

addressed under OMB No. 1219-0070 (Certificate of Training, MSHA Form 5000-23).

Section 77.1101(c) requires escape and evacuation plans to include the designation and proper maintenance of an adequate means for exiting areas where persons are required to work or travel including buildings, equipment, and areas where persons normally congregate during the work shift.

While escape and evacuation plans are not subject to approval by MSHA district managers, MSHA inspectors evaluate the adequacy of the plans during their inspections of surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines.

## II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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 in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice, or viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov/>) and selecting "Rules & Regs", and then selecting "FedReg. Docs". On the next screen, select "Paperwork Reduction Act Supporting Statement" to view documents supporting the **Federal Register** Notice.

## III. Current Actions

MSHA proposes to continue the information collection requirement related to escape and evacuation plans for surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines for an additional 3 years. MSHA believes that eliminating these requirements would expose miners to unnecessary risk of

injury or death should a fire occur at or near their work location.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Escape and Evacuation Plans.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0051.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

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

*Respondents:* 351.

*Responses:* 351.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,695 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.

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 at Arlington, Virginia, this 7th day of August 2009.

**John Rowlett,**

*Director, Management Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request

**ACTION:** Notice. Proposed information collection request submitted for public comment and recommendations; Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas (pertains to slope and shaft sinking operation at coal mines).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, 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 (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 extension of the information collection related to the 30 CFR sections 77.1901—Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 13, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, John Rowlett, Director, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2134, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via e-mail to [Rowlett.John@dol.gov](mailto:Rowlett.John@dol.gov). Mr. Rowlett can be reached at (202) 693-9827 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact the employee listed in the "ADDRESSES" section of this notice.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

§ 77.1901 requires operators to conduct examinations of slope and shaft areas for hazardous conditions, including tests for methane and oxygen deficiency, within 90 minutes before each shift, once during each shift, and before and after blasting. The surface area surrounding each slope and shaft is also required to be inspected for hazards.

§ 77.1901 also requires that records be kept of the results of the inspections. The record includes a description of any hazardous condition found and the corrective action taken to abate it. These records are necessary to ensure that the inspections and tests are conducted in a timely fashion and that corrective action is taken when hazardous conditions are identified, thereby ensuring a safe working environment for the slope and shaft sinking employees. The record is maintained at the mine site for the duration of the operation.

##### II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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
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other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

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### III. Current Actions

§ 77.1901 requires operators to conduct examinations of slope and shaft areas for hazardous conditions, including tests for methane and oxygen deficiency, within 90 minutes before each shift, once during each shift, and before and after blasting. The surface area surrounding each slope and shaft is also required to be inspected for hazards. § 77.1901 also requires that records be kept of the results of the inspections.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0082.

*Recordkeeping:* The standard also requires that a record be kept of the results of the inspections. The record includes a description of any hazardous condition found and the corrective action taken to abate it. The record is necessary to ensure that the inspections and tests are conducted in a timely fashion and that corrective action is taken when hazardous conditions are identified, thereby ensuring a safe working environment for the slope and shaft sinking employees. The record is maintained at the mine site for the duration of the operation.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

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

*Respondents:* 35.

*Total Burden Hours:* 14,823 hours.

*Total Burden Cost:* \$0.

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 at Arlington, Virginia, this 7th day of August 2009.

**John Rowlett,**

*Director, Management Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Trade Adjustment Assistance Program; Designation of Certifying Officers

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration; Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of designation of certifying officers.

**SUMMARY:** The trade adjustment assistance (TAA) program operates under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, to provide assistance to domestic workers adversely affected in their employment by certain types of foreign trade. The Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 amended the Trade Act of 1974, expanded TAA coverage to more workers and firms, including workers and firms in the service sector; made benefits available to workers whose jobs have been off-shored to any country, as opposed to only covering certain shifts in production; and improved workers' training opportunities and opportunities for health insurance coverage. The new law also included additional funding for employment services and case management, extended income support, increased funding for training, and provided for earlier access to training. Workers become eligible for program benefits only if the worker group is certified under the Act as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance. From time to time the agency issues an Order designating or redesignating officials of the agency authorized to act as certifying officers, responsible for reviewing and signing adjustment assistance determinations. Employment and Training Order No. 1-09 was issued to revise the listing of officials designated as certifying officers, superseding the previous Order. The Employment and Training Order No. 1-09 is published below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin FitzGerald, 202-693-3560.

#### EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ORDER NO. 1-09

TO: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL OFFICES

FROM: JANE OATES

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training

SUBJECT: Trade Adjustment Assistance Program (Trade Act of 1974)—Designation of Certifying Officers

1. *Purpose.* To designate certifying officers to carry out functions under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

program under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2271 *et seq.*), and the implementing regulations at 29 CFR part 90.

2. *Directive Affected.* Employment and Training Order No. 1-05, February 1, 2005, 70 FR 6754 (February 8, 2005), which designated Certifying Officers, is superseded.

3. *Background.* Regulations at 29 CFR part 90 vest persons designated as certifying officers with the authority and responsibility to make determinations and redeterminations and to issue certifications of eligibility of groups of workers to apply for adjustment assistance under the TAA program.

4. *Designation of Officials.* By virtue of my authority under Secretary's Order No. 03-2009, January 9, 2009 (74 FR 2270, Jan. 14, 2009), I designate or redesignate as certifying officers for the TAA program:

a. Del Min Amy Chen, Program Analyst, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

b. Richard Church, Program Analyst, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

c. Michael W. Jaffe, Program Analyst, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

d. Elliott S. Kushner, Program Analyst, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

e. Linda G. Poole, Program Analyst, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

The foregoing officials are delegated authority and assigned responsibility, subject to the general direction and control of the Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretaries of the Employment and Training Administration, and the director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance or the successor office, to carry out the duties and functions of certifying officers under 29 CFR part 90 and any succeeding regulations.

5. *Effective Date.* This order is effective on date of issuance.

This order rescinds ETO 1-05.

Dated: Signed this 7th day of August 2009.

**Jane Oates,**

*Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.*

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