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General Wage Determination Publication

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Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of December 1996.

Philip J. Gloss,
 Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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Bureau of Labor Statistics

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 pre-clearance 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 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Consumer Price Index Revision Housing Survey."

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual 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 February 25, 1997.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the only index compiled by the U.S. Government that is designed to measure changes in the purchasing power of the urban consumer's dollar. The CPI is used most widely as a measure of inflation, and serves as an indicator of the effectiveness of Government economic policy. It also is used as a deflator of other economic series, that is, to adjust other series for price changes and to translate these series into inflation-free dollars.

II. Current Actions

This request addresses not only the 1998 Revision of the Housing Index and the new Housing sample selection, it includes the transition to computer-Assisted Data Collection (CADC) technology.

For the CPI Housing Survey, the revision means implementing a new sample in new and existing Primary Sampling Units. The methodology for index calculation includes both a Geometric Mean Test Index and a Laspeyres Index. Survey sample

selection utilized an expenditure weight algorithm which can be used to calculate both indexes. Field representative will use hand-held pen computers and transmit collected data back to Washington, D.C. electronically.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Consumer Price Index Housing Survey.

OMB Number: 1220-New.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 136,612.

Frequency: Semi-annually.

Total Respondents: 149,482.

Average Time Per Response: 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 16,694.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 23rd day of December, 1996.

W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,

Acting Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Mine Safety and Health Administration

Fee Adjustments for Testing, Evaluation, and Approval of Mining Products

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of fee adjustments.

SUMMARY: This notice revises the Mine Safety and Health Administration's (MSHA) user fees for testing, evaluation, and approval of certain products manufactured for use in underground mines. These fees are based on fiscal year 1996 data and reflect changes in approval processing operations, as well as costs incurred to process approval actions.

DATES: These fee schedules are effective from January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997. Approval applications postmarked before January 1, 1997, will be charged under the fee schedules as published on January 22, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Faini, Acting Chief, Approval and Certification Center, R.R. 1, Box 251, Triadelphia, West Virginia 26059.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In general, MSHA has computed the revised fees based on the cost to the government to provide testing, evaluation, and approval of products manufactured for use in underground mines. On May 8,

1987 (52 FR 17506), MSHA published a final rule, 30 CFR part 5—Fees for Testing, Evaluation, and Approval of Mining Products, which established the specific procedures for fee calculation, administration, and revisions. This revised fee schedule is established in accordance with the procedures of that rule.

The final rule for 30 CFR part 7, Subpart E—Diesel Engines Intended for Use in Underground Coal Mines and Subpart F—Diesel Power Packages Intended for Use in Areas of Underground Coal Mines Where Permissible Electric Equipment is Required, was issued on October 25, 1996. This final rule also revised 30 CFR part 36 to apply to diesel equipment for coal mines, and removed 30 CFR parts 31 and 32. Fees for applications under this rule are listed in this notice. Approvals will no longer be issued under 30 CFR parts 31 and 32.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

J. Davitt McAteer,

Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.

FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1997

[Based on FY 1996 data]

| Action title | Hourly rate (dollars) | Flat rate (dollars) |
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