

will help ensure that the construction and maintenance of seals are done correctly, certified persons conducting sampling in sealed areas are adequately trained, and results from sampling in sealed areas are recorded, so that problems can be identified and corrected. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 4, 2023 (88 FRN 51859).

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.

Agency: DOL–MSHA.

*Title of Collection:* Sealing of Abandoned Areas.

*OMB Control Number:* 1219–0142.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Number of Respondents:* 166.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Responses:* 44,626.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 4,570 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$799,282.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Employee Retirement Income Security Act Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 1981–8, Investment of Plan Assets in Certain Types of Short-Term Investments

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA)-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 January 25, 2024.

**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](http://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:** Michael Howell by telephone at 202–693–6782, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Class Exemption 81–8 permits the investment of plan assets that involve the purchase or other acquisition, holding, sale, exchange or redemption by or on behalf of an employee benefit plan of certain types of short-term investments. Without the exemption, certain aspects of these transactions might be prohibited by section 406 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 25, 2023 (88 FR 58312).

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.

Agency: DOL–EBSA.

*Title of Collection:* Employee Retirement Income Security Act Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption

1981–8, Investment of Plan Assets in Certain Types of Short-Term Investments.

*OMB Control Number:* 1210–0061.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 123,698.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 618,490.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 154,623 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$23,676.

(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; Rock Burst Control Plan (Pertains to Underground Metal/Nonmetal Mines)

**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.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before January 25, 2024.

**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](http://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:** Michael Howell by telephone at 202–693–6782, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), as amended 30 U.S.C. 813(h), authorizes the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Further, section 101(a) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 811, authorizes the Secretary of Labor to develop, promulgate, and revise as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal and metal and nonmetal mines.

30 CFR 57.3461 requires operators of underground metal and nonmetal mines which have experienced a rock burst to report to the nearest MSHA office of each rock burst within 24 hours. These mine operators are also required to develop and implement a rock burst control plan within 90 days after a rock burst has been experienced. Plans are required to include: (1) mining and operating procedures designed to reduce the occurrence of rock bursts; (2) monitoring procedures where detection methods are used; and (3) other measures to minimize exposure of persons to areas prone to rock bursts. Plans are also required to be updated as conditions warrant and are to be made available to MSHA inspectors and to miners or their representatives. The standard does not require that all underground metal and nonmetal mines develop these preventative measures, but it does require that all mines with a rock burst history develop and implement a rock burst control plan.

Rock bursts pose a serious threat to the safety of miners in the area affected by the burst. These bursts may reasonably be expected to result in the entrapment of miners, serious physical harm, and death. Recent mining technology utilizes scientific methods of monitoring rock stresses which allows for the prediction of an oncoming burst. These predictions can be used by the mine operator to move miners to safer locations and to identify areas which need relief drilling. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on July 24, 2023 (88 FR 47524).

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.

*Agency:* DOL–MSHA.

*Title of Collection:* Rock Burst Control Plan (Pertains to Underground Metal/Nonmetal Mines).

*OMB Control Number:* 1219–0097.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Responses:* 1.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 12 hours.

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

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2007–0041]

#### FM Approvals LLC: Grant of Expansion of Recognition and Modification to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for FM Approvals LLC, as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). Additionally, OSHA announces the final decision to add fourteen test standards to the NRTL Program’s list of appropriate test standards.

**DATES:** The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on December 26, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

*Press inquiries:* Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: [meilinger.francis2@dol.gov](mailto:meilinger.francis2@dol.gov).

*General and technical information:* Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693–1911; email: [robinson.kevin@dol.gov](mailto:robinson.kevin@dol.gov). OSHA’s web page includes information about the NRTL Program (see <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Notice of the Applications for Expansion

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition for FM Approvals LLC (FM). FM’s expansion covers the addition of fourteen test standards to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition. Each NRTL’s scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the applicable test standard and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL’s scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition, as well as for an expansion or renewal of recognition, following requirements in appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides the preliminary finding. In the second notice, the agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL’s scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL, including FM, which details that NRTL’s scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.