



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Explosive Materials and Blasting Units (Pertains Only to Underground Metal and Category III Nonmetal Mines Deemed to be Gassy)

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Howell by telephone at 202-693-6782, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 30 CFR 7.4 and 15, MSHA tests and approves blasting units and explosive materials as permissible for use in mines, respectively. Under 30 CFR 57.22606(a), mine operators of Category III metal and nonmetal mines must notify the appropriate MSHA District Manager of all nonapproved explosive materials and blasting units prior to their use. Explosive materials used for blasting must be approved by MSHA under 30 CFR part 15, or nonapproved explosive

materials must be evaluated and determined by the District Manager to be safe for blasting in a potentially gassy environment. The notice must also include the millisecond-delay interval between successive shots and between the first and last shot in a round. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the *Federal Register* on December 2, 2024 (89 FR 95244).

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Agency: DOL-MSHA.

Title of Collection: Explosive Materials and Blasting Units (pertains only to underground metal and Category III nonmetal mines deemed to be gassy).

OMB Control Number: 1219-0095.

Affected Public: Private Sector.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Number of Responses: 1.

Annual Burden Hours: 1 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$6.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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