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Dated: March 30, 2001.

**Edward A. Tomchick,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Mine Ventilation System Plan

**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 June 5, 2001.

**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. Mrs. Teaster can be reached at bteaster@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

Underground mines present harsh and hostile working environments. The ventilation system is the most vital life support system in underground mining and a properly operating ventilation system is essential for maintaining a safe and healthful working environment. Lack of adequate ventilation in underground mines has resulted in fatalities from asphyxiation and explosions.

#### 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 Mine Ventilation System Plan. 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.

#### III. Current Action

A well planned mine ventilation system is necessary to assure a fresh air supply to miners at all working places, to control the amounts of harmful airborne contaminants in the mine atmosphere, and to dilute possible accumulation of explosive gases.

The standard requires that mine operators prepare a written plan of the mine's ventilation system and to update the plan annually. The purposes are to insure that each operator routinely plans, reviews, and updates the plan; to insure the availability of accurate and correct information; and to provide MSHA with the opportunity to alert the mine operator to potential hazards.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Mine Ventilation System Plan.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0016.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 30 CFR 57.8520.

*Total Respondents:* 284.

*Total Responses:* 284.

*Average Time Per Response:* 24 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 6,816 hours.

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$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 request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

**Brenda C. Teaster,**

*Acting Director, Records Management Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

**AGENCY:** Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA) is announcing that collections of information included in its Prohibited Transaction Exemptions 75-1, 80-83, and 88-59 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice announces the OMB approval numbers and expiration dates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Address requests for copies of the information collection requests (ICRs) to Gerald B. Lindrew, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of August 22, 2000 (65 FR 51038), the Agency announced its intent to request renewal of its current OMB approval for the information collection provisions of Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 75-1 (Broker-dealers, reporting dealers, banks engaging in securities transactions with employee benefit plans). In accordance with PRA 95, OMB has renewed its approval for the ICR under OMB control number 1210-0092. The approval expires January 31, 2004.

In the **Federal Register** of August 22, 2000 (65 FR 51038), the Agency announced its intent to request renewal of its current OMB approval for the information collection provisions of

Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80–83 (Transactions involving purchase of securities where issuer may use proceeds to reduce indebtedness to parties-in-interest). In accordance with PRA 95, OMB has renewed its approval for the ICR under OMB control number 1210–0064. The approval expires January 31, 2004.

In the **Federal Register** of August 22, 2000 (65 FR 51037), the Agency announced its intent to request renewal of its current OMB approval for the information collection provisions of Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 88–59 (Residential Mortgage Financing Arrangements). In accordance with PRA 95, OMB has renewed its approval for the ICR under OMB control number 1210–0095. The approval expires January 31, 2004.

Under 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid control number.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

**Gerald B. Lindrew,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Networking Infrastructure Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Networking Infrastructure and Research (#1207).

*Date/Time:* May 3–4, 2001; 8 AM–5 p.m. (This meeting was previously scheduled for April 9–10, 2001).

*Place:* Room 515 Stafford II, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Persons:* John Cozzens, Division of Advanced Networking Infrastructure Research, Room 1175, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8949.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Information Technology Research proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a

proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 3, 2001.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee For Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (1110)

*Date/Time:* April 26, 2001; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; April 27, 2001; 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, Rm. 1235.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, Room 605, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Tel No.: (703) 292–8400

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* The Advisory Committee for BIO provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

*Agenda:* Planning and Issues Discussion.

Dated: April 3, 2001.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Earth Sciences Proposal Review Panel; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Earth Sciences Proposal Review Panel (1569).

*Date/Time:* May 2–4, 2001, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. *Place:* University of Arizona, AMS Facility, Tucson, Arizona.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Mr. Russell C. Kelz, Associate Program Director, Instrumentation & Facilities Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science

Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 292–8558

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Instrumentation & Facilities proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems; Notice of Meetings

This notice is being published in accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended).

During the period April 1 through May 2001, the Special Emphasis Panel will be holding panel meetings to review and evaluate research proposals. The dates, contact person, and types of proposals are as follows:

#### Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems (1196)

1. *Date:* April 26–27, 2001, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Room 340.

*Contact:* Dr. James Mink, Program Director, Electronics, Photonics, and Device Technologies (EPDT), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8339.

*Type of Proposal:* Information Technology Research (ITR).

2. *Date:* May 8–9, 2001, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Room 595 (Stafford Place).

*Contact:* Dr. James Mink, Program Director, Electronics, Photonics, and Device Technologies (EPDT), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–8339.

*Type of Proposal:* Major Research Instrumentation (MRI).

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meetings:* Closed.

*Purpose of Meetings:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.