

the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of this individual 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). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call {202} 219-4720 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Employment Standards Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ({202} 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Application for Authority to Employ Full-Time Students at Subminimum Wages in Retail or Service Establishments or Agriculture.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0032.

*Agency Number:* WH-200-MIS.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-Profit institutions; Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10-30 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,100.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$1,750.

*Description:* This collection of information is used to determine whether a retail or service or agricultural employer should be authorized to pay subminimum wages to full-time students pursuant to the provisions of section 14(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

*Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## Employment and Training Administration

### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Extension of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Revenue Quality Control Program (RQC); 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 Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision and extension of the UI RQC Program. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 8, 1996.

Written comments should:

- 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 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Eve MacDonald, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room C 4514, 200 Constitution Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20210; 202 219-5309 (this is not a toll-free number).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

Since 1987, all State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) except the Virgin Islands have been required by regulation at 20 CFR 602 to operate a Quality Control program to assess their Unemployment Insurance tax and benefit programs. Revenue Quality Control (RQC) developed new measures for tax performance to replace those previously gathered under the Quality Appraisal (QA) system. RQC is designed to assess the major internal UI tax functions by utilizing three methodologies: (1) Computed Measures are indicators of timeliness and completeness based on data automatically generated via the existing ET 581 automated report. (2) Program Reviews assess accuracy through a two-fold examination: (a) "Systems Reviews" examine tax systems for the existence of internal controls; (b) small "Acceptance Samples" of those systems' transactions are then examined to verify the effectiveness of those controls. (3) Through the use of non-evaluative surveys, RQC documents the methods and procedures the SESA uses to manage its tax operation. Best practices are identified and this information is shared with other SESAs.

The last tax function to be covered by RQC, Cashiering, has recently been developed and transmitted to all States. As with the other sections of RQC, the Cashiering section will include a Systems Review. Since the quality of payment applications will be evident through the Acceptance Samples of other sections of RQC, there will be no Acceptance Sample specific to Cashiering. Instead, a measure is in place to identify timeliness of deposit of employer payments into the clearing account. Deposit activities dictate that the measurement be conducted manually; therefore, an Estimation Sample (ES) review, similar in form to

the Quality Appraisal review for deposit promptness, has been developed.

## II. Current Actions

This is a request for OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC 3506 (c)(2)(A)) of an extension to an existing collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB control No. 1205-0332. A revision is also proposed to substitute the RQC design for measuring cashing timeliness for the Quality Appraisal design. The proposed revision should have little or no impact on total burden hours because it replaces the sample used in the Quality Appraisal cashing review and no longer includes an additional Acceptance Sample of 60 to test for accuracy in posting.

The overall approach used in RQC sampling is similar in function to the QA sampling approach for Cashiering. There are, however, some differences in estimation sampling that enhance the RQC review approach:

- Deposit timeliness will be measured during the second quarter report period instead of the third quarter report period measured by QA. More payments are typically received for the second quarter, providing a more accurate reading of the SESAs' effectiveness;
- States have the flexibility to choose the period during which the ES will be selected (the QA time period was the same for all States). This should allow States to draw the sample from the most representative flow of remittances;
- A standard sample size has been established, to give all States' estimates similar precision;
- A less cumbersome, more direct method of calculating timeliness has been developed for the ES than the one used in the QA;
- The ES includes a review of the Cashiering activities performed by agents of the SESAs previously excluded from QA; and
- The new timeliness measure now reflects timeliness of electronically transferred payments.

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

**Title:** Unemployment Insurance Revenue Quality Control Program.

**OMB Number:** 1205-0332.

**Affected Public:** State governments (State Employment Security Agencies).

**Total Respondents:** Fifty two State governments.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Total Responses:** Fifty two.

**Average Time Per Response:** 1750 hours.

**Estimated Total Burden Hours:** 91,000 hours for 52 States.

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: May 1, 1996.

Mary Ann Wyrsch,

*Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.*

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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. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine [Docket No. M-96-24-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1202-1(a) (temporary notations, revisions, and supplements) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to revise and supplement mine maps annually instead of every 6 months, as required, and to update maps daily by hand notations. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 2. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine [Docket No. M-96-25-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1200(d) & (i) (mine map) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to use cross-sections instead of contour lines through the intake slope, at locations of rock tunnel connections between veins, and at 1,000-foot intervals of advance from the intake slope and to limit the required mapping of the mine workings above and below to those present within 100 feet of the veins being mined except when veins are interconnected to other veins beyond the 100-foot limit through rock tunnel. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 3. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine [Docket No. M-96-26-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1), (4), and (5) (weekly examination) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Due to hazardous conditions and roof falls, certain areas of the intake haulage slope and primary escapeway cannot be traveled safely. The petitioner proposes to examine these areas from the gunboat/slope car with an alternative air quality evaluation at the section's intake level, and to travel and thoroughly examine these areas for hazardous conditions once a month. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 4. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine [Docket No. M-96-27-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.360 (preshift examination) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner proposes to visually examine each seal for physical damage from the slope gunboat during the preshift examination after an air quality reading is taken in by the intake portal and to test for the quantity and quality of air at the intake air split locations off the slope in the gangway portion of the working section. The petitioner proposes to physically examine the entire length of the slope once a month. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

#### 5. West End Coal Company, Deep Mine [Docket No. M-96-28-C]

West End Coal Company, Deep Mine, 525 Pine Street, Lykens, Pennsylvania 17048 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.335 (construction of seals) to its Last Chance Slope (I.D. No. 36-07859) located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The petitioner requests a modification of the standard to permit alternative methods of construction using wooden materials of moderate size and weight due to the difficulty in accessing previously driven headings and breasts containing inaccessible abandoned workings; to accept a design criteria in the 10 psi range; and to permit the water trap to be