

OMB Number: 1219-0048.

Recordkeeping: None.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Cite/Reference: 30 CFR 56.5005 and 57.5005.

Total Respondents: 300.

Total Responses: 5,400.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,174 hours.

Burden Cost: \$90,000.

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 10th day of October, 2007.

David L. Meyer,

Director, Office of Administration and Management.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Hoist Operators' Physical Fitness

**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 ensure that requested data is 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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Debbie Ferraro, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2171, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on computer disk, or via E-mail to [Ferraro.Debbie@DOL.GOV](mailto:Ferraro.Debbie@DOL.GOV). Ms. Ferraro can be reached at (202) 693-9821 (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

Title 30 CFR Sections 56.19057 and 57.19057 require the annual examination and certification of a hoist operator's fitness. The safety of all metal and nonmetallic miners riding hoist conveyances is dependent upon the attentiveness and physical capabilities of the hoist operator, in routine and emergency evacuations. Improper movement, overspeed, and overtravel of a hoisting conveyance can result in serious physical harm or death to all passengers. While small mine operators are likely to have fewer hoists and hoist operators, Congress intended that the Mine Act be enforced at all mining operations within its jurisdiction regardless of size and that information collection and record keeping requirements be consistent with efficient and effective enforcement of the Mine Act. However, Congress did recognize that small operations may face problems in complying with some Mine Act provisions. Section 103(e) of the Mine Act directs the Secretary of Labor not to impose an unreasonable burden on small businesses when obtaining any information under the Mine Act. This information collection does not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

##### II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirement related to the Hoist Operators' Physical Fitness. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSHA's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Address 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) to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

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 selecting "Rules and Regs", then selecting "Fed Reg Docs."

##### III. Current Actions

Title 30 CFR Sections 56.19057 and 57.19057 require the annual examination and certification of a hoist operator's fitness. The safety of all metal and nonmetallic miners riding hoist conveyances is dependent upon the attentiveness and physical capabilities of the hoist operators, in routine and emergency evacuations. Improper movements, overspeed, and overtravel of a hoisting conveyance can result in serious physical harm or death to all passengers. Small mine operators are likely to have fewer hoists and hoist operators.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Hoist Operators' Physical Fitness.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0049.

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

*Total Respondents:* 64.

*Total Responses:* 320.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 10.7.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Operating and Maintenance Costs:* \$98,560.

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 10th day of October, 2007.

David L. Meyer,

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Rock Burst Control Plan

**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 ensure that requested data is 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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Debbie Ferraro, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2171, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on computer disk, or via E-mail to [Ferraro.Debbie@DOL.GOV](mailto:Ferraro.Debbie@DOL.GOV). Ms. Ferraro can be reached at (202) 693-9821 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

When rock bursts occur in an underground mine, they pose a serious threat to the safety of miners in the area affected by the burst. These bursts may reasonably be expected to result in the entrapment, serious physical harm, or death, of miners. Recently developed mining technology now permits mine operators to monitor rock stresses, which helps predict an impending burst. These predictions can be used by a mine operator to move miners to safer locations and to establish areas that need relief drilling. Title 30, Section 57.3461 requires operators of underground metal and nonmetal mines to develop a rock burst control plan within 90 days after a rock burst has occurred.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirement related to the Rock Burst Control Plans. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of MSHA's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the

validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Address 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) to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond. 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 selecting "Rules and Regs", then selecting "Fed Reg Docs."

**III. Current Actions**

This information collection needs to be extended to protect miners from entrapment, serious physical harm or death, in metal and nonmetal underground mines with a history of rock bursts.

*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.  
*Title:* Rock Burst Control Plans.  
*OMB Number:* 1219-0097.  
*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.  
*Cite/Reference:* 30 CFR 57.3461.  
*Total Respondents:* 2.  
*Total Responses:* 2.  
*Average Time per Response:* 12 hours.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 24 hours.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Operating and Maintenance Costs:* \$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 10th day of October, 2007.

**David L. Meyer,**

*Director, Office of Administration and Management.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

**President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-

463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* President's Committee on the National Medal of Science (1182).

*Date and Time:* Friday, November 30, 2007, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

*Place:* Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Ms. Mayra Montrose, Program Manager, Room 1282, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-292-4757.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the President in the selection of the 2007 National Medal of Science recipients.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: October 10, 2007.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**NUREG/CR-XXXX, "Approaches for Using Traditional Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods for Digital Systems"; Draft Report for Comment**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting research to support development of regulatory guidance for using risk information related to digital systems in the licensing actions of nuclear power plants (NPPs). The objective of this research is to identify and develop methods, analytical tools, and regulatory guidance to support (1) Using information on the risks of digital systems in NPP licensing decisions, and (2) including models of digital systems into NPP probabilistic risk assessments (PRAs).

In support of this research, Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) is working on the use of traditional