

Petition for Exceptional Circumstance Consideration

The classification procedures also provide criteria for the designation of LSAs under exceptional circumstances criteria. These procedures permit the regular classification criteria to be waived when an area experiences a significant increase in unemployment which is not temporary or seasonal and which was not reflected in the data for the 2-year reference period. Under the program's exceptional circumstance procedures, LSA classifications can be made for civil jurisdictions, Metropolitan Statistical Areas or Combined Statistical Areas, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. In order for an area to be classified as a LSA under the exceptional circumstance criteria, the state workforce agency must submit a petition requesting such classification to the ETA. The current criteria for an exceptional circumstance classification are:

1. An area's unemployment rate is at least 6 percent for each of the three most recent months; and
2. A projected unemployment rate of at least 6 percent for each of the next 12 months because of an event.

When submitting such a petition, the state workforce agency must provide documentation that the exceptional circumstance event has occurred. The state workforce agency may file petitions on behalf of civil jurisdictions, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, or Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

State Workforce Agencies may submit petitions in electronic format to wright.samuel.e@dol.gov, or in hard copy to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Investment, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-4514, Washington, DC 20210, Attention Samuel Wright. Data collection for the petition is approved under OMB 1205-0207, expiration date May 31, 2023.

Signed at Washington, DC.

Angela Hanks,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Occupational Noise Exposure

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)-sponsored 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 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before November 18, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Rennie by telephone at 202-693-0456 or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Noise is a harmful physical agent and one of the most pervasive health hazards in mining. Repeated exposure to high levels of sound over time causes occupational noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL). NIHL is a serious, often profound physical impairment for miners, with far-reaching psychological and social effects. NIHL can be distinguished from aging and other factors that can contribute to hearing

loss and it can be prevented. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), NIHL is among the "top ten" leading occupational illnesses and injuries.

For many years, NIHL was regarded as an inevitable consequence of working in a mine. Mining, an intensely mechanized industry, relies on drills, crushers, compressors, conveyors, trucks, loaders, and other heavy-duty equipment for the excavation, haulage, and processing of material. This equipment creates high sound levels, exposing machine operators as well as miners working nearby to occupational noise that can contribute to hearing loss. MSHA, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the military, and other organizations around the world have established and enforced standards to reduce the loss of hearing. Quieter equipment, isolation of workers from noise sources, and limiting the time workers are exposed to noise are among the many well-accepted methods that will prevent NIHL.

Records of miners' exposures to noise are necessary so that mine operators and MSHA can evaluate the need for and effectiveness of engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment to protect miners from harmful levels of noise that can result in hearing loss. However, the Agency believes that extensive records for this purpose are not needed. Instead, the requirements are a performance-oriented approach to monitoring. Records of miners' hearing examinations enable mine operators and MSHA to ensure that the controls are effective in preventing NIHL for individual miners. Records of training are needed to confirm that miners receive the information they need to become active participants in hearing conservation efforts. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 10, 2021 (86 FR 24897).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3)

years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL-MSHA.

Title of Collection: Occupational Noise Exposure.

OMB Control Number: 1219-0147.

Affected Public: Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of

Respondents: 12,929.

Total Estimated Number of

Responses: 190,001.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 14,153 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$30,585.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D)).

Crystal Rennie,

Senior PRA Analyst.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday, October 21, 2021.

PLACE: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting will be open to the public via live webcast only. Visit the agency's homepage (www.ncua.gov) and access the provided webcast link.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Board Briefing, Cybersecurity.
2. NCUA Rules and Regulations, Credit Union Service Organizations.
3. NCUA Rules and Regulations, CAMELS Rating System.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Melane Conyers-Ausbrooks, Secretary of the Board, Telephone: 703-518-6304.

Melane Conyers-Ausbrooks,

Secretary of the Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit applications received.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by November 18, 2021. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 or ACAPermits@nsf.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly Penhale, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703-292-8030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR 670), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

Permit Application: 2022-015

1. *Applicant:* Nikola Bajo, Grand Circle Corporation, 347 Congress St. Boston MA 02210.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Waste Management. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit authorizing waste management activities associated with the operation of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in Antarctica for commercial, educational and ice reconnaissance purposes. All pilots will be required to have demonstrated flight experience and must be pre-approved by Expedition Leaders. Flights will not be conducted over any wildlife colonies or concentrations of wildlife, Antarctic Specially Protected Areas or any listed Historical Sites and Monuments. Flights near any Antarctic Stations must first be coordinated with and approved by station leadership. Mitigation measures consistent with those published by

IAATO will be adhered to in order to prevent loss of aircrafts and to minimize any potential environmental impacts. The applicant is seeking a waste permit to cover any accidental release that may result from operating UAVs.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula Region.

Dates of Permitted Activities: January 1, 2022-March 31, 2022.

Permit Application: 2022-016

2. *Applicant:* Prash Karnik, Lindblad Expeditions, 2505 2nd Ave. #300, Seattle WA 98121.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Waste Management. The applicant seeks an Antarctic Conservation Act permit authorizing waste management activities associated with use of unmanned aerial systems (UAVs) in the Antarctic for marketing, educational, commercial, and navigational use. UAVs are only to be flown by experienced pilots with demonstrated experience and approved by the expedition leaders. Flights will not occur over any concentrations of wildlife, Antarctic Specially Protected Areas or any Historical Sites and Monuments. Mitigation measures will be in place to prevent the loss of aircrafts, including only operating in fair weather; only operating when the wind is less than 25 knots; and having an observer maintain visual contact with the aircraft at all times. The applicant is seeking a waste permit to cover any accidental release that may result from operating UAVs.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula Region.

Dates of Permitted Activities: December 1, 2021-March 31, 2026.

Erika N. Davis,

Program Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2022-8 and CP2022-9; MC2022-9 and CP2022-10]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* October 21, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's