

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Escape and Evacuation Plans**

**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.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 30 CFR 57.11053 requires the development of specific escape and evacuation plans by the operator that address the unique conditions and mining system of each underground metal and nonmetal mine (MNM). The plan must show assigned responsibilities of all key personnel in the event of an emergency and set out in written form. 30 CFR 57.11053 also requires that mine operators make modifications to the escape and evacuation plan for an underground metal and nonmetal mine as mining

progresses and conditions at the mine change. The plan must be available to the Secretary or their authorized representatives from MSHA, and conspicuously posted at the mine at locations convenient to all persons on the surface and underground. The mine operator and MSHA are required to jointly review the plan at least once every 6 months. The information is prepared by the mine operator for use by miners, MSHA, and persons involved in rescue operations. A miner must be aware, at all times, of the emergency escape route for his/her particular working place. Rescue personnel must be aware of the miners’ escape routes. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2023 (88 FRN 50179).

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:* Escape and Evacuation Plans.

*OMB Control Number:* 1219–0046.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 190.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Responses:* 380.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,230 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$1,900.

(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; Suspension of Pension Benefits Pursuant to Regulations**

**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.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 203(a)(3)(B) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and regulations thereunder govern the circumstances under which pension plans may suspend pension benefit payments to retirees that return to work, or of participants who continue to work beyond normal retirement age. 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:* Suspension of Pension Benefits Pursuant to Regulations.

*OMB Control Number:* 1210–0048.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 46,207.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 209,287.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 156,082 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$ 9,225.

(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; Process for Expedited Approval of an Exemption for Prohibited Transaction, Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 1996–62

**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.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This class exemption permits a plan to seek approval on an accelerated basis of otherwise prohibited transactions by providing the Department and interested persons with information demonstrating the transaction is substantially similar to at least two individual exemptions previously granted and presents little, if any, opportunity for abuse or risk of loss to a plans’ participants and beneficiaries. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 25, 2023 (88 FR 58312).

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*Agency:* DOL–EBSA.

*Title of Collection:* Process for Expedited Approval of an Exemption for Prohibited Transaction, Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 1996–62.

*OMB Control Number:* 1210–0098.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 711.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 55 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$ 29.

(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; Sealing of Abandoned Areas

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MSHA’s standards for sealing abandoned areas in underground coal mines includes requirements covering the design and construction of new seals and the maintenance and repair of all seals. Miners rely on seals to protect them from the hazardous, and sometimes explosive, environments within the sealed area. MSHA inspectors use the records to determine that tests and examinations, required by the standards, are being done correctly. Records collected under these standards