

description of the methods to be used for the protection of persons. Roof control plans are evaluated by Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) specialists on the basis of the criteria set forth in 30 CFR 75.222. The District Manager may require additional measures in plans and may approve roof control plans that do not conform to the applicable criteria in this section, provided that effective control of the roof, face, and ribs can be maintained.

Under 30 CFR 75.223, a mine operator is required to propose revisions to the roof control plan when conditions indicate that the plan is not suitable for controlling the roof, face, ribs, or coal or

rock bursts, or when accident and injury experience at the mine indicates the plan is inadequate. Revisions shall also contain a mine map plot of each unplanned roof or rib fall and coal or rock burst that occurs in the active workings when certain criteria are met. The regulations also requires MSHA to review the plan every six months.

II. Current Actions

Falls of roof, face and rib continue to be a leading cause of injuries and death in underground coal mines. All underground coal mine operators are required to develop and submit roof control plans to MSHA for evaluation and approval. These plans provide the

means to instruct miners, who install roof supports, in the minimum requirements and placement of roof supports. The plan also provides a reference for mine supervisors to assist them in compliance with the plan requirements. In that regard the plan is a working document for the miners.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Roof Control Plans (30 CFR 75.220, 75.221, and 75.223).

*Agency Number:* 1219-0004.

*Recordkeeping:* Indefinite.

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

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden hours
75.220 .....	12	On occasion .....	12	24 hours .....	288
75.223 .....	1,105	On occasion .....	2,391	5 hours .....	11,955
75.223(b) ...	1,117	On occasion .....	2,025	5 minutes .....	162
Totals .....	2,234	.....	4,428	2.8 hours .....	12,405

*Estimated Total Burden Costs:* \$12,015.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

George M. Fesak,  
Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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**Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Notification of Commencement of Operations and Closing of Mines**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance 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 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This 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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new/revision/extension/reinstatement of the information collection related to the Notification of Commencement of Operations and Closing of Mines. MSHA 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;
- 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the Addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments shall be mailed to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to [psilvey@msha.gov](mailto:psilvey@msha.gov), along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached at (703) 235-1910 (voice) or (703) 235-5551 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

George M. Fesak, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mr. Fesak can be reached at [gfesak@msha.gov](mailto:gfesak@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. Background

Under 30 CFR §§ 56.1000 and 57.1000, operators of metal and nonmetal mines must notify the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) when the operation of a mine will commence or when a mine is closed. Openings and closings of mines are dictated by the economic strength of the commodity mined, and by weather conditions which prevail at the mine site during various seasons.

MSHA must be aware of openings and closing so that its resources can be used efficiently in achieving the requirements of the Mine Act.

## II. Current Actions

Section 103(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), 30 U.S.C. § 813, requires that each underground mine be inspected in its entirety at least four times a year, and each surface mine at least two times per year. Mines which operate only during warmer weather must be scheduled for inspection during the spring, summer and autumn seasons. Mines are sometimes located a great distance from MSHA field offices and the notification required by this standard precludes wasted time and trips.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement (without change).

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Notification of Commencement of Operations and Closing of Mines.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0092.

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

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 30 CFR 56.1000 and 57.1000.

*Total Respondents:* 2,300.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 2,070.

*Average Time per Response:* .125 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 259 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Cost:* \$1,438.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

George M. Fesak,

*Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Advisory Panel Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel (Planning & Stabilization Section) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on January 13-16, 1997 in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20506. The meeting will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on January 13, 14 and 15 and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 16.

This meeting will be open to the public from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 16 for a discussion of guidelines and policy related issues. The remaining portions of the meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on January 13, 14, and 15 and from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on January 16, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the June 22, 1995 determination of the Chairman, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4) (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20506, 202/682-5532, TYY/TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call (202) 682-5691.

Dated: December 16, 1996.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

*Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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### National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Advisory Panel Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel (Creation & Presentation Section #2) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on January 6-10, 1997.

The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on January 6 and January 7; from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on January 8 and 9; and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 10. This meeting will be held in Room 716, at the Nancy

Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20506.

A portion of this meeting, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 10, will be open to the public for a discussion of guidelines and policy related issues.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on January 6 and January 7; from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on January 8 and 9; and from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on January 10, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of June 22, 1995, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4),(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

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Dated: December 16, 1996.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

*Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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### Meetings of Humanities Panel

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-473, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.