

Request for Non-substantive Change to an OMB Approved Form

General Preference Questionnaire

OMB Approval #0920-0981 – Expiration date 08/31/2015

Justification for non-substantive change:

NIOSH/OMSHR is requesting a non-substantive change to the General Preference Questionnaire which is included as an attachment in 0920-0981 (Assessing and Evaluating Human Systems Integration Needs in Mining). The current ICR will expire on 08/31/2015. NIOSH/OMSHR is requesting to reformat the questions contained on the General Preference Questionnaire. Reformatting the questions will not change the content of the questions. The goal of this reformat is to make the questionnaire more intuitive for the participants. This change will not impact the number of respondents and the burden hours will not increase.

The General Preference Questionnaire was designed to determine how and when miners working in an underground coal mine prefer to have information about their work environment, the location of themselves, others and equipment communicated to them while they are working. In its originally approved format, the questionnaire contained section designed to collect demographic information from the mine worker – this section has not been changed – and 63 separate questions that were written to gain an understanding of the information preferences. We have reformatted the questionnaire in order to present relevant information together. We have attached the originally approved General Preference Questionnaire along with the reformatted General Preference Questionnaire. All content that was included on the approved questionnaire is included on the reformatted version; the reformatting has minimized the number of questions to 17.

This change will not result in any additional burden to respondents and may reduce the burden on respondents by limiting the question verbiage achieved by regrouping the questions.