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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Coal Mine Operator Response to Schedule for Submission of Additional Evidence (Form CM–2970) and Operator Response to Notice of Claim (Form CM–2970a) information collection. The OWCP, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation (DCMWC) administers the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), which provides benefits to coal miners totally disabled due to pneumoconiosis and their surviving dependents. When the DCMWC makes a preliminary analysis of a claimant's eligibility for benefits, and if a coal mine operator has been identified as potentially liable for payment of those benefits, the responsible operator is notified of the preliminary analysis. Regulations codified at 20 CFR part 725 require that a coal mine operator be identified and notified of potential liability as early in the adjudication process as possible. Forms CM–2790 and CM–2970a are used for claims filed after January 19, 2001, and indicate that the coal mine operator will submit additional evidence or respond to the notice of claim. Black Lung Benefits Act section 426 authorizes this information collection. See 30 U.S.C. 936.

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 it is approved by the OMB under the PRA 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 Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1240–0033.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2017. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information

about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 9, 2016 (81 FR 78863).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1240–0033. The OMB 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 submission of responses.

*Agency:* DOL–OWCP.

*Title of Collection:* Coal Mine Operator Response to Schedule for Submission of Additional Evidence and Operator Response to Notice of Claim.

*OMB Control Number:* 1240–0033.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,800.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 9,600.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 2,000 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$4,800.

Dated: March 15, 2017.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

[OMB Control No. 1219–0046]

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Escape and Evacuation Plans

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to assure 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 on the information collection for Escape and Evacuation Plans.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before May 22, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below.

- *Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA–2017–0005.

- *Regular Mail:* Send comments to USDOL–MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202–5452.

- *Hand Delivery:* USDOL–Mine Safety and Health Administration, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202–5452. Sign in at the receptionist's desk on the 4th floor via the East elevator.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheila McConnell, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at [MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov](mailto:MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov) (email); 202–693–9440 (voice); or 202–693–9441 (facsimile).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine

Act), 30 U.S.C. 813, authorizes MSHA to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners.

Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations (30 CFR) 57.11053 requires the development of an escape and evacuation plan specifically addressing the unique conditions of each underground metal and nonmetal mine. Section 57.11053 also requires that revisions be made as mining progresses. The plan must be available to representatives of MSHA and conspicuously posted at locations convenient to all persons on the surface and underground. The mine operator and MSHA are required to jointly review the plan at least once every six months.

The following information is required with each escape and evacuation plan submission:

- (1) Mine maps or diagrams showing directions of principal air flow, location of escape routes, and locations of existing telephones, primary fans, primary fan controls, fire doors, ventilation doors, and refuge chambers;
- (2) Procedures to show how the miners will be notified of an emergency;
- (3) An escape plan for each working area in the mine, including instructions showing how each working area should be evacuated;
- (4) A firefighting plan;
- (5) Surface procedures to be followed in an emergency, including the notification of proper authorities and the preparation of rescue equipment and other equipment which may be used in rescue and recovery operations; and
- (6) A statement of the availability of emergency communication and transportation facilities, emergency power, and ventilation, and the location of rescue personnel and equipment.

## II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to Escape and Evacuation Plans. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

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

The information collection request will be available on <http://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions the commenter against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

The public may also examine publicly available documents at USDOL-Mine Safety and Health Administration, 201 12th South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Sign in at the receptionist's desk on the 4th floor via the East elevator.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

## III. Current Actions

This request for collection of information contains provisions for Escape and Evacuation Plans. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request.

*Type of Review:* Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0046.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 231.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Responses:* 462.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,927 hours.

*Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost:* \$2,310.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and 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.

**Sheila McConnell**,  
Certifying Officer.

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## LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

### Notice of Solicitation of Proposals for Calendar Year 2018 Basic Field Grant Awards

**AGENCY:** Legal Services Corporation.

**ACTION:** Solicitation for proposals for the provision of civil legal services.

**SUMMARY:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is a federally established and funded organization that funds civil legal aid organizations across the country and in the U.S. territories. Its mission is to expand access to justice by funding high-quality legal representation for low-income people in civil matters.

In anticipation of a congressional appropriation to LSC for Fiscal Year 2018, LSC hereby announces the availability of funds for grants to be made in calendar year 2018 and is soliciting grant proposals from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient, and high-quality civil legal services to eligible clients in the service area(s) of the states and territories identified below. The availability and the exact amount of congressionally appropriated funds, as well as the date, terms, and conditions of funds available for grants for calendar year 2018, have not been determined.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for grant application dates.

**ADDRESSES:** Legal Services Corporation—Notice of Funds Availability, 3333 K Street NW., Third Floor, Washington, DC 20007-3522.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Office of Program Performance by email at [lscgrants@lsc.gov](mailto:lscgrants@lsc.gov), or visit the LSC Web site at <http://www.lsc.gov/grants-grantee-resources/our-grant-programs/basic-field-grant/lsc-service-areas>.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Applicants must file a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC) to participate in the LSC grants process. Applicants must file the NIC by May 5, 2017, 5:00 p.m. E.D.T. The Request for Proposals (RFP), which contains the NIC and grant proposal guidelines, proposal content requirements, service area descriptions, and selection criteria, will be available on or around the week of April 10, 2017. In addition to submitting the grant proposal, applicants for competitive grant awards must also respond to the LSC Fiscal Grantee Funding Application (FGFA). The FGFA will also be available on or around the week of April 10, 2017. The RFP and the FGFA may be accessed at <http://www.lsc.gov/grants-grantee-resources/our-grant-programs/basic-field-grant>. Other key dates in the LSC