

used for tags, including the means of attaching them, must withstand the environmental conditions encountered in the workplace; tag evoke a false sense of security, and employees must understand that tags are only part of the overall energy-control program; and they must attach tags securely to energy-isolating devices to prevent removal of the tags during use.

Paragraph (c)(7)(iii) states that employers must retrain authorized and affected employees when a change occurs in: Their job assignments, the machines, equipment, or processes such that a new hazard is present; and the energy-control procedures. Employers also must provide retaining when they have reason to believe, or periodic inspection required under paragraph (c)(6) indicates, that deviations and inadequacies exist in an employee's knowledge or use of energy-control procedures. The retraining must reestablish employee proficiency and, if necessary, introduce new or revised energy-control procedures.

Under paragraph (c)(7)(iv), employers are to certify that employees completed the required training, and that this training is up-to-date. The certification is to contain each employee's name and the training date.

Training employees to recognize hazardous-energy sources and to understand the purpose and function of the energy-control procedures, and providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary to implement safe application, use, and removal of energy controls, enables them to prevent serious accidents by using appropriate control procedures in a safe manner to isolate these hazards. In addition, written certification of the training assures the employer that employees receive the training specified by the Standard, at the required frequencies.

Notification of Employees (paragraph (c)(9)). This provision requires the employer to notify affected employees prior to applying, and after removing, a lockout or tagout device from a machine or equipment. Such notification informs employees of the impending interruption of the normal production operation, and serves as a reminder of the restrictions imposed on them by the energy-control program. In addition, this requirement ensures that employees do not attempt to reactivate a machine or piece of equipment after an authorized employee isolates its energy source and renders it inoperative. Notifying employees after removing an energy-control device alerts them that the machines and equipment are no

longer safe for servicing, maintenance, and repair.¹

Outside Personnel (Contractors, etc.) (paragraph (f)(2)(i)). When the onsite employer uses an offsite employer (e.g., a contractor) to perform the activities covered by the scope and application of the Standard, the two employers must inform each other regarding their respective lockout or tagout procedures. This provision ensures that onsite employers know about the unique energy-control procedures used by an offsite employer; this knowledge prevents any misunderstanding regarding the implementation of lockout or tagout procedures, including the use of lockout or tagout devices for a particular application.

Disclosure of Inspection and Training Certification Records (paragraphs (c)(6)(ii) and (c)(7)). The inspection records provide employers with assurance that employees can safely and effectively service, maintain, and repair machines and equipment covered by the Standard. These records also provide the most efficient means for an OSHA compliance officer to determine that an employer is complying with the Standard, and that the machines and equipment are safe for servicing, maintenance, and repair. The training records provide the most efficient means for an OSHA compliance officer to determine whether an employer has performed the required training at the necessary and appropriate frequencies.

III. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information-collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions to protect workers, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information-collection and transmission techniques.

IV. Proposed Actions

OSHA is proposing to extend the information collection requirements in the Control of Hazardous Energy

¹ Paragraph (e)(2) requires similar notification; because of this similarity, the Agency is taking no burden hours or cost for this provision.

(Lockout/Tagout) Standard (29 CFR 1910.147). The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Standard * * *

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved information-collection requirement.

Title: The Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout) (29 CFR 1910.147).

OMB Number: 1218-0150.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal government; Federal government.

Number of Respondents: 818,532.

Frequency of Recordkeeping: Initially; annually, on occasion.

Average Time per Response: Varies from 15 seconds (.004 hour) for an employer or authorized employee to notify affected employees prior to applying, and after removing, a lockout/tagout device from a machine or equipment to 80 hours for certain employers to develop energy-control procedures.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 3,421,527.

V. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506), and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed in Washington, DC on March 5, 2004.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

March 1, 2004.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, March 11, 2004.

PLACE: Hearing Room, 9th Floor, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will consider and act upon the following in open session:

Secretary of Labor v. Rag Cumberland Resources LP, Docket Nos. PENN 2000-

181-R et al. (Issues include whether the judge correctly determined that the operator violated 30 CFR §§ 75.334(b) and 75.363(a).)

The Commission heard oral argument in this matter on February 26, 2004.

Any person attending this oral argument who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR § 2706.150(a)(3) and § 2706.160(d).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Ellen, (202) 434-9950/(202) 708-9300 for TDD Relay / 1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

Jean H. Ellen,

Chief Docket Clerk.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency has submitted to OMB for approval the information collection described in this notice. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to OMB at the address below on or before April 12, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be electronically mailed to: *Jonathan_P_womer@omb.eop.gov* or faxed to 202-395-5806, Attn: Mr. Jonathan Womer, Desk Officer for NARA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-837-1694 or fax number 301-837-3213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. NARA published a notice of proposed collection for this information collection on December 29, 2003 (68 FR 74985-

74986). No comments were received. NARA has submitted the described information collection to OMB for approval.

In response to this notice, comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Microfilm Publication Order Form.

OMB number: 3095-0046.

Agency form number: NATF Form 36.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Business or for-profit, nonprofit organizations and institutions, Federal, State and local government agencies, and individuals or households.

Estimated number of respondents: 5,200.

Estimated time per response: 10 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 867 hours.

Abstract: The information collection is prescribed by 36 CFR 1254.72. The collection is prepared by researchers who cannot visit the appropriate NARA research room or who request copies of records as a result of visiting a research room. NARA offers limited provisions to obtain copies of records by mail and requires requests to be made on prescribed forms for certain bodies of records. The National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) Form 36 (11/03), Microfilm Publication Order Form, is used by customers/researchers for ordering a roll, rolls, or a microfiche of a microfilm publication.

Dated: May 4, 2004.

L. Reynolds Cahoon,

Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to request extension of a currently approved information collection used by customers/researchers for ordering reproductions of NARA's motion picture, audio, and video holdings that are housed in the Washington, DC area of the National Archives and Records Administration. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 10, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 4400, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-837-3213; or electronically mailed to *tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-837-1694, or fax number 301-837-3213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments