conformance Record: 30 minutes.

Collective Bargaining Agreement: 5 minutes.

Conformance Indexing: 2 hours.

Conformance: 30 minutes.

Total Burden Cost (Capital/Startup): $0.

Total Burden Costs (Operation/Maintenance): $0.

Dated: July 1, 2022.

Amy DeBisschop,
Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

The National Science Board’s (NSB) Executive Committee hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act and the Government in the Sunshine Act.

TIME AND DATE: Monday, July 11, 2022, from 12:30–1:30 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: This meeting will be held by video conference through the National Science Foundation.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda of the teleconference is: Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks; Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of April 5, 2022; and Discuss issues and topics for an agenda of the NSB meeting scheduled for August 3–4, 2022.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Nirmala Kannankutty, nkannank@nsf.gov, 703/292–8000. Members of the public can observe this meeting through a You Tube livestream. Access the livestream at: https://www.youtube.com/?v=gicfB6iPjqU.

Chris Blair,
Executive Assistant to the National Science Board Office.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2022–0001]

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Weeks of July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2022. The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html.

PLACE: The NRC provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these public meetings or need this meeting notice or the transcript or other information from the public meetings in another format (e.g., braille, large print), please notify Anne Silk, NRC Disability Program Specialist, at 301–287–0745, by videophone at 240–428–3217, or by email at Anne.Silk@nrc.gov. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

STATUS: Public.

Members of the public may request to receive the information in these notices electronically. If you would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555, at 301–415–1969, or by email at Betty.Thweatt@nrc.gov.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of July 11, 2022

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 11, 2022.

Week of July 18, 2022—Tentative

Thursday, July 21, 2022

9:00 a.m. Update on 10 CFR part 53 Licensing and Regulation of Advanced Nuclear Reactors; (Contact: Greg Oberson: 301–415–2183)

Additional Information: The meeting will be held in the Commissioners’ Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The public is invited to attend the Commission’s meeting in person or watch live via webcast at the Web address—https://video.nrc.gov.

Week of July 25, 2022—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 25, 2022.

Week of August 1, 2022—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of August 1, 2022.

Week of August 8, 2022—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of August 8, 2022.

Week of August 15, 2022—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of August 15, 2022.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Wesley Held at 301–287–3591 or email Wesley.Held@nrc.gov.

The NRC is holding the meetings under the authority of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: July 7, 2022.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Wesley W. Held.
Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2022–78 and CP2022–84]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: July 13, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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