

equipment, and has satisfactorily completed a coal mine electrical training program.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Melissa Stoehr, Director of Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2134, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on computer disk, or via Internet e-mail to Stoehr.melissa@dol.gov. Ms. Stoehr can be reached at (202) 693-9827 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Stoehr, Director of Management Services Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 2134, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Ms. Stoehr can be reached at Stoehr.melissa@dol.gov, (202) 693-9827 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Persons performing tasks and certain required examinations at coal mines which are related to miner safety and health, and which required specialized experience, are required to be either "certified" or "qualified". The regulations recognize State certification and qualification programs. However, where state programs are not available, under the Mine Act and MSHA standards, the Secretary may certify and qualify persons for as long as they continue to satisfy the requirements needed to obtain the certification or qualification, fulfill any applicable retraining requirements, and remain employed at the same mine or by the same independent contractor. Applications for Secretarial certification must be submitted to the MSHA Qualification and Certification Unit in Denver, Colorado. MSHA Form 5000-1 provides the coal mining industry with a standardized reporting format that expedites the certification process while ensuring compliance with the regulations. The information provided on the forms enables the Secretary of Labor's delegate—MSHA, Qualification and Certification Unit—to determine if the applicants satisfy the requirements to obtain the certification or qualification. Persons must meet certain minimum experience requirements depending on the type of certification or qualification applied for.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

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 can be obtained by contacting the employee listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** 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 collection of information contains provisions whereby persons may be temporarily qualified or certified to perform tests and examinations; requiring specialized expertise; related to inner safety and health at coal mines.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Qualification and Certification Program.

OMB Number: 1219-0001.

Recordkeeping: MSHA Form 5000-1 is used by instructors, who may be mining personnel, consultants, or college professors, to report to MSHA those miners who have satisfactorily completed a coal mine electrical training program. Based on the information submitted on Form 5000-1, MSHA issues certification cards that identify these individuals as qualified to perform certain tasks at the mine.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Respondents: 3,921.

Estimated Time per Respondent: .083.

Total Burden Hours: 12,765.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$69.

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 19th day of December, 2003.

Lynnette M. Haywood,

Deputy Director, Office of Administration and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

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

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of fee adjustments.

SUMMARY: This notice revises our [MSHA Approval and Certification Center (A&CC)] user fees. Fees compensate us for the costs that we incur for testing, evaluating, and approving certain products for use in underground mines. We based the 2004 fees on our actual expenses for fiscal year 2003. The fees reflect changes both in our approval processing operations and in our costs to process approval actions.

DATES: This fee schedule is effective from January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven J. Luzik, Chief, Approval and Certification Center (A&CC), 304-547-2029 or 304-547-0400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 8, 1987 (52 FR 17506), we published a final rule, 30 CFR Part 5—Fees for Testing, Evaluation, and Approval of Mining Products. The rule established specific procedures for calculating, administering, and revising user fees. We have revised our fee schedule for 2004 in accordance with the procedures of that rule and include this new fee schedule below. For approval applications postmarked before January 1, 2004, we will continue to calculate fees under the previous (2003) fee schedule, published on December 31, 2002.

Fee Computation

In general, we computed the 2004 fees based on fiscal year 2003 data. We calculated a weighted-average, direct

cost for all the services that we provided during fiscal year 2003 in the processing of requests for testing, evaluation, and approval of certain products for use in underground mines. From this cost, we calculated a single hourly rate to apply uniformly across all of the product approval categories during 2004.

Dated: December 18, 2003.

John R. Correll,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004

[Based on FY 2003 data]

Action title	Hourly rate
Fees for Testing, Evaluation, and Approval of all Mining Products ¹	\$63
Retesting for Approval as a Result of Post-Approval Product Audit ²	
30 CFR Part 15—Explosives Testing	
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
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

¹ Full approval fee consists of evaluation cost plus applicable test costs.

² Fee based upon the approval schedule in effect at the time of retest.

Note: When the nature of the product requires that we test and evaluate it at a location other than our premises, you must reimburse us for the traveling, subsistence, and incidental expenses of our representative in accordance with standardized government travel regulations. This reimbursement is in addition to the fees charged for evaluation and testing.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 03-159]

Notice of Information Collection Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection under OMB review.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: All comments should be submitted by January 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Desk Officer for NASA; Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Office of management and Budget; Room 10236; New Executive Office Building; Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, (202) 358-1372.

Title: GLOBE Program Evaluation.

OMB Number: 2700-.

Type of review: New collection.

Need and Uses: The information collected is needed to guide implementation of the GLOBE Program based on feedback from participating teachers, students, and partners in order to help meet the Program's goal of improving student achievement in mathematics and science.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2361.

Annual Responses: 499.

Hours Per Request: 30-90 minutes each.

Annual Burden Hours: 373.

Frequency of Report: Once.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

Patricia L. Dunnington,

Chief Information Officer, Office of the Administrator.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (03-160)]

Notice of Information Collection

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: All comments should be submitted by February 28, 2004.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Ms. Celeste Dalton, Code HK, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Code AO, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-1372.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) plans to renew an ongoing collection designed to collect information needed to evaluate bids and proposals from offerors to award purchase orders and to use bank cards for required goods and services with an estimated value of \$100,000 or less. Bids are requested and evaluated in accordance with the OFPP Policy Act as amended by Pub. L. 96-83, the NASA Space Act, 42 U.S.C. *et seq.* As the need arises for goods and services valued at less than \$100,000, NASA follows the procedures set forth in Part 13 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and Part 1813 of the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) before an order can be awarded. Similarly, quotes voluntarily submitted in response to Request for Quotations (RFQs), contractors must furnish all information required by the FAR, the NFS, and Agency needs. This solicited information is used by NASA project and procurement managers in the selection of contractors for goods and services required to meet the Agency's mission.

II. Method of Collection

NASA collects this information electronically where feasible, but information may also be collected by mail or fax.