

their outstanding advances before November 10, 2024, and as a result, employers in this state are not subject to a FUTA credit reduction for 2024. California and New York did not repay their outstanding advances before November 10, 2024, and had outstanding advances on January 1 for four consecutive years. Therefore, employers in California and New York are subject to a FUTA credit reduction of 0.9 percent for 2024.

USVI has had outstanding advances on January 1 for 15 consecutive years. As a result, employers in USVI were potentially liable for the additional credit reduction under section 3302(c)(2)(C) of FUTA. The jurisdiction applied for the waiver of this additional credit reduction and the Employment and Training Administration determined that USVI met each of the criteria necessary to qualify for the waiver of the additional credit reduction. Therefore, employers in USVI will have no additional credit reduction applied for calendar year 2024. However, because USVI has had an outstanding advance on each January 1 from 2010 through 2024, and maintained an outstanding balance on November 10, 2024, employers in USVI are subject to a FUTA credit reduction of 4.2 percent in 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Notification of Methane Detected in Underground Metal and Nonmetal Mine Atmospheres

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Mine 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 the agency receives on or before January 9, 2025.

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title 30 CFR 57.22004(c) requires operators of underground M/NM mines to notify the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) as soon as possible if any of the following events occur: (a) there is an outburst that results in 0.25 percent or more methane in the mine atmosphere, (b) there is a blowout that results in 0.25 percent or more methane in the mine atmosphere, (c) there is an ignition of methane, or (d) air sample results indicate 0.25 percent or more methane in the mine atmosphere of a I-B, I-C, II-B, V-B, or Category VI mine. Under §§ 57.22239 and 57.22231, if methane reaches 2.0 percent in a Category IV mine or if methane reaches 0.25 percent in the mine atmosphere of a Subcategory I-B, II-B, V-B, or VI mine, MSHA shall be notified immediately. Although the standards do not specify how MSHA is to be notified, MSHA anticipates that the notifications would be made by telephone.

Title 30 CFR 57.22229 and 57.22230 require that the mine atmosphere be tested for methane and/or carbon dioxide at least once every seven days by a competent person or atmospheric monitoring system or a combination of both. Section 57.2229 applies to underground M/NM mines categorized as I-A, III, and V-A mines where the atmosphere is tested for both methane and carbon dioxide. Section 57.22230 applies to underground M/NM mines categorized as II-A mines where the atmosphere is tested for methane. Where examinations disclose hazardous conditions, affected miners must be informed. Title 30 CFR 57.22229(d) and 57.22230(c) require that the person performing the tests certify by signature and date that the tests have been conducted. Certifications of examinations shall be kept for at least one year and made available to authorized representatives of the Secretary of Labor. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 15, 2024 (89 FR 66454).

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) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) 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.

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.

Agency: DOL-MSHA.

Title of Collection: Notification of Methane Detected in Underground Metal and Nonmetal Mine Atmospheres.

OMB Control Number: 1219-0103.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 4.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Responses: 213.

Annual Burden Hours: 18 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Diesel- Powered Equipment in Underground Coal Mines

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Mine 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