

claims relate to response actions undertaken at certain portions of the Stibnite Mining Area ("Stibnite Area") in Valley County, Idaho.

After carrying out certain response actions pursuant to an Administrative Order on Consent between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service ("FS"), and Mobil, Mobil sued the United States in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia pursuant to Sections 107(a)(2) and 113(f), (g) (2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a)(2) and 9613(f), (g)(2), alleging that the United States, on behalf of certain Federal Agencies, is liable as an owner and operator for a portion of the necessary costs of response that Mobil has incurred in connection with the Stibnite Area. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Mobil will pay \$264,000 into the EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund to reimburse a portion of the response costs incurred by the United States, and the United States will pay Mobil \$1.55 million, to reimburse Mobil for a portion of the costs Mobil has incurred in carrying out response actions in the Stibnite Area.

Under the Settlement Agreement, the United States covenants not to sue Mobil pursuant to Sections 106, 107(a) and 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606, 9607(a), and 9613 for certain response costs or for the performance certain response actions for certain discrete portions areas of the Stibnite Area. This covenant not to sue expressly does not include: (1) Claims based on Mobil's failure to meet a requirement of the Agreement; (2) liability arising from disposal, release, or threat of release of hazardous substances outside of the Site; (3) liability for future disposal of hazardous substances at the Site, other than as ordered by EPA; (4) liability for natural resources damages, and for the costs of any natural resource damage assessments; (5) criminal liability; and (6) liability, not to exceed \$1.1 million, for the costs of future response actions, including constructing an impermeable cap, at a portion of the Stibnite Area.

Mobil covenants not to sue the United States for: (1) Any claim for reimbursement from the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund (*see* 26 U.S.C. 9507); (2) any other costs, damages, attorneys fees, or claims arising out of response activities at the site; (3) any claim under Sections 107 and 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607 and 9613, relating to the Site, except claims for natural resources damages and for the costs of any natural resource damage assessments; and (4) any claim regarding Mobil's costs incurred in

implementing the work required under the VCO.

Under the Settlement Agreement, Mobil and the Settling Federal Agencies are entitled to protection from contribution actions or claims, to the extent provided by Sections 113(f)(2) and 122(h)(4) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9613(f)(2) and 9622(h)(4), as to past response costs incurred by the United States, all response actions taken and to be taken by or at the direction of the United States, and all response costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States in connection with the areas addressed in the Settlement.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments by mail relating to the proposed Settlement Agreement for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *Mobil Oil Corporation v. United States*, DOJ. Ref. No. 90-11-6-05768.

The proposed Settlement Agreement may be examined at the following location: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1435 N. Orchard Street, Second Floor, Boise, Idaho 83706, 208-378-5746.

A copy of the Settlement Agreement and exhibits (if requested) may also be obtained by mail from: Allison Booker, U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Defense Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, D.C. 20026-3986.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 30, 2000.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be

obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 219-5096 ext. 159 or by E-mail Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or by E-Mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), by August 7, 2000.

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 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: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

Title: Underground Retorts.

Type of Review: Extension.

OMB Number: 1219-0096.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Number of Annual Responses: 1.

Estimated Time Per Response: 160

hours.

Total Burden Hours: 160.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: Prior to ignition of underground retorts, mine operators must submit a written plan containing site-specific safeguards and safety procedures for the underground areas of the mine affected by the retorts. MSHA uses this information to ensure that safe practices are followed, and to determine that the procedures and safeguards used

protect the safety of all persons in the mine during ignition and operation of a retort.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

Title: Product Testing by Applicant or Third Party.

Type of Review: Extension.

OMB Number: 1219-0100.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 244.

Number of Annual Responses: 307.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours (weighted average).

Total Burden Hours: 565.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$42,243.

Description: To prevent fire and explosion hazards in underground

mines, manufacturers of certain products are required to submit to MSHA applications for product approval. Certain records and reports are required to assure continued product quality.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

Title: Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines.

Type of Review: Extension.

OMB Number: 1219-0121.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,203.

Number of Annual Responses: 8,616.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 431.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: Mine operators are required to obtain certification from the manufacturer that roof and rock bolts and accessories are manufactured and tested in accordance with applicable American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specifications and make the certification available to an authorized representative of the Secretary.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

Title: Employment Service Reporting System.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 1205-0240.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

ETA form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average minutes per response	Estimated total burden hours
Uses Report 9002A-C	54	Quarterly	216	840	3,024
VETS 200A	54	Quarterly	216	50	180
VETS 200B	54	Quarterly	216	50	180
VETS 300	54	Quarterly	216	60	216
Management Report	1,600	Quarterly	6,400	50	5,333
Totals	1,654	7,264	210	8,933

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$16,000.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The Employment Service Program Reporting System will provide data on State public employment service agency program activity and expenditures for use at the Federal level by the U.S. Employment Service and the Veterans' Employment and Training Service in program administration and to provide reports to the Congress, state and local elected officials, and the general public.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1,

appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from