

use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collections techniques or other forms of information, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Comments and questions regarding the collection of information on Form ETA 9033-A, Attestation by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities in the State of Alaska, should be directed to James Norris, Chief, Division of Foreign Labor Certifications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4456, Washington, DC 20210 ((202) 219-5263 (this is not a toll-free number)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The information collection is required due to amendments to section 258 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 *et seq.*) (INA). The amendments created an Alaska exception to the general prohibition on the performance of longshore work by alien crewmembers in U.S. ports. Under the Alaska exception, before any employer may use alien crewmembers to perform longshore work in the State of Alaska, it must submit an attestation to ETA containing the elements prescribed by the INA.

The INA further requires that the Department make available for public examination in Washington, DC, a list of employers which have filed attestations, and for each such employer, a copy of the employer's attestation and accompanying documentation it has received.

II. Current Actions

In order for the Department to meet its statutory responsibilities under the INA there is a need for an extension of an existing collection of information pertaining to employers' seeking to use alien crewmembers to perform longshore activities at locations in the State of Alaska.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

Title: Attestations by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities at Locations in the State of Alaska.

OMB Number: 1205-0352.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Form: Form ETA 9033-A.

Total Respondents: 350.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Total Response: 350.

Average Burden Hours Per Response:

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Estimate Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,050.

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.

Signed at Washington DC this 15th day of May, 1998.

John R. Beverly, III,

Director, U.S. Employment Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: Labor Condition Applications and Requirements for Employers Using Nonimmigrants on H-1B Visas in Specialty Occupations and as Fashion Models

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

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 Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension to the collection of information on the Labor Condition Application for H-1B nonimmigrants. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSE** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the

ADDRESSE section below on or before July 20, 1998.

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

◀ Evaluate whether the proposed information collection 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 collections techniques or other forms of information, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Comments and questions regarding the collection of information on Form ETA 9035, Labor Condition Application for H-1B Nonimmigrants, should be directed to James Norris, Chief, Division of Foreign Labor Certifications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4456, Washington, D.C. 20210 ((202) 219-5263 (this is not a toll-free number)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA) requires that before any alien may be admitted or otherwise provided status as an H-1B nonimmigrant, the prospective employer must have filed with the Department a labor condition application stating that they will offer prevailing wages and working conditions, that there is not a strike or lockout in the course of a labor dispute in the occupational classification at the place of employment, and that they have provided notice of such filing to the bargaining representative or, if there is none, by posting notice of filing in conspicuous locations at the place of employment. Further, the employer must make certain documentation available for public examination. Complaints may be filed with the Department alleging a violation of the labor condition application process. If reasonable cause is found to believe a violation has been committed, the Department will conduct an investigation and, if appropriate, assess penalties. The INA places a limit of

65,000 per year on the number of aliens who can be admitted to the U.S. on H-1B visas and further limits these workers to a maximum of six years duration of stay under H-1B status.

The INA requires that the Department make available for public examination in Washington, DC, a list of employers which have filed labor condition applications.

II. Current Actions

In order for the Department to meet its statutory responsibilities under the INA there is a need for an extension of an existing collection of information pertaining to employers' seeking to use H-1B nonimmigrants in specialty occupations or as fashion models of distinguished merit and ability. There is an increase in burden due to a sustained increase in the number of labor condition applications filed by employers each year.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

Title: Labor Condition Applications and Requirements for Employers Using Nonimmigrants on H-1B Visas in Specialty Occupations and as Fashion Models.

OMB Number: 1205-0310.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, Local or Tribal government.

Form: Form ETA 9035.

Total Respondents: 250,000.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Total Responses: 250,050.

Average Burden Hours Per Response: 1.25.

Estimate Total Annual Burden Hours: 250,050.

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.

Signed at Washington D.C. this 15th day of May, 1998.

John R. Beverly III,

Director, U.S. Employment Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Escape and Evacuation Plan

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 extension of the information collection related to the Escape and Evacuation. 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 July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit 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:

Theresa M. O'Malley, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 719, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. O'Malley can be reached at tomalley@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Title 30, CFR § 57.11053 requires the development of an escape and evacuation plan specifically addressing the unique conditions of each underground metal and nonmetal mine. Section 57.11053 also requires that revisions be made as mining progresses. The plan must be available to the inspector and conspicuously posted for the benefit of affected miners. The plan is required to be reviewed jointly by the operator and MSHA once every 6 months.

II. Current Actions

An accurate, up-to-date plan is vital to the safety of the miners and rescue personnel in the event of an emergency. The plans are monitored by MSHA to ensure that plans are updated as mining progresses and that the escape routes are still effective.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: 30 CFR § 57.11053, *Escape and Evacuation Plans.*

OMB Number: 1219-0046.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR § 57.11053.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$233,280.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$2,430.

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.