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Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection related to the 30 CFR 57.22204, Main Fan Operation.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 13, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, John Rowlett, Director, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2134, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to [Rowlett.John@dol.gov](mailto:Rowlett.John@dol.gov). Mr. Rowlett can be reached at (202) 693-9827 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Title 30, CFR 57.22204, which is applicable only to specific underground mines that are categorized as gassy requires main fans to have pressure-recording systems. Main fans are to be inspected daily while operating if persons are underground, and certification of the inspection is to be made by signature and date. When accumulations of explosive gases such as methane are not swept from the mine by the main fans, they may reasonably be expected to contact an ignition source. The results are usually disastrous and multiple fatalities may be expected to occur. The standard contains significantly more stringent requirements for main fans in "gassy" mines than for main fans in other mines.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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 in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, or viewed on the internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov/>) and selecting "Rules & Regs", and then selecting "FedReg. Docs". On the next screen, select "Paperwork Reduction Act Supporting Statement" to view documents supporting the **Federal Register** Notice.

**III. Current Actions**

Information collected through the pressure recordings is used by the mine operator and MSHA for maintaining a constant vigil on mine ventilation, and to ensure that unsafe conditions are identified early and corrected. Technical consultants may occasionally review the information when solving problems.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Main Fan Operation and Inspection.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0030.

*Recordkeeping:* § 57.22204 requires that main fans are to be inspected daily while operating if persons are underground, and certification of the inspection is to be made by signature and date. Certifications and pressure recordings are to be kept for one year and made available to authorized representatives of the Secretary.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Respondents:* 6.

*Total Responses:* 3,960.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,980 hours.

*Total Burden Cost:* \$1,200.

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.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 7th day of August 2009.

**John Rowlett,**

*Director, Management Services Division.*

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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 Plans**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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)(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 extension of the information collection related to the 30 CFR Section 77.1101; Escape and Evacuation Plans.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 13, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, John Rowlett, Director, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2134, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to [Rowlett.John@dol.gov](mailto:Rowlett.John@dol.gov). Mr. Rowlett can be reached at (202) 693-9827 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 77.1101(a) requires operators of surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines to establish and keep current a specific escape and evacuation plan to be followed in the event of a fire.

Section 77.1101(b) requires that all employees be instructed in current escape and evacuation plans, fire alarm signals, and applicable procedures to be followed in case of fire. The training and record keeping requirements associated with this standard are

addressed under OMB No. 1219-0070 (Certificate of Training, MSHA Form 5000-23).

Section 77.1101(c) requires escape and evacuation plans to include the designation and proper maintenance of an adequate means for exiting areas where persons are required to work or travel including buildings, equipment, and areas where persons normally congregate during the work shift.

While escape and evacuation plans are not subject to approval by MSHA district managers, MSHA inspectors evaluate the adequacy of the plans during their inspections of surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines.

## II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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 in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice, or viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov/>) and selecting "Rules & Regs", and then selecting "FedReg. Docs". On the next screen, select "Paperwork Reduction Act Supporting Statement" to view documents supporting the **Federal Register** Notice.

## III. Current Actions

MSHA proposes to continue the information collection requirement related to escape and evacuation plans for surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines for an additional 3 years. MSHA believes that eliminating these requirements would expose miners to unnecessary risk of

injury or death should a fire occur at or near their work location.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Escape and Evacuation Plans.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0051.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Respondents:* 351.

*Responses:* 351.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,695 hours.

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

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.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 7th day of August 2009.

**John Rowlett,**

*Director, Management Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request

**ACTION:** Notice. Proposed information collection request submitted for public comment and recommendations; Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas (pertains to slope and shaft sinking operation at coal mines).

**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)(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 extension of the information collection related to the 30 CFR sections 77.1901—Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 13, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, John Rowlett, Director, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2134, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via e-mail to [Rowlett.John@dol.gov](mailto:Rowlett.John@dol.gov). Mr. Rowlett can be reached at (202) 693-9827 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

§ 77.1901 requires operators to conduct examinations of slope and shaft areas for hazardous conditions, including tests for methane and oxygen deficiency, within 90 minutes before each shift, once during each shift, and before and after blasting. The surface area surrounding each slope and shaft is also required to be inspected for hazards.

§ 77.1901 also requires that records be kept of the results of the inspections. The record includes a description of any hazardous condition found and the corrective action taken to abate it. These records are necessary to ensure that the inspections and tests are conducted in a timely fashion and that corrective action is taken when hazardous conditions are identified, thereby ensuring a safe working environment for the slope and shaft sinking employees. The record is maintained at the mine site for the duration of the operation.

##### II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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;
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