

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by April 20, 2006, in order to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, by telefax at (202) 395-6566 or via e-mail to [OIRA\\_Docket@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov). Also, please send a copy of your comments to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 202-SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to [jtrelease@osmre.gov](mailto:jtrelease@osmre.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information found at 30 CFR part 783, Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is listed in 30 CFR part 783, which is 1029-0038.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on these collections of information was published on October 31, 2005 (70 FR 62324). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment.

The following information is provided for the information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for

the collection of information. Where appropriate, OSM has revised burden estimates to reflect current reporting levels and adjustments based on reestimates of the burden or number of respondents.

**Title:** Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources, 30 CFR part 783.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029-0038.

**Summary:** Applicants for underground coal mining permits are required to provide adequate descriptions of the environmental resources that may be affected by proposed underground coal mining activities.

**Bureau Form Number:** None.

**Frequency of Collection:** Once at time of application submission.

**Description of Respondents:** Underground coal mining applicants, and State regulatory authorities.

**Total Annual Responses:** 64.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 28,856 hours.

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information, to the following address. Please refer to the appropriate OMB control number in all correspondence.

Dated: January 10, 2006.

**John R. Craynon,**

*Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of Justice Programs

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection; Comments Requested

**ACTION:** 60-day notice of information collection under review: National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS).

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is

published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until May 22, 2006. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Katrina Baum, (202) 307-5889, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function 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.

#### Overview of This Information

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* National Crime Victimization Survey.

3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the U.S. Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* NCVS-110, NCVS-554, NCVS-554(SP), NCVS-572(L), NCVS-573(L), NCVS-592(L), NCVS-593(L), NCVS-592(L) SP/KOR/CHIN(T), CHIN(M), VIET DOJ Component Sponsor is Office of Justice Programs.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Persons 12 years or older living in NCVS sampled households located throughout the United States. The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) collects,

analyzes, publishes, and disseminates statistics on the criminal victimization in the U.S.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* An estimate of the total number of respondents is 77,100. It will take the average interviewed respondent an estimated 23 minutes to respond, the average non-interviewed respondent an estimated 7 minutes to respond, the estimated average follow-up interview is 12 minutes, and the estimated average follow-up for a non-interview is 1 minute.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total respondent burden is approximately 62, 620 hours.

If additional information is required, contact Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: March 15, 2006.

**Robert B. Briggs,**

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the *Federal Register* at 70 FR 75228, and twenty-six (26) comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimated of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the

information to be collected; (d) ways to 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Comment:* On December 19, 2005, we published in the *Federal Register* (70 FR 75228) a 60-day notice of our intent to request renewal of this information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days ending February 17, 2006. Twenty-six (26) comments were received in response to the public notice. One comment came from B. Sachau of Florham Park, NJ, via e-mail on December 19, 2005. Ms. Sachau objected to the information collection but had no specific suggestions for altering the data collection plans other than to discontinue them entirely.

*Response:* NSF believes that because the comment does not pertain to the collection of information on the required forms for which NSF is seeking OMB approval, NSF is proceeding with the clearance request.

*Comment:* Public comments have been received by NSF from 23 persons in response to the announcement, as of the close-out date of February 17, 2006. These all were the same e-mail (distributed at the National Communication Association meeting) that proposed breaking apart the Commission fields and placing them in 3 separate categories on the SED Field

of Study List. In addition, SRS directly received 2 e-mails from individuals in the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication who opposed the National Communication Association proposal for the Field of Study listing.

*Response:* NSF has taken these suggestions (along with other suggestions received on the same topic) into consideration concerning the placement of the field of Communication on the Field of Study list for respondents to select their bachelor's, master's and doctorate degree field of study.

*Title of Collection:* Survey of Earned Doctorates.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0019.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

1. *Abstract:* The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to "provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government." The Survey of Earned Doctorates is part of an integrated survey system that meets the human resources part of this mission.

The Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) has been conducted continuously since 1958 and is jointly sponsored by six Federal agencies in order to avoid duplication. It is an accurate, timely source of information on our Nation's most precious resource—highly educated individuals. Data are obtained via paper questionnaire or Web option from each person earning a research doctorate at the time they receive the degree. Data are collected on their field of specialty, educational background, sources of support in graduate school, debt level, postgraduation plans for employment, and demographic characteristics. For the 2007 SED, minor changes to questions, based on focus group and cognitive testing will be incorporated into the questionnaire. Also for 2007, a field test of potential questions about salary after graduation will be conducted with less than 9 institutions. Based on the field test results, the intention is to add a salary question in 2008.

The Federal Government, universities, researchers, and others use the information extensively. The National Science Foundation, as the lead agency, publishes statistics from the survey in many reports, but primarily in the annual publication series, "Science and Engineering Doctorates". The National