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### III. Current Actions

MSHA is required to conduct inspections of hazardous conditions whenever and however complaints are made by miners or miners' representatives to the Agency. This is a mandatory Agency response dictated by the provisions of section 103(g) of the Act and implemented through the provisions of part 43 CFR Title 30. MSHA has minimized the paper work burden by providing alternative toll free telephone extensions and internet e-mail procedures so that hazardous complaints may be made verbally and anonymously. These complaints are reduced to written form by MSHA for presentation to the operator or independent contractor. MSHA's effectiveness in enforcing the safety and health standards and ability to provide timely response to hazardous conditions requires immediate and confidential investigation of safety complaints. Such response is essential to retaining the confidence of the miners and to encouraging compliance with the health and safety standards between inspection events.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Hazardous Conditions Complaints.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0014.

*Record keeping:* None.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for profit.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc.:* 30 CFR 43.4 and 43.7.

*Total Respondents:* 651.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 651.

*Average Time per Response:* 12 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 130 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Cost:* \$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: April 19, 2001.

**Brenda C. Teaster,**

*Acting Chief, Records Management Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Mine Ventilation System 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 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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 25, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 709A, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mrs. Teaster can be reached at [bteaster@msha.gov](mailto:bteaster@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

Underground mines present harsh and hostile working environments. The ventilation system is the most vital life support system in underground mining and a properly operating ventilation system is essential for maintaining a safe and healthful working environment. Lack of adequate ventilation in underground mines has resulted in fatalities from asphyxiation and explosions.

#### II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Mine Ventilation System 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.

#### III. Current Action

A well planned mine ventilation system is necessary to assure a fresh air supply to miners at all working places, to control the amounts of harmful airborne contaminants in the mine atmosphere, and to dilute possible accumulation of explosive gases.

The standard requires that mine operators prepare a written plan of the mine's ventilation system and to update the plan annually. The purposes are to insure that each operator routinely plans, reviews, and updates the plan; to insure the availability of accurate and correct information; and to provide MSHA with the opportunity to alert the mine operator to potential hazards.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Mine Ventilation System Plan.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0016.

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

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc.:* 30 CFR 57.8520.

*Total Respondents:* 284.

*Total Responses:* 284.

*Average Time per Response:* 24 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 6,816 hours.

*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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

**Brenda C. Teaster,**  
Acting Director, Records Management Division.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Mine Safety and Health Administration**

**Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Record of Individual Exposure to Radon Daughters**

**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.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 25, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 709A, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to bteaster@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Teaster can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records

Management Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 709A, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. Teaster can be reached at bteaster@msha.gov, (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

MSHA's primary goal is the protection of America's most precious resource, the miner. To achieve this goal, this agency has to keep information regarding the hazards faced and the progress made within the industry to develop and maintain a safe and healthy work environment. Records concerning the health and welfare of miners are especially important, given that the nature of the exposure could result in medical complications later in the miner's life. To this end, the record keeping of Radon Daughters is essential information. Each year the industry records and reports the exposure levels that its workforce has faced during the past 12 months. This information is archived and stored for retrieval by the exposed party, or legal representative, should a medical release be deemed necessary. This reporting of the exposure numbers also serves to inform MSHA of the industry expansion or decrease as well as health threats incurred.

During the past calendar year MSHA has received a decreased number of industry responses. These responses indicated that a decreasing number of miners are being employed and exposed within this industry grouping. Concurrently, the United States economy is calling for production rates that are lower than those in recent years. The decrease in production has resulted in a smaller number of employees being exposed to Radon Daughters. Regardless of the number of miners exposed, MSHA needs to keep the recording requirements for Radon Daughters to ensure that the records regarding the miners' level of exposure today is available to them tomorrow and throughout their lifetimes.

**II. Desired Focus**

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting

comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Record of Individual Exposure to Radon Daughters. 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 submission (<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**

This information collection needs to be extended to provide miners protection from radon daughter exposure.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Record of Individual Exposure to Radon Daughters.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0003.

*Agency Number:* MSHA 4000-9.

*Recordkeeping:* 2 years.

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

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency (weeks)	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Burden
Sampling .....	2	50	100	5.00	500
Recording Results .....	2	50	100	1.50	150
Calculating Reporting .....	2	50	100	1.25	125