

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review:
Comment Request**

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Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

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Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Grain Handling Facilities (29 CFR 1910.272).

OMB Number: 1218-0206.

Frequency: On occasion and Annually.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping and Third party disclosure.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions;

Federal Government; and State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 19,791.

Number of Annual Responses: 1,406,486.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 2 minutes to affix a tag on deenergized equipment to 3 hours to develop or modify procedures for tags and locks.

Total Burden Hours: 73,572.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The Grain Handling Facilities Standard (the Standard) (29 CFR 1910.272) specifies several paperwork requirements. The following sections describe what information is collected under each requirement, who uses the information, and how they use it.

Paragraph (d) of the standard requires the employer to develop and implement an emergency action plan so that employees will be aware of the appropriate actions to take in the event of an emergency.

Paragraph (e)(1) requires that employers provide training to employees at least annually and when changes in job assignment will expose them to new hazards.

Paragraph (f)(1) requires the employer to issue a permit for all hot work. Under paragraph (f)(2) the permit shall certify that the requirements contained in 1910.272(a) have been implemented prior to beginning the hot work operations and shall be kept on file until completion of the hot work operation.

Paragraph (g)(1)(i) requires the employer to issue a permit for entering bins, silos, or tanks unless the employer or the employer's representative is present during the entire operation. The permit shall certify that the precautions contained in paragraph (g) have been implemented prior to employees entering bins, silos or tanks and shall be kept on file until completion of the entry operations.

Paragraph (g)(4) requires the employer to implement procedures for the use of tags and locks which will prevent the inadvertent application of energy or motion to equipment being repaired, serviced, or adjusted.

Paragraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) require the employer to inform contractors performing work at the grain handling facility of known potential fire and explosion hazards related to the contractor's work area and to explain to the contractor the applicable provisions of the emergency action plan.

Paragraph (j)(1) requires the employer to develop and implement a written housekeeping program that establishes the frequency and method(s) determined best to reduce accumulations of fugitive grain dust on ledges, floors, equipment, and other exposed surfaces.

The purpose of the housekeeping program is to require employers to have a planned course of action for the control and reduction of dust in grain handling facilities reducing the fuel available in a grain facility. The housekeeping program must specify in writing the frequency that housekeeping will be performed and the dust control methods that the employer believes will best reduce dust accumulations in the facility.

Under paragraph (m)(1), the employer is required to implement preventive maintenance procedures consisting of regularly scheduled inspections of at least the mechanical and safety control equipment associated with dryers, grain stream processing equipment, dust collection equipment including filter collectors, and bucket elevators. Paragraph (m)(3) requires a certification be maintained of each inspection.

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- Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Refuse Piles and Impounding Structures, Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements.

OMB Number: 1219-0015.

Form Number: None.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping and reporting.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 770.

Cite/reference	Number of respondents	Frequency	Annual responses	Average time per response (hours)	Annual burden hours
77.215 New Refuse Piles Abandonment Plans	1	On occasion	1	16	16
77.216 New Impoundments Revisions	25	On occasion	25	8	200
Fire Extinguisher Plans	4	On occasion	4	1,300	5,200
Annual Certifications (existing)	6	On occasion	6	40	240
Inspections w/monitoring Instruments w/o monitoring Instruments	1	On occasion	.25	20	5
	39	Annual	39	3	78
	296	17x/yr.	5,032	2	15,096
	444	17x/yr.	7,548	2	15,096
Total			12,655		35,931

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): \$7,372,120.

Description: Title 30 CFR part 77, subpart C, sets forth regulations for surface installations. More specifically, 30 CFR 30.215 addresses refuse piles and 30 CFR 77.216 addresses impoundments. Impoundments are structures that are used to impound water, sediment, or slurry or any combination of materials; and refuse piles are deposits of coal mine waste

that are removed during mining operations or separated from mined coal and deposited on the surface. The failure of these structures can have a devastating affect on a community. To avoid or minimize such disasters, standards exist for the construction and maintenance of these structures, for annual certifications, for certification for hazardous refuse piles, for the frequency of inspections, and the methods of abandonment for impoundments and impounding structures.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Examinations & Testing of Electrical Equipment Including Exam, Testing, and Maintenance of High Voltage Longwalls.

OMB Number: 1219-0116.

Form Number: None.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping and reporting.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Cite/reference	Frequency	Total responses	Response time (hours)	Annual burden hours
18.53(h)	On Occasion	3	1.1	3
75.820(b) and (e)	Daily	17,500	0.83	1,453
78.821(d)	Weekly	2,500	1.5	3,750
75.512 and 75.703 3(d)(11)	Weekly	760,100	0.5	380,050
77.502	Monthly	271,272	1.25	339,090
75.800-3&4 and 77.800-1&2	Monthly	31,188	0.75	23,391
75.900-3&4	Monthly	65,760	1.5	98,640
77.900-1&2	Monthly	18,084	0.75	13,563
75.1001-1(b)&(c)	6 Months	1,836	1.5	2,754
75.351	Monthly	7,128	1.25	8,910
Total		1,175,371		871,604

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): \$0.

Description: The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Act) and 30

CFR parts 75 and 77, Mandatory standards for coal mines make the collection of information necessary.

It has long been known that inadequate maintenance of electric equipment is a major cause of serious electrical accidents in the coal mining

industry. It is imperative that mine operators adopt and follow an effective maintenance program to ensure that electric equipment is maintained in a safe operating condition if electrocutions, mine fires, and mine explosions are to be prevented. The

subject regulations require the mine operator to establish an electrical maintenance program by specifying minimum requirements for the examination, testing, and maintenance of electric equipment.

The respondents for the paperwork provisions of the subject regulations are coal mine operators. The records of tests and examinations are reviewed by coal miners, coal mine officials, and MSHA and State inspectors. The records are intended to indicate whether examinations and tests were conducted and give insight into the hazardous conditions that have been encountered and those that may be encountered. These records greatly assist those who use them in making decisions that will ultimately affect the safety and health of miners.

Miners examine the records to determine if electric equipment is safe to operate and to determine if reported safety defects have been corrected. Mine officials examine the records to evaluate the effectiveness of their electrical maintenance programs, to determine that the required tests and examinations have been conducted, and to determine if reported safety defects have been corrected. MSHA and State inspectors review the records to determine if the required tests and examinations have been conducted and to identify units of electric equipment that may pose a potential safety hazard, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the coal mine operator's electrical maintenance programs. By comparing the records

with the actual condition of electric equipment, MSHA inspectors may, in some cases, be able to identify weaknesses in the coal mine operator's electrical maintenance programs and require that these weaknesses be corrected.

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Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.

OMB Number: 1220-0050.

Frequency: Quarterly and weekly.

Type of Response: Reporting and recordkeeping.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Collection of Information	Total respondents	Annual responses	Average response time (hours)	Annual burden hours
Quarterly Interview Survey:				
Interview	10,157	40,628	1.17	47,400
Re-interview	3,283	3,283	0.25	821
Incentives test questions	6,500	6,500	0.01	55
Diary Survey (CE-801):				
Interview	7,530	22,590	0.42	9,413
Re-interview	954	954	0.25	239
Weekly Diary (Recordkeeping)	7,530	15,060	1.75	26,355
Total	*17,687	**82,515		84,283

*Re-interview and incentive test question respondents are a subset of the original number of respondents for each survey. Also, for the Diary, the "Record of Your Daily Expenses" respondents are the same as the "Household Questionnaire" respondents. Therefore, they are not counted again in the total number of respondents.

**The incentive test questions are part of the "Quarterly Interview Survey" for the test group; therefore, they are not counted in the total number of annual responses.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): \$0.

Description: The Consumer Expenditure Surveys are used to gather information on expenditures, income,

and other related subjects. These data are used to periodically update the national Consumer Price Index. In addition the data are used by a variety of researchers in academia, government agencies, and the private sector. The data are collected from a national probability sample of households

designed to represent the total civilian non-institutional population.

This information collection request includes the BLS' plans to conduct a one year incentives experiment for the Quarterly Interview Survey from November 2005 through October 2006.