

comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Ground Control Plan. MSHA 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home Page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and selecting "Statutory and Regulatory Information" then "Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>)", or by contacting the employee listed above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice for a hard copy.

### III. Current Actions

MSHA is seeking to continue the requirement for mine operators to submit ground control plans to ensure that highwalls and spoil banks are maintained in safe condition so that a safe working environment is provided for miners.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Ground Control Plan.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0026.

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

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 30 CFR 77.1000 and 77-1000-1.

*Total Respondents:* 159.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 159.

*Average Time per Response:* 8 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,404.

*Estimated Total Burden Cost:* \$204.

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: May 15, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

**AGENCY:** Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA) is announcing that a collection of information has been approved the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFC Program). This notice announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Address comments on the VFC Program in writing to: VFC Program, Office of Enforcement, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5702, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Written comments may also be sent by Internet to: [vfc-program@pwba.dol.gov](mailto:vfc-program@pwba.dol.gov).

For general questions regarding the VFC Program, contact the appropriate PWBA Regional Office listed in Appendix C of the VFC Program (65 FR 14179), or Jeffrey A. Monhart, Investigator, Office of Enforcement, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration ((202) 219-8820). For comments on the VFC Program, contact Elizabeth A. Goodman, Pension Law Specialist, Office of Regulations and Interpretations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration ((202) 219-8671).

Address comments on the information collection request (ICR) and requests for copies of the ICR to Gerald B. Lindrew, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782. These telephone numbers are not toll-free.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 15, 2000, PWBA published a notice concerning its adoption of a Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (65 FR 14164), which allows certain persons to

correct possible fiduciary breaches of Part 4 of Title I of ERISA, and to avoid potential civil actions initiated by the Department of Labor under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the assessment of civil penalties under section 502(1) of ERISA. Although written comments on the VFC Program were accepted through May 15, 2000, the Department submitted the information collection request (ICR) included in the VFC Program to OMB using emergency procedures, and requested approval by April 14, 2000. The information collection provisions of the VFC Program generally require that documentation of the correction of a fiduciary breach be supplied to the Department.

On April 14, 2000, OMB approved the ICR under emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320. The approval will expire on September 30, 2000. The control number assigned to this ICR by OMB is 1210-0118. PWBA will take any comments received into consideration in finalizing the VFC Program and in preparing the application for continuing approval of the ICR, which will be submitted to OMB prior to the expiration of the emergency approval.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

**Gerald B. Lindrew,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

**AGENCY:** Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA) is announcing that a collection of information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for the Application for EFAST Electronic Signature and Codes for EFAST Transmitters and Software Developers (Form EFAST-1). This notice announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Individuals with questions about the Form EFAST-1 or who need assistance in completing the Form EFAST-1 may call the EFAST Help Desk at (202) 219-8770. This is not a toll-free number. The Form EFAST-1 and instructions are available for viewing and downloading via the Department of Labor's Internet site ([www.efast.dol.gov](http://www.efast.dol.gov)). Copies of the Form EFAST-1 and instructions may also be obtained by calling PWBA's Publication Hotline at 1-800-998-7542.

Address requests for copies of the information collection request (ICR) to Gerald B. Lindrew, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5647, Washington, DC, 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 9, 2000, PWBA published a notice concerning the submission of the proposed Application for EFAST Electronic Signature and Codes for EFAST Transmitters and Software Developers (65 FR 12577) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320. The Department submitted the information collection request included in Form EFAST-1 to OMB using emergency procedures and requested approval by March 24, 2000. On April 11, 2000, OMB approved the ICR under emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The approval will expire on August 31, 2000. The control number assigned to this ICR by OMB is 1210-0117.

The Form EFAST-1 that was available on PWBA's Internet website has now been revised to include the OMB control number. In addition, as a result of a comment received by the Department, the Department has also made minor revisions to the Form EFAST-1 and the instructions. Additional issues raised in the comment will be reviewed with other comments received by the close of the comment period on May 8, 2000 as a part of the application for continuing approval of the ICR that will be submitted to OMB prior to the expiration of the emergency approval.

Under 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number. Accordingly, persons who wish to complete the Form EFAST-1 should obtain a copy of the Form EFAST-1 displaying the OMB control number and including the recent revisions.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

**Gerald B. Lindrew,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration****Medical Child Support Working Group**

**AGENCY:** Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is given of the date of the ninth meeting of the Medical Child Support Working Group (MCSWG). The Medical Child Support Working Group was jointly established by the Secretaries of the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) under section 401(a) of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998. The purpose of the MCSWG is to identify the impediments to the effective enforcement of medical support by State child support enforcement agencies, and to submit to the Secretaries of DOL and DHHS a report containing recommendations for appropriate measures to address those impediments.

**DATES:** The ninth meeting of the MCSWG will be held on Thursday, June 8th, 2000, from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the 6th Floor Auditorium of the Aerospace Building, 901 D St. SW, Washington, DC. All interested parties are invited to attend this public meeting. Seating may be limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodation, should contact the Executive Director of the Medical Child Support Working Group, Office of Child Support Enforcement at the address listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Samara Weinstein, Executive Director, Medical Child Support Working Group, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Fourth Floor East, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447 (telephone (202) 401-6953; fax (202) 401-5559; e-mail: [sweinstein@acf.dhhs.gov](mailto:sweinstein@acf.dhhs.gov)). These are not toll-free numbers. The date, location

and time for subsequent MCSWG meetings will be announced in advance in the **Federal Register**. However, it is expected this will be the last meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) (FACA), notice is given of a meeting of the Medical Child Support Working Group (MCSWG). The Medical Child Support Working Group was jointly established by the Secretaries of the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) under section 401(a) of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-200).

The purpose of the MCSWG is to identify the impediments to the effective enforcement of medical support by State child support enforcement agencies, and to submit to the Secretaries of DOL and DHHS a report containing recommendations for appropriate measures to address those impediments. This report will include: (1) Recommendations based on assessments of the form and content of the National Medical Support Notice, as issued under proposed regulations; (2) appropriate measures that establish the priority of withholding of child support obligations, medical support obligations, arrearages in such obligations, and in the case of a medical support obligation, the employee's portion of any health care coverage premium, by such State agencies in light of the restrictions on garnishment provided under title III of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1671-1677); (3) appropriate procedures for coordinating the provision, enforcement, and transition of health care coverage under the State programs for child support, Medicaid and the Child Health Insurance Program; (4) appropriate measures to improve the availability of alternate types of medical support that are aside from health care coverage offered through the noncustodial parent's health plan, and unrelated to the noncustodial parent's employer, including measures that establish a noncustodial parent's responsibility to share the cost of premiums, co-payments, deductibles, or payments for services not covered under a child's existing health coverage; (5) recommendations on whether reasonable cost should remain a consideration under section 452(f) of the Social Security Act; and (6) appropriate measures for eliminating any other impediments to the effective enforcement of medical support orders that the MCSWG deems necessary.