

Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension information collection, the Uniform Health Insurance Claim Form.

Copies of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office 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 September 30, 1997. The Department of Labor 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Margaret Sherrill, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 219-7601. (This is not a toll-free number.) Fax 202-219-6592.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation has responsibility for administering the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA—5 USC 8101 et. seq.) and the Federal Black Lung Benefits Act (FBLBA) provisions of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act (30 USC 901 et. seq.). These statutes provide for payment to medical institutions for certain medical treatment and diagnostic services for employment-related injuries and illnesses. To determine appropriate payment of medical bills submitted by such provider(s), both FECA and FBLA programs require the billing institution(s) to identify the claimant/beneficiary and to specify (1) the type of injury/illness being treated, (2) the need for the medical services rendered, (3) the specific procedure(s) performed, and

(4) the relationship to the accepted industrial injury/illness for FECA claimants and to coal mine workers' pneumoconiosis for Black Lung claimants.

##### II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect this information to carry out its responsibility to insure that providers of medical services to FECA and BLBA beneficiaries receive appropriate payment for injuries and illnesses covered under the Acts. Failure to request this information will prohibit the Department's ability to fulfill this mandate.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Uniform Health Insurance Claim Form.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0176.

*Agency Numbers:* UB-92.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, State or local governments, Businesses or other for profit, Federal agencies or employees, Not-for-profit institutions, Small businesses or organizations.

*Total Respondents:* 138,382.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 138,382.

*Average Time Per Response:*

UB-92 FECA—17 minutes

UB-92 FBLBA—7 minutes

EOB FECA—7 minutes

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 31,889.

*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 requests; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Gamma Radiation Exposure Records

**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 (PRA 95) [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 Gamma Radiation Exposure Records (pertains to metal and nonmetal underground 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 For Further Information Contact section of this notice.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 29, 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](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 section 103(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, MSHA is required to “\* \* \* issue regulations requiring operators to maintain accurate records of employee exposures to potentially toxic materials or harmful physical agents which are required to be monitored or measured under any applicable mandatory health or safety standard promulgated under this Act.”

Gamma radiation occurs anywhere that radioactive materials are present, and has been associated with lung cancer and other debilitating occupational diseases. Gamma radiation hazards may be found near radiation sources at surface operations using X-ray machines, weightometers, nuclear and diffraction units.

##### II. Current Actions

Annual gamma radiation surveys are required to be conducted in all underground mines where radioactive ores are mined. Where the average gamma radiation measurements are in excess of 2.0 milliroentgens per hour in the working place, all persons are to be provided with gamma radiation dosimeters and records of cumulative individual gamma radiation exposures been kept.

Records of cumulative occupational radiation exposures aid in the protection of workers and in control of subsequent radiation exposure, and are used by MSHA in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the protection program in demonstrating compliance with regulatory requirements.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement without change.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Gamma Radiation Exposure Records.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0039.

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

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 30 CFR 57.5047.

*Total Respondents:* 2.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Total Responses:* 2.

*Average Time per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2.

*Estimated Total Burden Cost:* \$73.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):*

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):*

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: July 24, 1997.

**George M. Fesak,**

*Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

##### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-83

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, provides 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 (PRA 95) [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 Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of a currently approved collection of information, Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-83. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 1997. The Department of Labor 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 number of respondents and 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Gerald B. Lindrew, Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: 202-219-4782 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax: 202-219-4745.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-83 permits, under certain conditions, purchases of securities by employee benefit plans when the proceeds from the sale of such securities may be used by the issuer to reduce or retire indebtedness to persons who are parties in interest with respect to such plans.

##### II. Current Actions

The Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration proposes to extend the currently approved information collection requirements of Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-83. The recordkeeping requirements of the exemption are intended to protect the interests of plan participants and beneficiaries. This class exemption requires the plan to maintain for six years from the date of the transaction the records necessary to enable interested parties including the Department of Labor to determine whether the conditions of the exemption have been met. The exemption also requires that those records be made available to certain