

and training decisions. O*NET also will provide a common language and framework to meet administrative needs of various federal programs, including workforce investment and training programs of the Departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services.

In 1999, the Employment and Training Administration received OMB approval to conduct the O*NET Data Collection Program Survey Pretest (OMB No. 1205-0400, exp. 11/99). The Pretest provided information on the impact of several survey features on response rates. The use of alternative sample sizes per establishment and the use of in-kind incentives were tested for their impact on response rates for businesses. Alternatives on outreach and types of return envelope postage were tested for their impact on employee response rates.

The Pretest has been completed, and its results indicated significant increases in response rates were achieved with an optimum combination of specific tested survey features. Pretest results are described in the supporting documentation to this ICR.

A. Survey of Establishments and Incumbent Workers

Information will be collected in a two-stage design, including a statistical sample of businesses expected to employ workers in the specific occupations being surveyed, and a sample of workers in the occupations within the sampled businesses. These workers will be asked to complete the survey instruments.

For selected occupations, two alternative methods will be used.

B. Survey of Membership of Occupational Associations

The first is to contact professional associations that include a majority of the occupation's incumbent workers in their membership and sample from their member roster. These sampled workers will be surveyed in the same manner as workers identified in the two-stage sample design.

C. Subject Matter Experts

The second alternative is to identify subject matter experts for selected occupations. The experts will be asked to complete the questionnaires, as well as the demographic items and the task list for the specific occupation being surveyed.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- evaluate whether the proposed information collection 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Action

The O*NET Data Collection Program will collect information on up to 300 occupations in the first year, increasing the number of occupations in subsequent years to allow collection on all 974 O*NET occupations over three to five years. The O*NET occupations either match to, or represent more detailed breakouts of occupations from the 1998 Standard Occupational Classification.

O*NET uses five survey questionnaires: (1) Skills, (2) Generalized Work Activities, which are general types of job behaviors occurring on multiple jobs, (3) Abilities, (4) Work Context, the physical and social factors that influence the nature of work, and (5) Knowledge. (Copies of these questionnaires are also available from the Internet site already noted.) All but the Abilities questionnaire will be used to survey incumbent workers identified using the two-stage sample design. Abilities will be rated by analysts. While the sample of incumbent workers is designed to provide responses from four questionnaires, to reduce response burden each incumbent will be randomly assigned only one of the four questionnaires. Incumbents also will be asked to provide basic demographic information, and to complete a brief task inventory for their specific occupation. Incumbents will be offered the option of going to an Internet website to complete an on-line questionnaire.

The name of incumbent respondents will not be requested on the survey form and all individual responses will be maintained in strict confidentiality. The data from job incumbents and others will be used to develop mean ratings on the various items.

The resulting data will be subjected to extensive analysis, and will be made available to the public through scheduled updates to the O*NET database.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: O*NET Data Collection Program.

OMB Number: 1205-0NEW.

Affected Public: Employers (includes private and not-for-profit businesses and government); individuals (incumbent workers, subject matter experts).

Total Respondents: 24,000.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Total Responses: 24,000.

Average Time Per Response:

Employer response time is 1 hour, 35 minutes. Incumbent worker response time is 30 minutes. Subject matter expert response time is 2 hours, 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 22,183 hours.

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 1st day of August, 2000.

Gerard Fiala,

Administrator, Office of Policy and Research, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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 October 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 709A, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to bteaster@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Teaster can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 709A, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. Teaster can be reached at bteaster@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

Section 77.1101(a) requires operators of surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines to establish and keep current a specific escape and evacuation plan to be followed in the event of a fire.

Section 77.1101(b) requires that all employees be instructed in current escape and evacuation plans, fire alarm signals, and applicable procedures to be followed in case of fire. The training and record keeping requirements associated with this standard are addressed under OMB No. 1219-0070 (Certificate of Training, MSHA Form 5000-23).

Section 77.1101(c) requires escape and evacuation plans to include the designation and proper maintenance of an adequate means for exiting areas where persons are required to work or travel including buildings, equipment, and areas where persons normally congregate during the work shift.

While escape and evacuation plans are not subject to approval by MSHA district managers, MSHA inspectors evaluate the adequacy of the plans during their inspections of surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines.

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 Escape and Evacuation Plans. 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 submission 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

MSHA proposes to continue the information collection requirement related to escape and evacuation plans for surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines for an additional 3 years. MSHA believes that eliminating this requirement would expose miners to unnecessary risk of injury or death should a fire occur at or near their work location.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Escape and Evacuation Plans.

Recordkeeping: Indefinite.

OMB Number: 1219-0051.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc.: 30 CFR 77.1101.

Total Respondents: 59.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 59.

Average Time per Response: 4.45 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 263 hours.

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

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Operating and Maintenance Costs: \$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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 26, 2000.

Brenda C. Teaster,

Acting Chief, Records Management Division.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. SSD 99-27; ASLBP No. 00-778-06-ML]

Graystar, Inc.; Notice of Reconstitution

Pursuant to the authority contained in 10 CFR 2.721 and 2.1207, the Presiding Officer in the captioned 10 CFR part 2, Subpart L proceeding is hereby replaced by appointing Administrative Judge Ann M. Young as Presiding Officer in place of Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk, III.

All correspondence, documents, and other material shall be filed with the Presiding Officer in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1203. The address of the new Presiding Officer is: Administrative Judge Ann M. Young, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of July 2000.

G. Paul Bollwerk III,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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[Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328]

Tennessee Valley Authority (Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2); Exemption

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The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-77 for operation of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, and DPR-79 for Unit 2. The licenses provide, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission or NRC) now or hereafter in effect.