

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement****Notice of Proposed Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for the Reclamation on Private Lands, 30 CFR 882.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by March 9, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to [jtreleas@osmre.gov](mailto:jtreleas@osmre.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783, or submit electronically to [jtreleas@osmre.gov](mailto:jtreleas@osmre.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. These collections are contained in 30 CFR Part 882.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of

automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

*Title:* Reclamation on Private Lands, 30 CFR 882.

*OMB Control Number:* 1029-0057.

*Summary:* Public Law 95-87 authorizes Federal, State and Tribal governments to reclaim private lands and allows for the establishment of procedures for the recovery of the cost of reclamation activities on privately owned lands. These procedures are intended to ensure that governments have sufficient capability to file liens so that certain landowners will not receive a windfall from reclamation.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Frequency of Collection:* Once.

*Description of Respondents:* State governments and Indian tribes.

*Total Annual Responses:* 0.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1.

Dated: January 2, 1998.

**John A. Trelease,**

*Acting Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement****Notice of Proposed Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for the title described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 6, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact

John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically to [jtreleas@osmre.gov](mailto:jtreleas@osmre.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information which provides authority for State regulatory authorities to develop a blaster certification program, found at 30 CFR Part 850. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is listed in 30 CFR Part 850, which is 1029-0080.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on these collections of information was published on October 9, 1997 (62 FR 52772). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

*Title:* Permanent regulatory program requirements—standards for certification of blasters, 30 CFR 850.

*OMB Control Number:* 1029-0080.

*Summary:* This part establishes the requirements and procedures applicable to the development of regulatory programs for the training, examination, and certification of persons engaging in or directly responsible for the use of explosives in surface coal mining operations.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Frequency of Collection:* Once.

*Description of Respondents:* State governments.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1.

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information, to the following address. Please refer to the appropriate OMB control number in all correspondence.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, and to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

Dated: January 2, 1998.

**John A. Trelease,**

*Acting Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1839-97]

#### **Expansion of the Direct Mail Program for the Cleveland and Omaha District Offices; and the Cincinnati, Columbus, Des Moines, Sioux Falls, and Toledo Suboffices; Form N-400**

**AGENCY:** Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS or Service) is expanding its Direct Mail Program to include the Cleveland and Omaha District Offices and the Cincinnati, Columbus, Des Moines, Sioux Falls, and Toledo Suboffices on the current list of direct mail sites for filing Form N-400, Application for Naturalization. Applicants residing within these districts and suboffices will mail their Form N-400 directly to the designated INS service center for processing. This expansion is intended to improve INS service to the public by reducing processing times for Form N-400, limiting in-person visits to local offices, and improving the quality of case status information provided to the public.

**DATES:** This notice is effective January 7, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Arroyo, Adjudications Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Office of Naturalization Operations, 801 I Street, NW., Room 935E, Washington, DC 20536, telephone, (202) 514-8247.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

Under the INS Direct Mail Program, certain applicants and petitioners for immigration benefits mail their applications or petitions directly to an

INS service center for processing instead of submitting them to a local INS office. The purposes and strategy of the Direct Mail Program have been discussed in detail in previous rulemaking and notices (see, e.g., 59 FR 33903 and 59 FR 33985).

The Service is continuing expansion of the Direct Mail Program as applied to Form N-400 by adding the Cleveland and Omaha District Offices and the Cincinnati, Columbus, Des Moines, Sioux Falls, and Toledo Suboffices, as Direct Mail sites.

##### **Where to File**

Effective January 7, 1998, applicants for naturalization residing within the jurisdiction of the Cleveland and Omaha District Offices and the Cincinnati, Columbus, Des Moines, Sioux Falls and Toledo Suboffices must mail the Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, directly to the Nebraska Service Center at the following address: USINS Nebraska Service Center, Attention: N-400 Unit, P.O. Box 87400, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-7400.

##### **Transition**

During the first 60 days following the effective date of this notice, the Cleveland and Omaha District Offices and the Cincinnati, Columbus, Des Moines, Sioux Falls, and Toledo Suboffices will forward in a timely fashion to the Nebraska Service Center any Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, which has been inadvertently filed with the respective district or suboffice. Applicants will be provided a notice at the time of filing at the district or suboffice advising them that their application is being forwarded to the service center for initial processing. The applicant will receive written notification from their respective district or suboffice of the date, place, and time of their interview for naturalization. When applications are forwarded from the district or suboffices, they will be receipted and filed when they arrive at the service center. After the 60-day transition period, applicants attempting to file Form N-400, Application for Naturalization, at the offices listed above will be directed to mail their application directly to the appropriate service center for processing.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

**Doris Meissner,**

*Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1883-97]

#### **Expansion of the Direct Mail Program for the Atlanta, Baltimore, Helena, and Washington District Offices; and the Boise, Charlotte, Charleston, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, and Norfolk Suboffices; Form N-400**

**AGENCY:** Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS or Service) is expanding the Direct Mail Program to include the Atlanta, Baltimore, Helena, and Washington District Offices and the Boise, Charlotte, Charleston, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, and Norfolk Suboffices on the current list of direct mail sites for filing Form N-400 Applications for Naturalization. Applicants residing within these districts and suboffices will mail their Form N-400 directly to the designated INS service center for processing. This expansion is intended to improve INS service to the public by reducing processing times for Form N-400, limiting in-person visits to local offices, and improving the quality of case status information provided to the public.

**DATES:** This notice is effective January 7, 1998.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

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The Service is continuing expansion of the Direct Mail Program as applied to Form N-400 by adding the Atlanta, Baltimore, Helena, and Washington District Offices; and the Boise, Charlotte, Charleston, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, and Norfolk Suboffices, as Direct Mail Sites.

##### **Where to File**

Effective January 7, 1998 applicants for naturalization residing within the