

surveyed in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997. The data will enhance the understanding of the antecedents of youths critical employment decisions as well as provide profiles of School-To-Work programs in the surveyed high schools. Principals in approximately 8,000 high schools, including vocational education schools, will be asked to complete questionnaires.

**Ira L. Mills,**

*Department Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 6, 1999.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 219-5096 ext. 159 or

by E-mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or by E-mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* OSHA Data Collection System.

*OMB Number:* 1218-0209.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 81,825.

*Estimated Time Per respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 35,913.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The year 2000 OSHA Data Collection will request 1999 injury and illness data from 81,825 establishments throughout the Nation. The data are needed by OSHA to carry out intervention and enforcement activities to guarantee workers a safe and healthful workplace. The data will also be used for measurement purposes in compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1995 and multiple research purposes. The data collected are already maintained by employers as required by 29 CFR part 1904.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemen (UCX) Handbook.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0176.

*Agency Numbers:* ETA 841 and 843.

Form #	Affected public	Respondents	Frequency	Average time per response (min.)	Total hours
ETA 841 .....	State, Local or Tribal Government .....	66,126	One-time .....	1.5	1,653
ETA 843 .....	State, Local or Tribal Government .....	3,306	One-time .....	1	55

*Number of Respondents:* 66,126.

*Estimated Time Per respondent:* 1.5 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,708.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* Federal Law (5 U.S.C. 8521 et seq.) Provides unemployment insurance protection, to former members of the Armed Forces (ex-servicemen) and is referred to in abbreviated form as "UCX." The forms in Chapter V through VII of the UCX

Handbook are used in connection with the provisions of this benefit assistance.

**Ira L. Mills,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Hearing Conservation Plans

**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 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 and 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 Hearing Conservation Plans.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 11, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Diane B. Hill, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, 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 [dhill@msha.gov](mailto:dhill@msha.gov), along with an original printed copy. Ms. Hill can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice) or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting Diane B. Hill, 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. Hill can be reached at [dhill@msha.gov](mailto:dhill@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 206 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 authorize the recordkeeping and reporting requirements implemented under 30 CFR 70.510 and 71.805—Noise Standards.

Each operator of a coal mine who has received a notice of violation for noise levels in excess of the permissible standard, is required to submit to MSHA for approval, a continuing, effective hearing conservation plan. This plan must contain methods of reducing environmental noise levels; provisions for personal protective devices to be available to affected miners; and provisions for pre-employment and periodic audiograms.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

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.

**III. Current Actions**

MSHA seeks to continue the frequency of collection in order for the Agency to properly assess the effectiveness of the plan, and monitor the safety and health conditions in today's mining environment.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Hearing Conservation Plan.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0017.

*Affected Public:* Business or other.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Burden hours
70.510(b) (Plans) .....	11	Annually .....	11	6	66
	82	Annually .....	82	4	328
70.510(b)(iii) (audio tests) .....	11	Annually .....	55	1	55
	74	Biennially .....	185	1	185
71.805(b) (Plans) .....	12	Annually .....	12	6	72
	153	Annually .....	153	4	612
71.805(b)(iii) (audio tests) .....	12	Annually .....	60	1	60
	138	Biennially .....	345	1	345
Totals .....	235	.....	903	1.91	1,723

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$29,670.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of this information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 6, 1999.

**George M. Fesak,**

*Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

**[Docket No. NRTL-1-99]**

**Curtis-Straus LLC., Application for Recognition**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the application of Curtis-Straus LLC. for recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) under 29 CFR 1910.7, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of this application.

**DATES:** Comments submitted by interested parties must be received no later than February 11, 2000.

**ADDRESS:** Send comments concerning this notice to: Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N3653, Washington, DC 20210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, at the above address, or phone (202) 693-2110.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Notice of Application**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that Curtis-Straus LLC. (CSL) has applied for recognition as a Nationally