

of the Respondent, will be served better by making this order effective upon the date of publication in the Federal Register, rather than thirty days thereafter.

Accordingly, the Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to the authority vested in him by 21 U.S.C. 823, and 28 CFR 0.100(b) and 0.104, hereby orders that the pending application for a DEA Certificate of Registration of John Porter Richards, D.O., be, and it hereby is, approved. This order is effective upon publication in the Federal Register.

Dated: March 22, 1996.

Stephen H. Greene,

*Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Women's Bureau; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**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 Women's Bureau is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of information on the fair pay issue for implementation of the Fair Pay Information Clearinghouse. A copy of the ICR can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before May 28, 1996. The Department of Labor 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Josephine Gomez on (202) 219-6631; fax number (202) 219-5529; Internet address Jgomez@WB.gov or Arline Easley on (202) 219-6601; fax number (202) 219-5529; Internet address Aeasley@WB.gov; Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3317, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

This information is needed because the Administration has made implementation of the Fair Pay Information Clearinghouse a priority for the Women's Bureau for Fiscal Year 1996. The Clearinghouse is a direct response to working women's views, solicited by the Working Women Count! initiative begun in 1994, starting with a voluntary customer satisfaction survey and a scientific random sample. In both the popular survey and the scientific sample, working women clearly conveyed that they do not receive the level of pay and benefits needed to support themselves and their families. Respondents said that "improving pay scales \* \* \*" was one of their highest priorities for workplace change. The Fair Pay Information Clearinghouse will assist employees and employers who want to improve wage-setting practices. The Clearinghouse will provide technical assistance to employees, employers and organizations on successful efforts to identify and remove sex and race discrimination in wage setting policies. In addition to providing wage and occupational data, which will be obtained from resources such as the Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the Clearinghouse will also offer profiles of employers that have implemented pay adjustments based on pay equity studies, as well as offering organizational resources to contact for a variety of information on fair pay. Those who contact the Clearinghouse will learn about existing approaches to

paying workers for the valuable work they do, regardless of whether or not that work has traditionally been performed by women and by people of color. Since the majority of women still work in traditionally female jobs, the Clearinghouse will provide these workers and their employers helpful tools to secure equal access to fair pay.

##### II. Current Actions

Solicitors and/or Commissions on Women of 50 states, including local jurisdictions and school districts will be asked to respond to the items appearing on OMB approved form "Organizations Working on Fair Pay Issues". Information on the methodology used to implement fair pay adjustments will be gathered over the telephone utilizing OMB approved dialogue. Approximately 20 state entities that have made fair pay adjustments will be asked to provide descriptions of the methodologies used in distributing fair pay adjustments; these data should already be codified and the agencies simply need to send a copy of the descriptions that have been used. Ten researchers working in the field of fair pay will likely be requested to provide manuscripts and publications on the subject. Respondents have the option of transmitting their information electronically. Internet addresses and facsimile numbers are being provided for every aspect of this information collection.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Agency:* Women's Bureau.

*Title:* The Fair Pay Information Clearinghouse Information Collection.

*Affected Public:* Likely respondents are solicitors and/or Commissions on Women of 50 states, including local jurisdictions and school districts; Approximately 20 state entities that have made fair pay adjustments, and ten researchers working in the field of fair pay will likely be requested to provide manuscripts and publications on the subject.

*Total Respondents:* Approximately 180 respondents.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Total Responses:* 180.

*Average Time per Response:* 9 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,600.

*Total Burden Cost:* (capital/startup): \$19,160 (startup only).

*Total Burden Cost:* (operating/maintaining): \$19,160 for each subsequent year (maintenance only).

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: March 22, 1996.

Ida L. Castro,

*Acting Director.*

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## Office of the Secretary

### Submission for OMB Emergency Review; Comment Request

March 22, 1996.

The Department of Labor has submitted the following (see below) information collection request (ICR), utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). OMB approval has been requested by April 5, 1996. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor Acting Departmental Clearance Officer, Theresa M. O'Malley (202) 219-5095).

Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be forwarded to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Women's Bureau, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

The Office of Management and Budget 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 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.

*Agency:* Women's Bureau.

*Title:* The Fair Pay Information Clearinghouse Information Collection.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Solicitors and/or Commissions on Women of 50 states, including local jurisdictions and school districts; approximately 20 state entities that have made fair pay adjustments, and ten researchers working in the field of fair pay.

*Number of Respondents:*

Approximately 180 respondents.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 9 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,600.

*Total Burden Cost (Startup):* \$19,160.

*Total Burden Cost (Maintenance):* \$19,160 for each subsequent year.

*Description:* In May 1994, the United States Department of Labor's Women's Bureau launched an unprecedented nationwide initiative—Working Women Count! The Working Women Count! questionnaire asked working women what they liked and disliked about their jobs, and what they would like to change. More than a quarter of a million women from all 50 states answered: "Improving pay scales \* \* \*" was one of their highest priorities for workplace change, along with the way women's work is valued and recognized. They clearly conveyed that they do not receive the level of pay and benefits needed to support themselves and their families. When 75% of working women are paid \$25,000 a year or less and a majority of women workers still work in traditionally female, and often low-paid jobs, women have a difficult time providing adequately for their own and their families' needs.

At a White House event in October 1994 to highlight the results of the Working Women Count! survey, President Clinton directed Secretary Robert Reich and the Director of the Women's Bureau to develop a set of proposals to address the concerns expressed in Working Women Count! On April 10, 1995, President Clinton accepted the Women's Bureau recommendations on the Federal government's role in making work better for women. The Fair Pay Information Clearinghouse is an integral component of the Bureau's recommendations to assist employees and employers who want to improve wage-setting practices by valuing the work done by a majority of women workers in the United States.

The Clearinghouse's computerized database information will provide technical assistance on successful efforts to identify and remove sex and race discrimination in wage setting policies. Clearinghouse customers will include employees, employers, and organizations. Technical assistance will be available to customers contacting the Clearinghouse during normal business hours and access to the Clearinghouse

database will be available on a 24-hour basis by means of the Internet.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

*Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## Mine Safety and Health Administration

### Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of mandatory safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

#### 1. Energy West Mining Company

[Docket No. M-96-01-C]

Energy West Mining Company, 15 North Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.326 (now 75.350) (air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Deer Creek Mine (I.D. No. 42-00121) located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner requests amendments to MSHA's Proposed Decision and Order (PDO) regarding its Petition for Modification, Case No. 86-MSA-3, docket number M-85-127-C, proposal to modify application of the existing standards to conduct longwall mining with two entries in longwall panels under deep cover. The petitioner requests changes to two requirements of the previous decision and order due to changes in circumstances at its Deer Creek Mine. The petitioner requests that paragraph III.(c)(4) be amended to strike the first two clauses of the paragraph, so that the paragraph begins with the phrase "All diesel powered equipment operated on any two-entry longwall development or two-entry longwall panel," and to replace the period at the end of the paragraph with a comma and add at the end of the paragraph the phrase: "with the exception of the following diesel-powered equipment approved under 30 CFR part 32 (Schedule 24): ambulances used in emergency situations, mantrips, and other vehicles used to transport personnel to and from work areas." The petitioner asserts that this amendment would provide a more reliable and safer means of transporting personnel to and from work areas. In paragraph III.(o) of the PDO, the petitioner requests that the word "on" be removed from the sentence "Also, during longwall retreat mining in the two-entry panel, a rock dusting unit shall be installed on the last tailgate shield", and substitute in the words "at or near." The petitioner asserts that this change would permit the use of other rock dusting systems,