

OMB Number: 1215-0054.  
 Frequency: On occasion.  
 Affected Public: Individuals or households.  
 Number of Respondents: 52,221.  
 Number of Annual Responses: 52,221.  
 Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes.  
 Burden Hours Total: 8,669.  
 Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.  
 Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$21,000.

*Description:* This collection is used by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) and contractor bill processing staff to process reimbursement requests for travel expenses. To enable OWCP and its contractor bill processing staff to consider the appropriateness of the request in a timely fashion, it is essential the request include all of the data elements needed to evaluate the request. If all the data elements required by OWCP are not collected, the contractor staff cannot process the request for reimbursement.

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 Departmental Clearance Officer.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 15, 2004.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) 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 ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor (DOL). To obtain documentation, contact Ira Mills on 202-693-4122 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: [mills.ira@dol.gov](mailto:mills.ira@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), 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 and Training Administration.

*Type of Review:* New collection.  
*Title:* Local Area Survey for the Evaluation of the WIA Performance Measurement System.

OMB Number: 1205-0NEW.  
 Frequency: One time.  
 Affected Public: State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 605.  
 Number of Annual Responses: 605.  
 Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Burden Hours Total: 1,210.  
 Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

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

*Description:* The Department of Labor is seeking the Office of Management and Budget approval to collect data from Local Workforce Investment Areas on the performance measurement system enacted under the Workforce Investment Act. The data will be used to identify areas of concern with the current system and to inform the design of future data collection and performance measurement systems.

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 Departmental Clearance Officer.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 12, 2004.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) 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 ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor (DOL). To obtain documentation, contact Ira Mills on 202-693-4122 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-Mail: [mills.ira@dol.gov](mailto:mills.ira@dol.gov).

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*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Maintenance of Receipts for Benefits Paid by a Coal Mine Operator.

OMB Number: 1215-0124.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 140.

Number of Annual Responses: 140.

Burden Hours Total: 1 hour.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

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

*Description:* Insurance carriers and self-insured coal mine operators are required to maintain cancelled checks for five years in order to verify payment of black lung benefits. Verification may become necessary since benefit

payments made by an operator or carriers are paid directly to the person entitled to benefits or to a representative payee, if authorized.

Ira L. Mills,

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 04-054]

### National Environmental Policy Act; Mars Exploration Program

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft programmatic environmental impact statement (DPEIS) for implementation of the Mars Exploration Program.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and NASA policy and procedures (14 CFR part 1216 subpart 1216.3), NASA has prepared and issued a DPEIS for the Mars Exploration Program (MEP). The DPEIS addresses the potential environmental impacts associated with continuing the preparations for and implementing the program.

The MEP would be a science-driven, technology-enabled effort to characterize and understand Mars using an exploration strategy, which focuses on evidence of the presence of water. Following the pathways and cycles of water may lead to preserved ancient records of biological processes, as well as the character of environments on Mars. The Proposed Action addresses the preparation for and implementation of a coordinated series of robotic orbital, surface, and atmospheric missions to gather scientific data on Mars and its environments through 2020. Continued planning for sample return missions, which would enable study of Martian samples in Earth-based laboratories, would be included. Some MEP missions could use radioisotope power systems (RPSs) for electricity, radioisotope heater units (RHUs) for thermal control, and small quantities of radioisotopes in science instruments for experiments and instrument calibration. Environmental impacts associated with specific missions would be addressed in subsequent environmental documentation, as appropriate.

Missions launched from the United States would originate from either Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS), Florida or Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit comments on environmental concerns on or before June 7, 2004, or 45 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the EPA notice of availability of the MEP DPEIS, whichever is later.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted via first class, registered, or certified mail should be addressed to Mark R. Dahl, Office of Space Science, Mail Code SM, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546-0001. Comments submitted via express mail, a commercial deliverer, or courier service should be addressed to Mark R. Dahl, Office of Space Science, Mail Code SM, Attn: Receiving & Inspection (Rear of Building), NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20024-3210. While hard copy comments are preferred, comments by electronic mail may be sent to [mep.nepa@hq.nasa.gov](mailto:mep.nepa@hq.nasa.gov). The DPEIS may be reviewed at the following locations:

- (a) NASA Headquarters, Library, Room 1J20, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546.
  - (b) Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Visitors Lobby, Building 249, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA 91109 (818-354-5179).
- In addition, the DPEIS may be examined at the following NASA locations by contacting the pertinent Freedom of Information Act Office:
- (c) NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA 94035 (650-604-1181).
  - (d) NASA, Dryden Flight Research Center, P.O. Box 273, Edwards, CA 93523 (661-258-3449).
  - (e) NASA, Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135 (216-433-2755).
  - (f) NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20771 (301-286-6255).
  - (g) NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX 77058 (281-483-8612).
  - (h) NASA, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899 (321-867-9280).
  - (i) NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23681 (757-864-2497).
  - (j) NASA, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812 (256-544-2030).
  - (k) NASA, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529 (228-688-2164).

Limited hard copies of the DPEIS are available, on a first request basis, by contacting Mark R. Dahl at the address

or telephone number indicated herein. The DPEIS also is available in Acrobat® format at <http://spacescience.nasa.gov/admin/pubs/mepdpeis/index.htm>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark R. Dahl, Office of Space Science, Mail Code SM, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546-0001, telephone 202-358-4800, or electronic mail [mep.nepa@hq.nasa.gov](mailto:mep.nepa@hq.nasa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** With the MEP, NASA would establish a series of objectives to address the open scientific questions associated with the exploration of Mars. These objectives have been organized by the program as follows:

- Determine if life exists or has ever existed on Mars,
- Understand the current state and evolution of the atmosphere, surface, and interior of Mars, and
- Develop an understanding of Mars in support of possible future human exploration.

The purpose of the action addressed in the DPEIS is to further the scientific goals of the MEP by continuing the exploration and characterization of the planet. On the basis of the knowledge gained from prior and ongoing missions (*i.e.*, the early Mariners, Viking, Mars Pathfinder, Mars Global Surveyor, and Mars Odyssey), it appears that Mars, like Earth, has experienced dynamic interactions among its atmosphere, surface, and interior that are, at least in part, related to water. Following the pathways and cycles of water has emerged as a strategy that possibly may lead to a preserved record of biological processes, as well as the character of ancient environments on Mars. In addition to understanding the history of Mars, investigations undertaken in the MEP may shed light on current environments that could support existing biological processes.

The Proposed Action (Alternative 1) would consist of a long-term program that, as a goal, sends at least one spacecraft to Mars during each launch opportunity extending through the first two decades of the twenty-first century. Efficient launch opportunities to Mars occur approximately every 26 months. MEP missions would be launched on expendable launch vehicles (*e.g.*, Delta or Atlas class) from either CCAFS, Florida, or VAFB, California.

International participation in the MEP could include, but not be limited to, the Canadian Space Agency, the European Space Agency (ESA), the French Space Agency, the German Space Agency, the Italian Space Agency, and the Russian Space Agency. The MEP could include international missions in which NASA