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- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
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*Agency:* DOL–MSHA.

*Title of Collection:* Sealing of Abandoned Areas Standard.

*OMB Control Number:* 1219–0142.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 242.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 15,800.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 3,525 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$1,068,083.

Dated: October 23, 2017.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Request for Assistance From the Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration**

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, “Request for Assistance from the Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before November 29, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation;

including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201708-1210-002](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201708-1210-002) (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129, TTY 202–693–8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL–EBSA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202–395–5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor—OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129, TTY 202–693–8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Request for Assistance from Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration information collection. The EBSA assists employee benefit plan participants in understanding their rights, responsibilities, and benefits under employee benefit law and intervenes informally on behalf of beneficiaries with plan sponsors in order to assist participants in obtaining the health and retirement benefits that may have been inappropriately denied. Such informal intervention can avert the necessity for a formal investigation or a civil action. The EBSA maintains a toll-free telephone number through which inquirers can reach Benefits Advisors in ten Regional Offices. The EBSA has also made a request for assistance form available on its Web site for those wishing to obtain assistance in this manner. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) sections 504 and 513 authorize this information collection. *See* 29 U.S.C. 1134, 1143.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally

cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1210–0146.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2017. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 2017 (82 FR 23303).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1210–0146. The OMB 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 submission of responses.

*Agency:* DOL–EBSA.

*Title of Collection:* Request for Assistance from the Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

*OMB Control Number:* 1210-0146.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7,618.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 7,618.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 3,809 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

Dated: October 23, 2017.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

#### Proposed Collection of Information; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor.

**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. 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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Application For Self-Insurance Under The Black Lung Benefits Act, 1240-ONEW (CM-2017; CM-2017a; CM-2017b). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by the office listed in the addresses section below by December 29, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by mail, delivery service, or by hand to Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-3323, Washington, DC 20210; by fax to (202) 354-9647; or by Email to [ferguson.yoon@dol.gov](mailto:ferguson.yoon@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail/delivery, fax, or Email). Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be considered.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*I. Background:* The Department of Labor is requesting an approval of a new information collection. This information collection is essential to the mission of OWCP's Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, which administers the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), 30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.* The statute grants the Department authority to authorize and regulate coal mine operators who wish to self-insure their BLBA liabilities. 30 U.S.C. 933. This information collection would provide OWCP with sufficient information to determine whether a coal mine operator should be (or continue to be) authorized to self-insure. The information would also allow OWCP to determine the security amount a coal mine operator must deposit to guarantee that it will be able to meet its BLBA liabilities.

*II. Review Focus:* The Department is particularly interested in comments that will help it to:

- \* 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:* The Department seeks the approval of this new information collection to carry out its responsibility to administer the BLBA.

*Agency:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*Type of Review:* New Collection (Request for New OMB Control Number).

*Title:* Application For Self-Insurance Under the Black Lung Benefits Act, 1240-ONEW (CM-2017; CM-2017a; CM-2017b).

*OMB Number:* 1240-ONEW.

*Agency Number:* CM-2017; CM-2017a; CM-2017b.

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

*Total Respondents:* 53.

*Total Annual Responses:* 318.

*Average Time per Response:* 20 minutes-2 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 283.

*Frequency:* Annually and quarterly.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$137.47.

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: October 24, 2017.

**Yoon Ferguson,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 17-079]

### NASA Advisory Council; Aeronautics Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Aeronautics Committee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). The meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting, from the aeronautics community and other persons, research and technical information relevant to program planning. This Committee reports to the NAC.

**DATES:** Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 12:30-5:15 p.m.; and Thursday, November 16, 2017, 8:00-11:30 a.m., Local Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The AERO Institute, 38256 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Irma Rodriguez, Designated Federal Officer, NAC Aeronautics Committee, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-0984, or [irma.c.rodriguez@nasa.gov](mailto:irma.c.rodriguez@nasa.gov).