

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Mine Safety and Health Administration****Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Hoist Operators Physical Fitness****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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Gordon J. Burke, Jr., Director, Administration and Management, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 611, 4015, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to Burke-Gordon@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Mr. Burke can be reached at (703) 235-1383 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charlene N. Barnard, Regulatory Specialist, Records Management Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 725, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. Barnard can be reached at barnard-charlene@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Title 30 CFR sections 56.19057 and 57.19057 require the annual examination and certification of a hoist operator's fitness. The safety of all metal and nonmetallic miners riding hoist conveyances is dependent upon the attentiveness and physical capabilities of the hoist operator, in routine and emergency evacuations. Improper movement, overspeed, and overtravel of a hoisting conveyance can result in serious physical harm or death to all

passengers. While small mine operators are likely to have fewer hoists and hoist operators, Congress intended that the Mine Act be enforced at all mining operations within its jurisdiction regardless of size and that information collection and record keeping requirements be consistent with efficient and effective enforcement of the Mine Act. However, Congress did recognize that small operations may face problems in complying with some Mine Act provisions. Section 103(e) of the Mine Act directs the Secretary of Labor not to impose an unreasonable burden on small businesses when obtaining any information under the Mine Act. This information collection does not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Hoist Operator's Physical Fitness. MSHA 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home Page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and selecting "Statutory and Regulatory Information" then "Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions" (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>) or by contacting the employee listed above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice for a hard copy.

III. Current Actions

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and nonmetallic miners riding hoist conveyances is dependent upon the attentiveness and physical capabilities of the hoist operators, in routine and emergency evacuations. Improper movements, overspeed, and overtravel of a hoisting conveyance can result in serious physical harm or death to all passengers. Small mine operators are likely to have fewer hoists and hoist operators.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Hoist Operator's Physical Fitness.

OMB Number: 1219-0049.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Record keeping: At least one year from the time that certification is obtained.

Total Respondents: 47.

Total Responses: 235.

Average Time per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 7.8.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Operating and Maintenance Costs: \$72,380.

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: November 16, 2001.

Gordon J. Burke, Jr.,

Director, Administration and Management.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**Notice of Intent to Award—Grant Awards for the Provision of Civil Legal Services to Eligible Low-Income Clients Beginning March 1, 2002**

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Announcement of intention to make FY 2002 Competitive Grant Awards.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) hereby announces its intention to award grants and contracts to provide economical and effective delivery of high quality civil legal services to eligible low-income clients, beginning March 1, 2002.

DATES: All comments and recommendations must be received on or before the close of business on December 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Legal Services Corporation—Competitive Grants, Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002–4250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reginald Haley, Office of Program Performance, (202) 336–8827.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to LSC's announcement of funding availability on April 19, 2001 (66 FR 20165), July 13, 2001 (66 FR 36807), and Grant Renewal applications due on August 13, 2001, LSC will award funds to one or more of the following organizations to provide civil legal

services in the indicated service areas. The grant amounts shown below are based on FY 2001 funding levels and reflect a ten month funding period beginning March 1, 2002, and ending December 31, 2002.

Service area	Applicant name	Anticipated FY 2002 award
WI-5	Legal Action of Wisconsin	\$2,783,980
MWI	Legal Action of Wisconsin	66,480
NWI-1	Wisconsin Judicare, Inc	116,810
WI-2	Wisconsin Judicare, Inc	888,410
LA-9	Capital Area Legal Services Corporation	3,509,370
LA-9	Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporation	3,509,370
LA-9	New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation	3,509,370

These grants and contracts will be awarded under the authority conferred on LSC by the Legal Services Corporation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2996e(a)(1)). Awards will be made so that each service area indicated above is served, although none of the listed organizations are guaranteed an award or contract. This public notice is issued pursuant to the LSC Act (42 U.S.C. 2996f(f)), with a request for comments and recommendations concerning the potential grantees within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Grants will become effective and grant funds will be distributed on or about March 1, 2002.

Dated: November 19, 2001.

Michael A. Genz,

Director, Office of Program Performance.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)), notice is hereby given that the Merit Systems Protection Board is holding a closed meeting on November 29, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., in the Board's conference room at 1615 M Street, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20419. In calling the meeting, the Board determined that the public interest does not require consideration of the matter in a meeting open to public observation and that the matter could be considered by authority of subsection (c)(10) of the "Government

in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10)).

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Strategies for moving overage cases.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Shannon McCarthy or Matthew Shannon, Office of the Clerk of the Board, (202) 653–7200.

Dated: November 20, 2001.

Robert E. Taylor,
Clerk of the Board.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Fellowships Advisory Panel

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Fellowships Advisory Panel, Folk & Traditional Arts Section (National Heritage Fellowships category) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on December 4–7, 2001 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, (Room M–07) Washington, DC, 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on December 6th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on December 4th and 5th, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on December 6th, and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on December 7th, will be closed.

The closed portions of these meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the

Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 22, 2001, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to (c)(4)(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682–5532, TDY–TDD 202/682–5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call 202/682–5691.

Dated: November 19, 2001.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.