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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Federal Bureau of Investigation**

[OMB Number 1110-0006]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comments Requested**

**ACTION:** 30-day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Revision of a currently approved collection: Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted.

The Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division will be submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with established review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 74, Number 227, pages 62349, on November 27, 2009, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until March 1, 2010. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to Mr. Gregory E. Scarbro, Unit Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division, Module E-3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306; facsimile (304) 625-3566.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) 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;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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 of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of information collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the department sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: 1-705;

*Sponsor:* Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: City, county, state, federal and tribal law enforcement agencies.

*Brief Abstract:* This collection is needed to collect information on law enforcement officers killed or assaulted in the line of duty throughout the United States.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* There are approximately 17,799 law enforcement agency respondents that submit monthly for a total of 213,588 responses with an estimated response time of 7 minutes per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with this collection:* There are approximately 24,919 hours, annual burden, associated with this information collection.

*If additional information is required contact:* Ms. Lynn Bryant, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 26, 2010.

**Lynn Bryant,**

*Department Clearance Officer, PRA, United States Department of Justice.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Mine Safety and Health Administration**

**Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

Applications for a permit to fire more than 20 boreholes and for the use of non-permissible blasting units or for the posting of notices of misfired holes (pertaining to underground coal mines) and the use of nonpermissible explosives and shot-firing units in shaft and slope construction (pertains to coal mining industry).

**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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the applications for a permit to fire more than 20 boreholes and for the use of non-permissible blasting units or for the posting of notices of misfired holes and the use of nonpermissible explosives and shot-firing units in shaft and slope construction pertaining to the coal mining industry.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 30, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, John Rowlett, Management Services Division, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2134, Arlington, VA 22209-3939. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments via e-mail to [Rowlett.John@dol.gov](mailto:Rowlett.John@dol.gov). Mr. Rowlett can be reached at (202) 693-

9827 (voice), or (202) 693-9801 (facsimile).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Under Section 313 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), 30 U.S.C. 873, a mine operator is required to use permissible explosives in underground coal mines. The Mine Act also provides that under safeguards prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, a mine operator may permit the firing of more than 20 shots and the use of nonpermissible explosives in sinking shafts and slopes from the surface in rock. Title 30, CFR 75.1321 outlines the procedures by which a permit may be issued for the firing of more than 20 boreholes and/or the use of nonpermissible shot-firing units in underground coal mines. In those instances in which there is a misfire of explosives, 30 CFR 75.1327 requires that a qualified person post each accessible entrance to the affected area with a warning to prohibit entry. Title 30 CFR 77.1909-1 outlines the procedures by which a coal mine operator may apply for a permit to use nonpermissible explosives and/or shot-firing units in the blasting of rock while sinking shafts or slopes for underground coal mines.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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 **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, or viewed on the Internet by accessing the

MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov/>) and selecting "Rules & Regs", and then selecting "FedReg. Docs". On the next screen, select "Paperwork Reduction Act Supporting Statement" to view documents supporting the **Federal Register** Notice.

**III. Current Actions**

Title 30, CFR 75.1321, 75.1327 and 77.1909-1 provide MSHA District Managers with the authority to address unusual but recurring blasting practices needed for breaking rock types more resilient than coal and for misfires in blasting coal. MSHA uses the information requested to issue permits to mine operators or shaft and slope contractors for the use of nonpermissible explosives and/or shot-firing units under 30 CFR part 77, subpart T—Slope and Shaft Sinking. Similar permits are issued by MSHA to underground coal mine operators for shooting more than 20 bore holes and/or for the use of nonpermissible shot-firing units when requested under 30 CFR part 75, subpart N—Explosives and Blasting. The approved permits allow the use of specific equipment and explosives in limited applications and under exceptional circumstances where standard coal blasting techniques or equipment is inadequate to the task. These permits inform mine management and the miners of the steps to be employed to protect the safety of any person exposed to such blasting while using nonpermissible items. Also, the posting of danger/warning signs at entrances to locations where a misfired blast hole or round remains indisposed is a safety precaution predating the Coal Mine Safety and Health Act.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Application for a Permit to Fire More than 20 Boreholes for the use of Nonpermissible Blasting Units, Explosives, and Shot-firing Units.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0025.

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

*Respondents:* 68.

*Responses:* 101.

*Total Burden Hours:* 79.

*Total Burden Cost:* \$427.

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 22nd day of January, 2010.

**John Rowlett,**

*Director, Management Services Division.*

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**MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION**

[MCC FR 10-04]

**Notice of Entering Into a Compact With the Republic of Moldova**

**AGENCY:** Millennium Challenge Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 610(b)(2) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-199, Division D), the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is publishing a summary and the complete text of the Millennium Challenge Compact between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Republic of Moldova. Representatives of the United States Government and the Republic of Moldova executed the Compact documents on January 22, 2010.

Dated: January 26, 2010.

**Henry Pitney,**

*Acting General Counsel, Millennium Challenge Corporation.*

**Summary of Millennium Challenge Compact With the Republic of Moldova**

The five-year Millennium Challenge Compact with the Republic of Moldova ("Compact") will provide up to \$262 million to reduce poverty and accelerate economic growth. The Compact is intended to improve agricultural productivity and to expand access to markets and services through investments in critical infrastructure in the irrigation and road sectors, and through capacity-building in the high value agriculture sector ("Program").

**Transition to High Value Agriculture Project (\$101.77 Million)**

The Transition to High Value Agriculture Project ("THVA Project") seeks to (i) increase rural incomes by stimulating growth in high value agriculture ("HVA") and (ii) act as a catalyst for future investment in HVA production by establishing a successful model that contributes to a conducive institutional and policy environment for irrigated agriculture. Agriculture has been the backbone of the Moldovan economy, though, following the collapse