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Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection related to the 30 CFR Sections 57.22606(a); Explosive Materials and Blasting Units.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 25, 2006.

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 Internet e-mail to Rowlett.John@dol.gov, along with an original printed copy. Mr. Rowlett can be reached at (202) 693-9827 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

MSHA evaluates and approves explosive materials and blasting units as permissible for use in the mining industry. However, since there are no permissible explosives or blasting units available that have adequate blasting capacity for some metal and nonmetal gassy mines, Standard 57.22606(a) was promulgated to provide procedures for mine operators to follow for the use of non-approved explosive materials and blasting units. Mine operators must notify MSHA in writing, of all non-approve explosive materials and blasting units to be used prior to their use. MSHA evaluates the non-approved explosive materials and determines if they are safe for blasting in a potentially gassy environment.

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 then choosing "Statutory and Regulatory Information" and "Federal Register Documents."

III. Current Actions

MSHA uses the information to determine that the explosives and blasting procedures to be used in a gassy underground mine are safe. Federal inspectors use the notification to ensure that safe procedures are followed.

Type of Review: Extension.

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Explosive Materials and Blasting Units.

OMB Number: 1219-0095.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Respondents: 1.

Average Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Total Burden Hours: 1 hour.

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 18th day of July, 2006.

David L. Meyer,

Director, Office of Administration and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

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)

ACTION: Notice.

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 77.1901—Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 25, 2006.

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 Internet E-mail to Rowlett.John@dol.gov, along with an original printed copy. Mr. Rowlett can be reached at (202) 693-9827 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: 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
- 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 then choosing "Statutory and Regulatory Information" and "Federal Register Documents."

III. Current Actions

Section 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. Section 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.

Average Time Per Response: 1.25 hours.

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 18th day of July, 2006.

David L. Meyer,

Director, Office of Administration and Management.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meetings of the Board of Directors and Four of the Board's Committees

TIMES AND DATES: The Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors and four of its Committees will meet July 28 and 29, 2006 in the order set forth in the following schedule, with each subsequent meeting commencing shortly after adjournment of the prior meeting.

Meeting Schedule

Friday, July 28, 2006

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| 1. Provision for the Delivery of Legal Services Committee (Provisions Committee). | Time
1:30 p.m. |
| 2. Operations & Regulations Committee. | |

Saturday, July 29, 2006

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| 1. Annual Performance Reviews Committee (Performance Reviews Committee). | Time
8:30 a.m. |
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2. Finance Committee.

3. Board of Directors.

LOCATION: The Westin Providence Hotel, One West Exchange Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

STATUS OF MEETINGS: Open, except as noted below.

• *Status: July 29, 2006 Performance Reviews Committee Meeting—Closed.* The meeting of the Performance Reviews Committee may be closed to the public pursuant to a vote of the Board of Directors authorizing the Committee to meet in executive session to consider and act on the annual performance review of the Inspector General. The closing will be authorized by the relevant provision(s) of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10)] and the Legal Services Corporation's corresponding regulation, 45 CFR 1622.5(h). A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that the closing is authorized by law will be available upon request.

• *Status: July 29, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting—Open,* except that a portion of the meeting of the Board of Directors may be closed to the public pursuant to a vote of the Board of Directors to hold an executive session. At the closed session, the Board will consider and may act on the General Counsel's report on litigation to which the Corporation is or may become a party, receive a briefing from the Inspector General (IG),¹ consider and may act on the report of the Annual Performance Reviews Committee on the performance review of the Corporation's IG, and discuss an internal personnel matter. The closing is authorized by the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10) and 552b(c)(6)] and LSC's implementing regulation 45 CFR 1622.5(h) and 1622.5(e). A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that the closing is authorized by law will be available upon request.

Matters To Be Considered: Friday, July 28, 2006; Provisions Committee—Agenda

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of the Committee's meeting minutes of April 28, 2006.
3. Panel discussion on The Role of Law Schools, Law Students and Legal Services Programs in Encouraging and Enabling Pro Bono and Public Service.

¹ Any portion of the closed session consisting solely of staff briefings does not fall within the Sunshine Act's definition of the term "meeting" and, therefore, the requirements of the Sunshine Act do not apply to such portion of the closed session. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(2) and (b). See also 45 CFR 1622.2 and 1622.3.