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Individuals who need special accommodations should contact the Executive Secretary no later than Monday, April 19, 2021, via email to donahue.christine@dol.gov or by telephoning (202) 693-8641.

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Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of March, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Training Plans and Records of Training, for Underground Miners and Miners Working at Surface Mines and Surface Areas of Underground Mines

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Mining Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval 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 April 16, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the

information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anthony May by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended (Mine Act), 30 U.S.C. 813(h), authorizes MSHA to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Further, section 101(a) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 811, authorizes the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to develop, promulgate, and revise as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal or other mines. The Mine Act recognizes that education and training is an important element of efforts to make the nation's mines safe. Section 115(a) of the Mine Act states that "each operator of a coal or other mine shall have a health and safety training program which shall be approved by the Secretary."

Title 30 CFR 48.3 and 48.23 require training plans for underground and surface mines, respectively. These standards are intended to ensure that miners will be effectively trained in matters affecting their health and safety, with the ultimate goal of reducing the occurrence of injury and illness in the nation's mines. Training plans are required to be submitted for approval to the MSHA District Manager for the area in which the mine is located. Plans must contain the following: (1) Company name; (2) mine name; (3) MSHA identification number of the mine; (4) the name and position of the person designated by the operator who is responsible for health and safety training at the mine; (5) a list of MSHA-approved instructors with whom the operator proposes to make arrangements to teach the courses and the courses each instructor is qualified to teach; (6) the location where training will be given for each course; (7) a description of the teaching methods and the course materials which are to be used in training; (8) the approximate number of miners employed at the mine and the

maximum number who will attend each session of training; (9) the predicted time or periods of time when regularly scheduled refresher training will be given including the titles of courses to be taught; (10) the total number of instruction hours for each course; and (11) the predicted time and length of each session of training for new task training including a complete list of task assignments, the titles of personnel conducting the training, the outline of training procedures used, and the evaluation procedures used to determine the effectiveness of the training.

Title 30 CFR 48.9 and 48.29 require records of training for underground and surface mines, respectively. Upon completion of each training program, the mine operator certifies on a form approved by the Secretary, MSHA Form 5000-23, Certificate of Training, that the miner has received the specified training in each subject area of the approved health and safety training plan. The Certificate of Training forms are to be maintained by the operator for a period of 2 years for current employees and for 60 days after termination of a miner's employment, and must be available for inspection at the mine site. In addition, the miner is entitled to a copy of the certificate upon completion of the training and when the miner leaves the operator's employment. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 2020 (85 FR 68600).

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 the OMB approves it 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 OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL-MSHA.

Title of Collection: Training Plans and Records of Training, for Underground Miners and Miners Working at Surface

Mines and Surface Areas of Underground Mines.

OMB Control Number: 1219-0009.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,828.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 143,145.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 14,773 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$468,122.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Wage and Hour Division

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Information Collections Pertaining to Special Employment Under the Fair Labor Standards Act

AGENCY: Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (the Department) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension of the information collection request (ICR) titled “Information Collections Pertaining to Special Employment Under the Fair Labor Standards Act.” This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The Department proposes to extend the approval of this existing information collection without change. 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. A copy of the proposed information request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before May 17, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Control Number 1235-

0001, by either one of the following methods: *Email:* WHDPRAComments@dol.gov; *Mail, Hand Delivery, Courier:* Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Waterman, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of this notice may be obtained in alternative formats (Large Print, Braille, Audio Tape, or Disc), upon request, by calling (202) 693-0023 (not a toll-free number). TTY/TTD callers may dial toll-free (877) 889-5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the Department of Labor administers the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. 201, *et seq.*, which sets the federal minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and youth employment standards of most general application. See 29 U.S.C. 206, 207, 211, 212. FLSA section 14(c) provides that the Secretary of Labor, “to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of opportunities for employment, shall by regulation or order provide for the employment, under special certificates, of individuals” whose productivity for the work performed is limited by disability at subminimum wages commensurate with the individual’s productivity. 29 U.S.C. 214(c). In accordance with section 14(c), the WHD regulates the employment of individuals with disabilities under special certificates and governs the application and approval process for obtaining the

certificates. See 29 CFR part 525. The information collections on the forms (Form WH-226, the Application for Authority to Employ Workers with Disabilities at Special Minimum Wages, and WH-226A, the Supplemental Data Sheet for Application for Authority to Employ Workers with Disabilities at Special Minimum Wages) assists the Department in fulfilling its statutory directive to administer and enforce the section 14(c) program, including the conditions introduced to section 14(c) certificate holders pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which was signed into law on July 22, 2014.

In addition, section 11(d) of the FLSA authorizes the Secretary of Labor to regulate, restrict, or prohibit industrial homework as necessary to prevent circumvention or evasion of the minimum wage requirements of the Act. 29 U.S.C. 211(d). Pursuant to section 11(d), WHD issues special certificates governing the employment of individual homeworkers and employers of homeworkers. The Department restricts homework in seven industries (*i.e.*, knitted outerwear, women’s apparel, jewelry manufacturing, gloves and mittens, button and buckle manufacturing, handkerchief manufacturing, and embroideries) to those employers who obtain certificates. See 29 CFR 530.1, 530.2. The Department may issue individual certificates in those industries for an individual homemaker (1) who is unable to adjust to factory work because of a disability or who must remain at home to care for a person with a disability in the home, and (2) who has been engaged in industrial homework in the particular industry prior to certain specified dates as set forth in the regulations or is engaged in industrial homework under the supervision of a State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency. See 29 CFR 530.3, 530.4. The Department also allows employers to obtain general (employer) certificates to employ homeworkers in all restricted industries, except women’s apparel and hazardous jewelry manufacturing operations. See 29 CFR 530.101. Form WH-2, the Application for Special Industrial Homemaker’s Certificate, and Form WH-46, the Application for Certificate to Employ Homeworkers, are used in the application process for obtaining these certificates, and Form WH-75, Homemaker Handbook, is used to assist with recordkeeping.

The FLSA also requires that the Secretary of Labor, to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of employment opportunities, provide certificates authorizing the employment