DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–59,035]

Newstech PA, LP; Northampton, Pennsylvania; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on March 15, 2006 in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers of Newtech PA, LP, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC this 17th day of March 2006.

Linda G. Poole,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[ETA Handbook No. 391]

Proposed Collection; Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) Program Forms Comment Request

ACTION: Notice, requests for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a pre-clearance 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)(4)(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, Office of Workforce Security is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the collection for the ETA Handbook No. 391. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice or by accessing: http://www.doleta.gov/Performance/guidance/OMBControlNumber.cfm.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section below on or before June 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Quinn Watt, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Room S–4231, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, Phone: (202) 693–3483 (This is not a toll-free number), Fax: (202) 693–3975, e-mail: Watt.Quinn@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Chapter 5 U.S.C. 8506 states that “Each agency of the United States and each wholly or partially owned instrumentality of the United States shall make available to State agencies which have agreements, or the Secretary of Labor, as the case may be, such information concerning the Federal service and Federal wages of a Federal employee as the Secretary considers practicable and necessary for the determination of the entitlement of the Federal employee to compensation under this subchapter.” The information shall include the findings of the employing agency concerning—

1. Whether or not the Federal employee has performed Federal service;
2. The periods of Federal Service;
3. The amount of Federal wages; and
4. The reason(s) for termination of Federal service.

The law (5 U.S.C. 8501, et seq.) requires State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) to administer the UCFE (Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees) program in accordance with the same terms and provisions of the paying state’s unemployment insurance law which apply to unemployed claimants who worked in the private sector. SWAs must be able to obtain certain information (wage, separation data) about each claimant filing claims for UCFE benefits to enable them to determine his/her eligibility for benefits. The Department of Labor has prescribed forms to enable SWAs to obtain this necessary information from the individual’s Federal employing agency. Each of these forms is essential to the UCFE claims process and the frequency of use varies depending upon the circumstances involved. The UCFE forms are: ETA–931, ETA–931A, ETA–932, ETA–934, ETA–935, ETA–936, ETA–939, and ETA 8–32.
II. Review Focus

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.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Regular.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: ETA Handbook No. 391 (Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees).

OMB Number: 1205–0179.

Agency Form Number: ETA Handbook No. 391.

Recordkeeping: 3 years.

Affected Public: State Government.

Total Respondents: 53.

Average Time per Response: Varies with each form.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 208.00 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): There are no capital startup burden costs.

Total Burden Cost (operating/ maintaining): $0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: March 10, 2006.

Cheryl Atkinson,
Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Addendum to 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, Public Law 104–13. This is the third notice for public comment; the first was published in the Federal Register at 70 FR 75227; the second was published at 71 FR noting one comment was received. This notice is to acknowledge a second comment received on February 16, 2006. 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 estimate 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.

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 it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comment: On February 16, NSF received a comment from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) requesting consideration of several additional items to add to both the academic and the FFRC survey forms. These items were as follows: R&D expenditures that are not separately budgeted by academic institutions, foreign sources of R&D funding as well as the expenditure amounts that are passed through to foreign performers, receipts universities receive from the sale of R&D, Federal funding of R&D divided into the categories suggested by the Frascati Manual (Section 6.3.2, item 397), separate reporting for research software purchases, and R&D expenditures used to create software.

Response: NSF recognizes the importance of these additional items to BEA and other stakeholders. Although NSF does not plan to add these items to the survey forms for the 2006 fiscal year, many of these are critical new indicators of R&D in the 21st century and deserve further investigation when planning the survey’s future. Therefore, each of these items will be included for consideration in survey workshops with institutional respondents, in order to determine the best ways of obtaining these data with minimal respondent burden.


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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. The title of the information collection: DOE/NRC Form 742,