

reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 27th day of October, 2004.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-55,782]

Kurdziel Industries, Inc. Sparta, MI; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on October 13, 2004 in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Kurdziel Industries, Inc., Sparta, Michigan.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 20th day of October, 2004.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-55,785]

Polysort, LLC, Akron, OH; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on October 13, 2004 in response to a worker petition which was filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Polysort, LLC, Akron, Ohio.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 19th day of October, 2004.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment And Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Disaster Unemployment Assistance Handbook and Operating Forms

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance 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 Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Handbook and Program Operating forms, including the ETA 90-2, Disaster Payment Activities under the Stafford Disaster Relief Act. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Miriam Thompson, Office of Workforce Security, Division of Unemployment Insurance Operations, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S4231, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: 202-693-3226 (this is not a toll-free number) or thompson.miriam@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Public Law 100-707 (Sections 410 and 423) provides for benefit assistance to "any individual unemployed as a result of a major disaster." The President is directed by the Act to provide DUA through agreements with states that in his judgment have an

adequate system for administering DUA. Through agreements between the states and the Secretary of Labor, act as agents of the Secretary for the purpose of providing assistance to applicants in the various states who are unemployed as a result of a major disaster. Without the data obtained from these reports, ETA would have insufficient information about the program as it is administered by the states.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension for the collection of the DUA Handbook and Program Operating forms. Comments are requested 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed above in the addressee section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Handbook and Program Operating Forms, Including the ETA 90-2, Disaster Payment Activities under the Stafford Disaster Relief Act.

OMB Number: 1205-0051.

Agency Number(s): DUA Handbook and Program Operating Forms, including the ETA 90-2.

Affected Public: Individuals, State Governments.

Cite/Reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden hours
ETA 90-2	50	6	300	1/6	50
Initial Application	11,000®	1	11,000	1/6	1,833
Supplemental to Initial Application (self-empl.)	3,800®	1	3,800	1/6	633
Weekly Claim	11,000®	*6	66,000	1/12	5,500
Notice of Overpayment	235	1	235	1/4	59
Cost/Expense Report	50	**	75	1/4	19
Final Report	50	1	50	1	50
Miscellaneous Recordkeeping	50	n/a	81,335	1/40	2,033
Totals	26,235	162,795	10,177

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.00.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$ 0.00.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget's approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Cheryl Atkinson,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of "The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section below on or before January 4, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See ADDRESSES section.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Consumer Expenditure (CE) Surveys collect data on consumer expenditures, demographic information, and related data needed by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other public and private data users. The continuing surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditure patterns for economic analysis and to obtain data for future CPI revisions. The CE Surveys have been ongoing since 1979.

The data from the CE Surveys are used (1) for CPI revisions, (2) to provide a continuous flow of data on income and expenditure patterns for use in economic analysis and policy formulation, and (3) to provide a flexible consumer survey vehicle that is available for use by other Federal Government agencies. Public and private users of price statistics, including Congress and the economic policymaking agencies of the Executive branch, rely on data collected in the CPI in their day-to-day activities. Hence, data users and policymakers widely accept the need to improve the process used for revising the CPI. If the CE Surveys were not conducted on a continuing basis, current information necessary for more timely, as well as more accurate, updating of the CPI would not be available. In addition, data would not be available to respond to the continuing demand from the public and

private sectors for current information on consumer spending.

In the Quarterly Interview Survey, each consumer unit (CU) in the sample is interviewed every three months over five calendar quarters. The sample for each quarter is divided into three panels, with CUs being interviewed every three months in the same panel of every quarter. The Quarterly Interview Survey is designed to collect data on the types of expenditures that respondents can be expected to recall for a period of three months or longer. In general the expenses reported in the Interview Survey are either relatively large, such as property, automobiles, or major appliances, or are expenses which occur on a fairly regular basis, such as rent, utility bills, or insurance premiums.

The Diary (or recordkeeping) Survey is completed at home by the respondent family for two consecutive one-week periods. The primary objective of the Diary Survey is to obtain expenditure data on small, frequently purchased items which normally are difficult to recall over longer periods of time.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.