

of the President, the U.S. Supreme Court, state officials, international organizations, researchers, students, the media, and others interested in criminal justice statistics.

(4) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* An agency-level survey will be sent to the 56 state and territory attorneys general offices. The expected burden placed on these respondents is 25 minutes to complete the survey, with an additional 5 minutes to locate any additional persons necessary to complete the survey.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There are an estimated 28 total burden hours associated with this collection.

*If additional information is required contact:* Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, Suite 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: October 16, 2018.

**Melody Braswell,**  
Department Clearance Officer, PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs

#### Leadership in Equal Access and Diversity Award; New Information Collection Requirements; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL), 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. The 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 Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) is soliciting

comments concerning its proposal to obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to implement the Leadership in Equal Access and Diversity (LEAD) award. OFCCP will be sharing the information with DOL's Women's Bureau for the purpose of partnering with them in support of the award. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this Notice or by accessing it at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before December 18, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

*Electronic comments:* The federal eRulemaking portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions found on that website for submitting comments.

*Mail, Hand Delivery, Courier:* Addressed to Harvey D. Fort, Acting Director, Division of Policy and Program Development, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-3325, Washington, DC 20210.

*Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. For faster submission, we encourage commenters to transmit their comment electronically via the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website. Comments that are mailed to the address provided above must be postmarked before the close of the comment period. All submissions must include OFCCP's name for identification. Comments submitted in response to the notice, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record and will be posted on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Comments will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harvey D. Fort, Acting Director, Division of Policy and Program Development, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Room C-3325, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-0103 (voice) or (202) 693-1337 (TTY) (these are not toll-free numbers). Copies of this notice may be obtained in alternative formats (large print, braille, audio recording) upon request by calling the numbers listed above.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

OFCCP administers and enforces the three nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity laws listed below.

- Executive Order 11246, as amended (E.O. 11246)
- Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Section 503)
- Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended (VEVRAA)

These authorities prohibit employment discrimination by covered federal contractors and subcontractors and require that they provide equal employment opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran. Additionally, federal contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from discriminating against applicants and employees for asking about, discussing, or sharing information about their pay or the pay of their co-workers. E.O. 11246 applies to federal contractors and subcontractors and to federally assisted construction contractors holding a Government contract in excess of \$10,000, or Government contracts that have, or can reasonably be expected to have, an aggregate total value exceeding \$10,000 in a 12-month period. E.O. 11246 also applies to government bills of lading, depositories of federal funds in any amount, and to financial institutions that are issuing and paying agents for U.S. Savings Bonds. Section 503 prohibits employment discrimination against applicants and employees because of physical or mental disability and requires affirmative action to ensure that persons are treated without regard to disability. Section 503 applies to federal contractors and subcontractors with contracts in excess of \$15,000. VEVRAA prohibits employment discrimination against protected veterans and requires affirmative action to ensure that persons are treated without regard to their status as a protected veteran. VEVRAA applies to federal contractors and subcontractors with contracts of \$150,000 or more. This collection will implement the LEAD award that will recognize federal contractor and subcontractor establishments that have developed and successfully implemented comprehensive equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination programs.

## II. Review Focus

OFCCP is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the compliance assistance functions of the agency that support the agency's compliance mission, 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

OFCCP seeks approval of this new information collection in order to carry out and enhance its responsibilities to enforce the nondiscrimination and affirmative action provisions of the three legal authorities it administers.

*Type of Review:* New Request.

*Agency:* Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.

*Title:* Contractor Recognition Program—Leadership in Equal Access and Diversity (LEAD) Award.

*OMB Number:* 1250-[NEW].

*Agency Number:* None.

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

*Total Respondents for Nominations:* 100.

*Total Annual Responses for Nominations:* 100 biennially.

*Average Time per Response for Nominations:* 26 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours for Nominations:* 2,600.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

*Total Burden Cost for Nominations:* \$88,842.

*Total Respondents for Finalists:* 6.

*Total Annual Responses for Finalists:* 6 biennially.

*Average Time per Response for Finalists:* 28 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours for Finalists:* 168 hours.

*Total Burden Cost for Finalists:* \$5,741.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours (Nominations and Finalists):* 2,768 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (Nominations and Finalists):* \$94,583.

### Harvey D. Fort,

*Acting Director, Division of Policy and Program Development, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Petitions for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standard

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a summary of a petition for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the party listed below.

**DATES:** All comments on the petition must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before November 19, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments, identified by "docket number" on the subject line, by any of the following methods:

1. *Email:* zzMSHA-comments@ dol.gov. Include the docket number of the petition in the subject line of the message.

2. *Facsimile:* 202-693-9441.

3. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:* MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, Virginia 22202-5452, Attention: Sheila McConnell, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances. Persons delivering documents are required to check in at the receptionist's desk in Suite 4E401. Individuals may inspect a copy of the petition and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above.

MSHA will consider only comments postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or proof of delivery from another delivery service such as UPS or Federal Express on or before the deadline for comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Barron, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202-693-9447 (voice), [barron.barbara@dol.gov](mailto:barron.barbara@dol.gov) (email), or 202-693-9441 (fax). [These are not toll-free numbers.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 44

govern the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for modification.

## I. Background

Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) allows the mine operator or representative of miners to file a petition to modify the application of any mandatory safety standard to a coal or other mine if the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) determines that:

1. An alternative method of achieving the result of such standard exists which will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners of such mine by such standard; or

2. That the application of such standard to such mine will result in a diminution of safety to the miners in such mine.

In addition, the regulations at 30 CFR 44.10 and 44.11 establish the requirements and procedures for filing petitions for modification.

## II. Petition for Modification

*Docket Number:* M-2018-008-M.

*Petitioner:* U.S. Silica Company, 5263 Edmund Highway, West Columbia, South Carolina 29170.

*Mines:* Columbia Plant, MSHA I.D. No. 38-00138, located in Lexington County, South Carolina.

*Regulation Affected:* 30 CFR 56.13020 (Use of compressed air).

*Modification Request:* The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard to permit an alternative method that will provide no less a degree of safety than that provided by the standard.

The petitioner states that:

(1) The alternative method provides a direct reduction of miners' exposure to respirable dust, thus reducing their health risks. The proposed alternative method has been jointly developed between Unimin Corporation and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and successfully tested by the NIOSH.

(2) The petition proposes the following:

—Only miners trained in the operation of the clothes cleaning booth will be permitted to use the booth to clean their clothes.

—Petitioner will incorporate the NIOSH Clothes Cleaning Process and manufacturer's instruction manual into their MSHA Part 48 training plan and train affected miners in the process.

—Miners entering the booth will examine valves and nozzles for damage or malfunction and will close the door fully before opening the air