

selection utilized an expenditure weight algorithm which can be used to calculate both indexes. Field representative will use hand-held pen computers and transmit collected data back to Washington, D.C. electronically.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Consumer Price Index Housing Survey.

OMB Number: 1220-New.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 136,612.

Frequency: Semi-annually.

Total Respondents: 149,482.

Average Time Per Response: 7

minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

16,694.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 23rd day of December, 1996.

W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,

Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Mine Safety and Health Administration

Fee Adjustments for Testing, Evaluation, and Approval of Mining Products

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of fee adjustments.

SUMMARY: This notice revises the Mine Safety and Health Administration's (MSHA) user fees for testing, evaluation, and approval of certain products manufactured for use in underground mines. These fees are based on fiscal year 1996 data and reflect changes in approval processing operations, as well as costs incurred to process approval actions.

DATES: These fee schedules are effective from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997. Approval applications postmarked before January 1, 1997, will be charged under the fee schedules as published on January 22, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Faini, Acting Chief, Approval and Certification Center, R.R. 1, Box 251, Triadelphia, West Virginia 26059.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In general, MSHA has computed the revised fees based on the cost to the government to provide testing, evaluation, and approval of products manufactured for use in underground mines. On May 8,

1987 (52 FR 17506), MSHA published a final rule, 30 CFR part 5—Fees for Testing, Evaluation, and Approval of Mining Products, which established the specific procedures for fee calculation, administration, and revisions. This revised fee schedule is established in accordance with the procedures of that rule.

The final rule for 30 CFR part 7, Subpart E—Diesel Engines Intended for Use in Underground Coal Mines and Subpart F—Diesel Power Packages Intended for Use in Areas of Underground Coal Mines Where Permissible Electric Equipment is Required, was issued on October 25, 1996. This final rule also revised 30 CFR part 36 to apply to diesel equipment for coal mines, and removed 30 CFR parts 31 and 32. Fees for applications under this rule are listed in this notice. Approvals will no longer be issued under 30 CFR parts 31 and 32.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

J. Davitt McAteer,

Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.

FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1997

[Based on FY 1996 data]

| Action title | Hourly rate (dollars) | Flat rate (dollars) |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 30 CFR PART 7—PRODUCT TESTING BY THIRD PARTY: | | |
| 12 Approval Evaluation-Battery Assemblies | \$51 | ..... |
| 12 Approval Evaluation-Brattice and Ventilation Tubing | 57 | ..... |
| 12 Approval Evaluation-Multiple-Shot Blasting Units | 51 | ..... |
| 12 Approval Evaluation-Electric Motor Assemblies | 51 | ..... |
| 12 Approval Evaluation-Electric Cables and Splice Kits | 56 | ..... |
| 12 Approval Evaluation-Diesel Engines ¹ | 57 | ..... |
| 12 Approval Evaluation-Diesel Power Packages ² | 57 | ..... |
| 14 Approval Extension-Battery Assemblies | 51 | ..... |
| 14 Approval Extension-Brattice and Ventilation Tubing | 53 | ..... |
| 14 Approval Extension-Multiple-Shot Blasting Units | 51 | ..... |
| 14 Approval Extension-Electric Motor Assemblies | 51 | ..... |
| 14 Approval Extension-Electric Cables and Splice Kits | 54 | ..... |
| 14 Approval Extension-Diesel Engines ¹ | 57 | ..... |
| 14 Approval Extension-Diesel Power Packages ² | 57 | ..... |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) ..... | ..... | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 15—EXPLOSIVES: | | |
| 12 Approval Evaluation ³ | 61 | ..... |
| Permissibility Tests for Explosives: | | |
| Weigh-in ..... | ..... | 462 |
| Physical Exam: First size ..... | ..... | 325 |
| Chemical Analysis ..... | ..... | 1,977 |
| Air Gap-Minimum Product Firing Temperature ..... | ..... | 460 |
| Air Gap-Room Temperature ..... | ..... | 352 |
| Pendulum Friction Test ..... | ..... | 163 |
| Detonation Rate ..... | ..... | 352 |
| Gallery Test 7 ..... | ..... | 7,436 |
| Gallery Test 8 ..... | ..... | 5,533 |

FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1997—Continued

[Based on FY 1996 data]

| Action title | Hourly rate (dollars) | Flat rate (dollars) |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Toxic Gases (Large Chamber) | | 805 |
| Permissibility Tests for Sheathed Explosives: | | |
| Physical Examination | | 128 |
| Chemical Analysis | | 1,044 |
| Gallery Test 9 | | 1,944 |
| Gallery Test 10 | | 1,944 |
| Gallery Test 11 | | 1,944 |
| Gallery Test 12 | | 1,944 |
| Drop Test | | 648 |
| Temperature Effects/Detonation | | 672 |
| Toxic Gases | | 580 |
| 14 Approval Extension | 61 | |
| 30 CFR PART 18—ELECTRIC MOTOR DRIVEN EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES: | | |
| 12 Approval—Machines (testing included) | 57 | |
| 12 Approval—Instruments (testing included) | 53 | |
| 14 Approval Extension—Machines (testing included) | 57 | |
| 14 Approval Extension—Instruments (testing included) | 53 | |
| 15 Acceptance Evaluation ³ | 54 | |
| Acceptance Testing: | | |
| Explosion Test | 47 | |
| Wall Thickness Test | 58 | |
| Surface/Temperature Test | 47 | |
| Impact Test | 46 | |
| Thermal Shock Test | 47 | |
| Product Flame Test | 57 | |
| Compressibility Test (asbestos substitutes) | 57 | |
| 16 Certification Evaluation (testing included) | 49 | |
| 17 Acceptance Extension ³ | 54 | |
| Product Flame Test | 57 | |
| 18 Certification Extension (testing included) | 49 | |
| 21 Field Modification (testing included) | 57 | |
| 23 Field Approval | | 97 |
| 26 Permit—Machines (testing included) | 58 | |
| 26 Permit—Instruments (testing included) | 58 | |
| 30 Intrinsic Safety Determination (testing included) | 58 | |
| 31 Intrinsic Safety Determination Ext (testing included) | 56 | |
| 32 Simplified Certification (testing included) | 49 | |
| 34 Simplified Certification Extension (testing included) | 36 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 41 Longwall Approval (testing included) | 57 | |
| 42 Longwall Approval Extension (testing included) | 57 | |
| 45 Shearer Evaluation (testing included) | 58 | |
| 46 Shearer Evaluation Extension (testing included) | 58 | |
| 47 Permit—Extension of Time | | 292 |
| 48 Permit Modification—Machines | 56 | |
| 48 Permit Modification—Instruments (testing included) | 54 | |
| 30 CFR PART 19—ELECTRIC CAP LAMPS: | | |
| 12 Approval (testing included) | 53 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 52 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 20—ELECTRIC MINE LAMPS: | | |
| 12 Approval (testing included) | 54 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 52 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 21—FLAME SAFETY LAMPS: | | |
| 12 Approval (testing included) | 54 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 54 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 22—PORTABLE METHANE DETECTORS: | | |
| 12 Approval (testing included) | 54 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 54 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 23—TELEPHONES AND SIGNALING DEVICES: | | |
| 12 Approval (testing included) | 56 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 54 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 24—SINGLE-SHOT BLASTING UNITS: | | |
| 12 Approval (testing included) | 58 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 58 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |

FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1997—Continued

[Based on FY 1996 data]

| Action title | Hourly rate (dollars) | Flat rate (dollars) |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 30 CFR PART 26—LIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR ILLUMINATION: | | |
| 12 Approval (testing included) | 58 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 58 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 27—METHANE MONITORING SYSTEMS: | | |
| 16 Certification (testing included) | 53 | |
| 18 Certification Extension (testing included) | 54 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 28—D.C. CURRENT FUSES: | | |
| 12 Approval (testing included) | 59 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 59 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 29—PORTABLE DUST ANALYZERS AND METHANE MONITORS: | | |
| 12 Approval (testing included) | 54 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 54 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 33—DUST COLLECTORS: | | |
| 12 Approval without Cert. of Performance (testing included) | 58 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 58 | |
| 16 Certification Evaluation (testing included) | 58 | |
| 18 Certification Extension (testing included) | 58 | |
| 21 Field Modification | 58 | |
| 29 Dust Collector Approval with Cert. of Performance | | 181 |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 35—FIRE-RESISTANT HYDRAULIC FLUIDS: | | |
| 12 Approval (testing included) | 54 | |
| 14 Approval Extension (testing included) | 53 | |
| 30 CFR PART 36—MOBILE DIESEL-POWERED EQUIPMENT: | | |
| 12 Approval | 60 | |
| 14 Approval Extension | 57 | |
| 16 Certification—Engines (testing included) | 54 | |
| 18 Certification Extension—Engines (testing included) | 54 | |
| 21 Field Modification | 58 | |
| 27 Certification—Diesel Components (testing included) | 57 | |
| 28 Certification Ext—Diesel Components (testing included) | 57 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 30 CFR PART 74—COAL MINE DUST PERSONAL SAMPLER UNITS: | | |
| 12 Approval | 54 | |
| 00 OTHER A&CC SERVICES: | | |
| 15 Acceptance—Overcurrent Relays (testing included) | 54 | |
| 15 Statement of Test and Evaluation (ST&E) | | 61 |
| 15 Material Acceptance (testing included) | 54 | |
| 15 Monitor and Power System (MAPS) (testing included) | 55 | |
| 15 Acceptance-Ground Check Monitor/Ground Wire Devices (testing included) | 54 | |
| 17 Acceptance Ext-Overcurrent Relays (testing included) | 54 | |
| 17 Acceptance Ext-Interim Criteria (testing included) | 52 | |
| 17 Statement of Test and Evaluation (ST&E) Extension | 32 | |
| 17 Material Acceptance Extension (testing included) | 54 | |
| 17 Acceptance Extension-Ground Check Monitor/Ground Wire Devices (testing included) | 54 | |
| 20 Stamped Revision Acceptance (SRA) ⁴ | | 305 |
| 24 Acceptance—Panic Bar | 54 | |
| 33 Generic Statement of Test and Evaluation (ST&E) | 54 | |
| 35 Administration Records Update | 15 | |
| 37 Acceptance—Interim Criteria ³ | 56 | |
| Interim Criteria Testing: Product Flame Test | 58 | |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) | | 363 |
| 40 Stamped Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) ST&E | 32 | |
| 41 Approval—Longwall Area Lighting | 56 | |
| 42 Approval Extension—Longwall Area Lighting | 54 | |
| 50 Mine Wide Monitoring System (MWMS) Evaluation | 56 | |
| 52 Mine Wide Monitoring System (MWMS) Barrier Classification | | 80 |
| 54 Mine Wide Monitoring System (MWMS) Sensor Classification | 57 | |
| 00 Retesting for Approval as a Result of Post-Approval Product Audit ⁵ | | |

¹ Applications for Diesel Engines (Subpart E) postmarked after November 25, 1996, must be submitted under 30 CFR Part 7 Third Party Testing.

² Diesel Power Packages (Subpart F) final rule was issued October 25, 1996. The phase-in period for this program is 3 years.

³ Full approval fee consists of evaluation cost plus applicable test costs.

⁴ Fee covers SRA application accompanied by up to five documents.

⁵ Fee based upon the approval schedule in effect at the time of retest.

Note: When testing and evaluation are required at locations other than MSHA's premises, the applicant shall reimburse MSHA for traveling, subsistence, and incidental expenses of MSHA's representation in accordance with standardized government travel regulations. This reimbursement is in addition to the fees charged for evaluation and testing.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training

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 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the collection of the Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report (VETS-100).

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section on or before February 25, 1997.

The Department of labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- * 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 technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Jeffrey C. Crandall, Director of Planning, Office of the

Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-1313, Washington D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-9110; fax: (202) 219-4773.

Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available for review at the Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-1316, Washington, D.C. 20210 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob M. Wilson, Chief, Division of Enforcement, at the address immediately above, (202) 219-9110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Veterans' Employment and Training Service is required by 38 USC 4212(d) to collect information from Federal contractors and subcontractors on the number of Vietnam era veterans and the number of special disabled veterans in their workforce, as well as the number of new hires during the reporting period who are Vietnam era or special disabled veterans. Pursuant to this statute, employers with Federal contracts or subcontracts of \$10,000 or more must file VETS-100 reports annually. The VETS-100 data collection program has existed since 1987. Regulations to implement the statute were published on March 4, 1987. The VETS-100 data are used by the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) to monitor compliance with the statute. The information is also shared with the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, and other Federal procurement officials.

II. Current Actions

Through this information collection request, the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) seeks to reinstate the collection of the Employer Identification Number (EIN). The implementing regulation for the VETS-100 data collection program instructed respondents to provide the EIN number with other company identifiers. Practice over the years has led to the use of an identification number which is unique to this data collection. Currently, employers are assigned a specific identification number for purposes of this report only. The system in place is

incompatible with other data base information pertaining to Federal contractors maintained by other Federal agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the General Services Administration (GSA).

Also, at its inception, the VETS-100 form was modeled after the EEO-1 form and the reports were completed on the same time cycle.

Federal contractors and subcontractors with fifty or more employees and contracts or subcontracts of \$50,000 or more are required to submit the EEO-1 form. The threshold for the VETS-100 submission is \$10,000 or more regardless of employment levels. Thus almost all larger contractors are currently filling out both forms but for a different time period and submission date. This request, if approved, will change the VETS-100 file date to September 30 of each current year to commence in 1998. Currently the date for filing the VETS-100 is March 31. The EEOC form currently collects the Employer Identification number and the Dun & Bradstreet number from Federal contractor respondents. The inclusion of these numbers on the VETS-100 form would be consistent with existing practice for the EEO-1 report collection. The Dun and Bradstreet number is a standard business identifier used in the Federal Procurement Database system, maintained by GSA as well as in common procurement practice. VETS proposal would facilitate the sharing of information through use of common identifier(s).

With the proposed changes, information derived from the VETS-100 collection process would be more useful to veteran staff in local employment service offices who call upon Federal contractors for purposes of job development for veterans.

The proposed cycle change and use of common identifiers should not place an undue burden on Federal contractors who already provide the EIN and Dun & Bradstreet number to EEOC on the EEO-1 form. Reporting on the same cycle will further facilitate completing the reports, as the same pay period may be used for each. The EEO-1 and the VETS-100 each stand on their own, but common identifiers will enable efficient information sharing to occur.

Type of Review: Revision/Extension.