

publication of occupational safety and health statistics." The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) fulfills this responsibility, in part, by conducting the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses in conjunction with participating State statistical agencies. The BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses provides the nation's primary indicator of the progress towards achieving the goal of safer and healthier workplaces. The survey produces the overall rate of occurrence of work injuries and

illnesses by industry which can be compared to prior years to produce measures of the rate of change. These data are used to improve safety and health programs and measure the change in work-related injuries and illnesses.

II. Current Actions

OMB clearance is being sought for the upcoming Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses which will include a reduction in the sample. Approximately 230,000 establishments will be surveyed annually. The

clearance will include survey prenotification materials for employers who are normally exempt from recording injuries and illnesses.

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

OMB Number: 1220-0045.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions; farms; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency: Annually.

Form	Total respondents	Total responses	Estimated time per response (hour)	Estimated total burden hours
BLS 9300	230,000	230,000	.83	190,625
Prenotification Package	150,000 out of 230,000	150,000 out of 230,000	.11	16,666
Totals	230,000	230,000	.90	207,291

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$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 7th day of July, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: Mine Rescue Teams; Arrangements for Emergency Medical Assistance; and Arrangements for Transportation for Injured Persons

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.

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension and reinstatement of information collection requirements related to Mine Rescue Teams; Arrangements for Emergency Medical Assistance; and Arrangements for Transportation for Injured Persons. In addition, MSHA is soliciting comments concerning existing paperwork requirements related to Availability of Mine Rescue Teams which have not been previously approved by OMB. 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 can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to psilvey@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached on (703) 235-1910 (voice) or (703) 234-5551 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George M. Fesak, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Mr. Fesak can be reached at gfsak@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-8378 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 115(e) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 required the Secretary of Labor to publish proposed regulations which provide that mine rescue teams be available for rescue and recovery work to each

underground mine in the event of emergency. Congress considered the ready availability of mine rescue teams in the event of an accident to be vital protection for miners.

In responding to Congressional concerns, MSHA promulgated 30 CFR part 49, Mine Rescue Teams. These regulations set standards related to the availability of mine rescue teams; alternate mine rescue capability for small and remote mines and mines with special mining conditions; inspection and maintenance records of mine rescue equipment and apparatus; physical requirements for mine rescue team members and alternates; and experience and training requirements for team members and alternates.

II. Current Actions

This request for review consolidates all paperwork requirements related to mine rescue teams, arrangements for emergency medical assistance, and arrangements for transportation for injured persons into a single paperwork package under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1219-0078. The consolidated package includes all paperwork requirements which were formerly approved under OMB control numbers 1219-0077, 1219-0078, and 1219-0093, as well as certain paperwork requirements which are currently approved under OMB control number 1219-0049. In addition, paperwork requirements under 30 CFR

§ 49.2 which have not been approved by OMB have been included in this consolidated package to eliminate the need for an additional package.

Type of Review: New, extension, and reinstatement (without change).

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Mine Rescue Teams; Arrangements for Emergency Medical Assistance; and Arrangements for Transportation for Injured Persons.

OMB Number: 1219-0078.

Recordkeeping: One year.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Burden Hours:

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per responses	Burden
49.2	1,285	On occasion	89	1.00 hour	89 hours.
49.3 and 4	72	On occasion	10	2.00 hours	20 hours.
49.6	311	Bimonthly	33,588	0.31 hour	10,263 hours.
49.7	311	Annually	3,732	2.13 hours	7,931 hours.
49.8	311	Annually	17,310	0.60 hours	10,452 hours.
49.9	1,357	On occasion	98	2.00 hours	197 hours.
75.1713-1	1,117	On occasion	67	2.00 hours	135 hours.
77.1702	1,781	On occasion	90	2.00 hours	180 hours
Totals	3,138	54,984	0.53 hour	29,267 hours.

Estimated Burden Hour Cost: \$1,007,898.

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

Estimated Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$559,260.

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: July 7, 1997.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D-09685, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; EBPLife Insurance Company, et al.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the

Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restriction of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or request for a hearing on the pending exemptions, unless otherwise stated in the notice of proposed exemption, within 45 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. Comments and request for a hearing should state: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration,

Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Application No. stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5507, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Notice to Interested Persons

Notice of the proposed exemptions will be provided to all interested persons in the manner agreed upon by the applicant and the Department within 15 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Such notice shall include a copy of the notice of proposed exemption as published in the **Federal Register** and shall inform interested persons of their right to comment and to request a hearing (where appropriate).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exemptions were requested in applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990).