

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Drug Enforcement Administration****Importer of Controlled Substances;
Notice of Registration**

By Notice dated March 14, 1997, and published in the **Federal Register** on March 28, 1997, (62 FR 14947), Stepan Company, Natural Products Department, 100 W. Hunter Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey 07607, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration to be registered as an importer of coca leaves (9040), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

No comment or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Stepan Company to import coca leaves is consistent with the public interest and with United States obligations under international treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on May 1, 1971, at this time. Therefore, pursuant to Section 1008(a) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act and in accordance with Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1301.34, the above firm is granted registration as an importer of the basic class of controlled substance listed above.

Dated: July 2, 1997.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment Standards Administration****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 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 Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning two proposed extension information collections: (1) Regulations governing the administration of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation (LS-200, 201, 203, 204, 262, 267, 271, 274, 513, and ESA-100) and (2) Resubmission Turnaround Document (CM-1173). Copies of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before September 15, 1997. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Margaret Sherrill, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 219-7601. (This is not a toll-free number.) Fax 202-219-6592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, as amended (20 CFR 702.162, 702.174, 702.175, 20 CFR 702.242, 20 CFR 702.285, 702.321, 702.201, and 702.111) pertains to the provision of benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel, as well as coverage extended to certain other employees. The Longshore Act

administration requirements include: payment of compensation liens incurred by Trust Funds; certification of exemption and reinstatement of employers who are engaged in the building, repairing, or dismantling of exclusively small vessels; settlement of cases under the Act; reporting of earnings by injured claimants receiving benefits under the Act; filing applications for relief under second injury provisions; and, maintenance of injury reports under the Act.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to insure that Longshore beneficiaries are receiving appropriate benefits. Failure to request this information, there would be no way to insure beneficiaries are receiving the correct amount of benefits.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Regulations Governing the Administration of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

OMB Number: 1215-0160.

Agency Numbers: LS-200, 201, 203, 204, 262, 267, 271, 274, 513, ESA-100.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Businesses or other for profit, Small businesses or organizations.

Total Respondents: 212,547.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 212,547.

Average Time Per Response for Reporting:

LS-200, 10 minutes, LS-271, 2 hours.

LS-201, 203, 204, 262, 15 minutes,

LS-274, 1 hour.

LS-267, 2 minutes, LS-513, 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 84,576.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$846.

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 requests; they will also become a matter of public record.

I. Background

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended (30 U.S.C. 901) and 20 CFR 725.701 provides the Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation with responsibility for payment of covered black lung related medical treatment rendered to miners who are awarded Black Lung benefits.

Form CM-1173 is used to request specific medical data to insure the processing of Form HCFA-1500 (for payment of out-patient bills and for service and supplies provided to beneficiaries) and Form UB-92 (for payment of hospitals bills).

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to insure that Black Lung beneficiaries are receiving benefits as mandated in the legislation. Failure to request this information would eliminate DOL's ability to insure beneficiaries are receiving the correct amount of benefits.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Resubmission Turnaround Document.

OMB Number: 1215-0177.

Agency Numbers: CM-1173.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 30,000.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 30,000.

Average Time Per Response for Reporting: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,500.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$9,600.

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 requests; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 9, 1997.

Cecily A. Rayburn,

Director, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of mandatory safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. Apogee Coal Company dBA Arch of Illinois

[Docket No. M-97-73-C]

Apogee Coal Company dBA Arch of Illinois, P.O. Box 308, Percy, Illinois 62272-0308 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its Conant Mine (I.D. No. 11-02886) located in Perry County, Illinois. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow the use of high-voltage trailing cables (2400 VAC) in by the last open crosscut and within 150 feet of pillar workings at the continuous miner sections. The petitioner states that this modification would not result in a diminution of safety to the miners. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

2. Canterbury Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-74-C]

Canterbury Coal Company, R.D. #1, Box 119, Avonmore, Pennsylvania 15618 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.362(d)(2) (on-shift examination) to its DiAnne Mine (I.D. No. 36-05708) located in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow an alternative method of compliance to the taking of methane tests at the face using an extendible probe. The petitioner proposes to conduct methane tests during the roof bolting cycle using a 20-foot extendible probe in by the first row of permanent supports. After this initial check is made, the petitioner proposes to conduct methane tests using an approved, hand-held, digital detector at the row of roof bolts to be installed prior to installation. The petitioner would repeat this procedure until the 20-foot extendible probe can reach within 12 inches from the roof, face, and rib. The petitioner states that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

3. Addington, Inc.

[Docket No. M-97-75-C]

Addington, Inc., P.O. Box 203, Ivel, Kentucky 41642 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1710-1(a) (canopies or cabs; self-propelled electric face equipment; installation requirements) to its Pond Creek No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 15-17287) located in Pike County, Kentucky. The petitioner proposes to operate its self-propelled electric face equipment

without canopies due to mining heights. The petitioner states that application of the standard would result in a diminution of safety to the miners.

4. Fola Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-76-C]

Fola Coal Company, P.O. Box 180, Bickmore, West Virginia 25019 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 71.402(c) (minimum requirements for bathing facilities, change rooms, and sanitary flush toilet facilities) to its Surface Mine No. 2 (I.D. No. 46-08377), and its Peach Orchard Preparation Plant and Loadout Facility (I.D. No. 46-08376) located in Clay and Nicholas Counties, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to construct an additional shower and locker building near its preparation plant. The petitioner asserts that the reason for this petition is that there is a lack of sewage treatment facilities necessary to handle the volume required by the mandatory standard; and that the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection prohibits them from using the only level areas available for the size leach fields required. The petitioner states that the additional eight showers in the new shower and locker building would meet the needs of the workforce given the existing constraints at their facilities.

5. Apogee Coal Company dBA Arch of Illinois

[Docket No. M-97-77-C]

Apogee Coal Company dBA Arch of Illinois, P.O. Box 308, Percy, Illinois 62272 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.701 (grounding metallic frames, casings, and other enclosures of electric equipment) to its Conant Mine (I.D. No. 11-02886) located in Perry County, Kentucky. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to allow the use of a diesel-powered generator to supply power to mobile mining equipment when the equipment is being moved from one area to another without grounding the neutral to a low resistance ground field. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

6. Eastern Associated Coal Corporation

[Docket No. M-97-78-C]

Eastern Associated Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 1233, Charleston, West Virginia 25324 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.507 (power connection points) to its Harris No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 46-01271) and its Lightfoot No. 2 Mine (I.D. No. 46-04955) both located in Boone County,