

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarify 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.

ADDRESSEE: Anderson Glasgow, U.S. Department of Labor, Human Resource Services Center, 200 Constitution Ave. N.W. Room C-5516, Washington, D.C. 20210; Phone: 202-219-6555 ext. 115; fax. 202-219-5820; internet: aglasgow@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor (DOL) is charged with providing a wide range of services for the diverse workforce which exists in the United State. In order to better serve this diverse national workforce, the agency needs a diverse internal workforce which reflects and has knowledge of the various cultural dimensions of the nation as a whole. DOL is interested in seeking internal diversity in order to bring a wider variety of perspectives to bear on the range of issues with which the Department deals.

To achieve internal diversity, DOL employment offices have targeted recruitment outreach to a variety of sources, including educational institutions, professional organizations, newspapers and magazines. DOL has also participated in career fairs and conferences, that reach high concentrations of Hispanics, African Americans, Native Americans, and persons with disabilities.

At the present, DOL does not have the ability to evaluate the effectiveness of any of these targeted recruiting strategies because collection of racial and national origin information only occurs at the point of hiring. DOL needs to collect data on the pools of applicants which result from the various targeted recruitment strategies listed above. With the information from this new collection, DOL can adjust and redirect its targeted recruitment to achieve the best result.

II. Current Actions

This new collection will consist of a series of questions to be answered by all job applicants external to DOL, and submitted together with the job application. The collection will request the applicant's name, social security

number, sex, race and/or national origin, whether or not disabled, and the source of information about the vacancy applied for (e.g., newspaper, school recruitment, internet, etc.).

Type of Review: New.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor.

Title: Applicant Background

Questionnaire.

Agency Number: 1225-0000.

Affected Public: Applicants for positions in the Department of Labor who are not current DOL employees.

Total Respondents: 5000 per year (estimate).

Frequency: One time per respondent.

Total Responses: 5000 per year (estimate).

Average Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 417 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$2285.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$3472.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: June 2, 1997.

Larry K. Goodwin,

Director of Human Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting

comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Consumer Price Index Housing Survey." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before August 18, 1997. The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.

ADDRESSEE: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC. 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the only index compiled by the U.S. Government that is designed to measure changes in the purchasing power of the urban consumer's dollar. The CPI is most widely used as a measure of inflation, and serves as an indicator of the effectiveness of Government economic policy. It is also used as a deflator of other economic series, that is, to adjust other series for price changes and to translate these series into inflation-free dollars.

II. Current Actions

This request is for a one-year revision of the collection of housing information based on 1980 Census data. In order to facilitate a smooth transition and continuity of the housing indexes into the CPI Revision Housing Survey, the

current survey will be collected through Calendar Year 1998.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Consumer Price Index Housing Survey.

OMB Number: 1220-0034.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Business or other for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 38,000.

Frequency: Semi-annually.

Total Responses: 76,000.

Average Time Per Response: 6 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 7,600 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC., this 10th day of June, 1997.

W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Main Fan Operation and Inspection

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 reinstatement of the information collection related to Main Fan Operation and Inspection. (Applies to underground metal and nonmetal mines which have been categorized as "gassy".)

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 in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments 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, 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 (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Title 30, CFR 57.22204, which is applicable only to specific underground mines that are categorized as gassy,

requires main fans to have pressure-recording systems. Main fans are to be inspected daily while operating if persons are underground, and certification of the inspection is to be made by signature and date. When accumulations of explosive gases such as methane are not swept from the mine by the main fans, they may reasonably be expected to contact an ignition source. The results are usually disastrous and multiple fatalities may be expected to occur. The main fan requirements of this standard are significantly more stringent than those imposed on nongassy mines.

II. Current Actions

Information collected through the pressure recordings is used by the mine operator and MSHA for maintaining a constant vigil on mine ventilation, and to ensure that unsafe conditions are identified early and corrected. Technical consultants may occasionally review the information when solving problems.

Type of Review: Reinstatement (without change).

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Main Fan Operation and Inspection.

OMB Number: 1219-0030.

Recordkeeping: One year.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR 57.22204.

Total Respondents: 7.

Frequency: Daily.

Total Responses: 2,625.

Average Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,313.

Estimated Total Burden Hour Cost: \$47,268.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$735.

Estimated Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$735.

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: June 10, 1997.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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