

implementing the proposed alternative method. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 4. Perry County Coal Company

[Docket No. M-2002-004-C]

Perry County Coal Company, 1845 South Hwy, 15, P.O. Box 5001, Hazard, Kentucky 41702 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(2) (Weekly examination) to its HZ4-1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-02085) located in Perry County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to establish evaluation check points to measure the quality and quantity of air in certain areas of the return air course. This is necessary due to hazardous roof and rib conditions impeding passage. The petitioner states that the check points will be established at locations that will allow effective evaluation of ventilation in the affected areas and will be examined by a certified person. These measuring stations will be maintained in safe conditions at all times. Further, conditions at the stations will be recorded in a book or on a date board located at each measuring station with the date, time and results of the measurements. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 5. Cannelton Industries, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2002-005-C]

Cannelton Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 88, Mammoth, West Virginia 25132 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (Permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (Plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its Shadrick Mine (I.D. No. 46-08159) and its Mine #130 (I.D. No. 46-06051) both located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use a spring-loaded device on battery plug connectors on mobile battery-powered machines in lieu of a padlock to prevent the plug connector from accidentally disengaging while under load. The petitioner states that a warning tag that states "Do Not Disengage Under Load", will be installed on all battery plug connectors and that instructions on the safe practices and provisions for complying with its proposed alternative method will be provided to all persons who operate or maintain the battery-powered machines. The petitioner asserts that the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

#### 6. Point Mining, Inc.

[Docket No. M-2002-006-C]

Point Mining, Inc., 197 Branch Road, Belle, West Virginia 25015 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.503 (Permissible electric face equipment; maintenance) and 30 CFR 18.41(f) (Plug and receptacle-type connectors) to its Point Mining Number 4 Mine (I.D. No. 46-08437) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use a threaded ring and a spring-loaded device on battery plug connectors on mobile battery-powered machines instead of a padlock to prevent the plug connector from accidentally disengaging while under load, and provide instructions to all persons who operate or maintain the battery-powered machines on the safe practices and provisions for complying with its proposed alternative method. The petitioner asserts that the existing standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

#### 7. OCI Wyoming, L.P.

[Docket No. M-2002-001-M]

OCI Wyoming, L.P., P.O. Box 513, Green River, Wyoming 82935 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.22305 (Approved equipment (III mines)) to its Big Island Mine and Refinery (I.D. No. 48-00154) located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The petitioner proposes to use a 12 to 18 volt battery powered cordless drill manufactured by Black & Decker, DeWalt, Makita, Milwaukee or Hilti, or use similar battery powered drills for an indefinite period of time, in or beyond the last open crosscut. The drills would be used to drill spad holes for surveying and to install rock mechanics stations. The petitioner asserts that the alternative method of using a cordless drill would not result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### 8. OCI Wyoming, L.P.

[Docket No. M-2002-002-M]

OCI Wyoming, L.P., P.O. Box 513, Green River, Wyoming 82935 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.22305 (Approved equipment (III mines)) to its Big Island Mine and Refinery (I.D. No. 48-00154) located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The petitioner proposes to use a Topcon GTS Series Electronic Total Station surveying instrument or similar surveying instrument in or beyond the last open crosscut to traverse for mine expansion and obtain elevations in support of on-going geologic and rock

mechanics modeling. The petitioner states that the Topcon GTS is mounted with an intrinsically sealed 9.6 volt battery and that the use of the Topcon GTS would eliminate labor intensive ventilation modifications and allow for more accurate surveying of abandoned panels. The petitioner asserts that the alternative method of using the Topcon would not result in a diminution of safety to the miners and that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

#### Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to "comments@msha.gov," or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before April 15, 2002. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 12th day of March 2002.

**Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0228(2002)]

#### Forging Machines Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's Approval of Information-Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

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

**ACTION:** Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA requests comment concerning its proposed extension of the information-collection requirements specified by its Forging Machines Standard (29 CFR 1910.218). The paperwork provisions of the Standard specify requirements for developing and maintaining inspection records. The purpose of these requirements is to reduce employees' risk of death or serious injury by ensuring that forging machines used by them are in safe operating condition.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before May 14, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0228(2002), OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2222. A copy of the Agency's Information-Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collections specified by the Forging Machines Standard is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or by requesting a copy from Theda Kenney at (202) 693-2222, or Todd Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR, contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov> and select "Information Collection Requests."

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (i.e., employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information-collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and cost) is minimal, collection instruments are understandable, and OSHA's estimate of the information-collection burden is correct.

The Forging Machines Standard (i.e., "the Standard") specifies two paperwork requirements. The following section describes who use the information collected under each requirement, as well as how they use it.

*Information of Forging Machines, Guards, and Point-of-Operation Protection Devices* (paragraphs (a)(2)(i) and (a)(2)(ii)). Paragraph (a)(2)(i) requires employers to establish periodic and regular maintenance safety checks, and to develop and keep a certification record of each inspection. The certification record must include the date of inspection, the signature of the person who performed the inspection, and the serial number (or other identifier) of the forging machine inspected. Under paragraph (a)(2)(ii), employers are to schedule regular and

frequent inspections of guards and point-of-operation protection devices, and prepare a certification record of each inspection that contains the date the inspection, the signature of the person who performed the inspection, and the serial number (or other identifier) of the equipment inspected. These inspection certification records provide assurance to employers, employees, and OSHA compliance officers that forging machines, guards, and point-of-operation protection devices have been inspected, thereby assuring that they will operate properly and safely, and prevent impact injury and death to employees during forging operations. These records also provide the most efficient means for the compliance officers to determine that an employer is complying with the Standard.

##### **II. Special Issues for Comment**

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information-collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information-collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information-collection and -transmission techniques.

##### **III. Proposed Actions**

OSHA proposes to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the collection-of-information requirements specified by the Forging Machines Standard (29 CFR 1910.218). The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of these information-collection requirements.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved information-collection requirement.

*Title:* Forging Machine Standard (29 CFR 1910.218).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0228..

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, local, or tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 27,700.

*Frequency of Recordkeeping:* Biweekly.

*Average Time per Response:* Twenty minutes (.33 hour) to inspect a forging machine and its guard or point-of-operation protection, and to prepare, maintain, and disclose the inspection certification record.

*Total Annual Hours Requested:* 244,868.

*Total Annual Costs (O&M):* \$0.

##### **IV. Authority and Signature**

John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506), and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 3-2000 (65 FR 50017).

Signed at Washington, DC on March 8, 2002.

**John L. Henshaw,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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#### **NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

##### **Proposed Collection, Comment Request, Learning Opportunities Grant Application Form**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Museum and Library Services, NFAH.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Institute of Museum and Library Services 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 collectinos of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3508(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 Institute of Museum and Library Services is soliciting comments concerning the proposed study of the needs assessment of end-users in library and museum digitization projects funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

A copy of the proposed inforamtion collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.