

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Mine Safety and Health Administration****Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Underground Retorts**

**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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection related to the 30 CFR 57.22401; Underground Retorts.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 23, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, John Rowlett, Director, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2134, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to [Rowlett.John@dol.gov](mailto:Rowlett.John@dol.gov), along with an original printed copy. Mr. Rowlett can be reached at (202) 693-9827 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

This regulation pertains to the safety requirements to be followed by the mine operators in the use of underground retorts to extract oil from shale by heat or fire. Prior to ignition of retorts, the mine operator must submit a written plan indicating the acceptable levels of combustible gases and oxygen; specifications and location of off-gas monitoring procedures and equipment; procedures for ignition of retorts and details of area monitoring and alarm

systems for hazardous gases and actions to be taken to assure safety of miners.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

MSHA 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, or viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and then choosing "Statutory and Regulatory Information" and "Federal Register Documents."

**III. Current Actions**

This request for information contains provisions whereby mine operators can maintain compliance with the regulations and assure the safety of miners where underground retorts are used.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Underground Retorts.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0096.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

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

*Respondents:* 1.

*Total Burden Hours:* 160 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.

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 at Arlington, Virginia, this 14th day of March, 2006.

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*Director of Administration and Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

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**Sara Lee Branded Apparel Division Office, Including Employees, Winston-Salem, NC, Located in Bristol, Norwalk, Madison, and New Canaan, CT; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273), and Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor issued a Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and a Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance on September 28, 2005, applicable to workers of Sara Lee Branded Apparel, Division Office, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 31, 2005 (70 FR 62347).

At the request of a company official and the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information shows that worker separations occurred involving four employees of the Division Office, Winston-Salem, North Carolina facility of the Sara Lee Branded Apparel located in Bristol, Connecticut, Norwalk, Connecticut, Madison, Connecticut and New Canaan, Connecticut. Ms. Sharon Allen, Ms. Susan McIntyre, Mr. Michael Hoban and Ms. Vivian Scanlon provided a variety of support function services for the activities related to the production of underwear (shorts and T-shirts) produced by the subject company.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include employees of the Division Office, Winston-Salem, North Carolina facility of the Sara Lee Branded Apparel located in Bristol, Connecticut, Norwalk, Connecticut Madison,