

#### IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows: (1) Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. *Please note:* While OSHA's Docket Office is continuing to accept and process submissions by regular mail due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Docket Office is closed to the public and not able to receive submissions to the docket by hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2011-0032). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or a facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled **ADDRESSES**). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so that the agency can attach them to your comments.

Due to security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and dates of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download from this website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, (TTY) (877) 889-5627 for information about materials not available from the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

#### V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 15, 2022.

**James S. Frederick,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

#### Office of the Workers' Compensation Programs

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Representative Fee Request (CA-143/CA-155)

**AGENCY:** Office of Workers' Compensations  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed revision for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Representative Fee Request" (CA-143/CA-155). This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all written comments received by May 2, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free by contacting Anjanette Suggs by telephone at 202-354-9660 or by email at [suggs.anjanette@dol.gov](mailto:suggs.anjanette@dol.gov).

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Room S3323, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; by email: [suggs.anjanette@dol.gov](mailto:suggs.anjanette@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anjanette Suggs by telephone at 202-354-9660 or by email at [suggs.anjanette@dol.gov](mailto:suggs.anjanette@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to

comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the OMB for final approval. This program helps to ensure 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 can be properly assessed.

*Background:* The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). Individuals filing for compensation benefits with the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) may be represented by an attorney or other representative. The representative is entitled to request a fee for services under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). The fee must be approved by the OWCP before any demand for payment can be made by the representative. This information collection request sets forth the criteria for the information, which must be presented by the respondent in order to have the fee approved by the OWCP. The information collection does not have a particular form or format; the respondent must present the information in any format which is convenient and which meets all the required information criteria. This information collection is currently approved for use through July 31, 2022.

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 under the PRA approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Written comments will receive consideration, and be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Number 1240-0049. Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. The DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive

statements/information in any comments.

The DOL is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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.

*Agency:* DOL-Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* Representative Fee Request.

*Form:* CA-143/CA-155.

*OMB Number:* 1240-0049.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit, Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,035.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 4,035.

*Estimated Average Time per*

*Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 2018.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden:* 0.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**Anjanette Suggs,**

*Agency Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

#### Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Currently, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Application for Self-Insurance Under the Black Lung

Benefits Act: Application or Renewal of Self-Insurance Authority (CM-2017), Financial Summary for Self-Insured Operators (CM-2017a) and Report of Claims Information for Self-Insured Operators (CM-2017b). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice. 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:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below on or before May 2, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by mail, delivery service, or by hand to Ms. Anjanette Suggs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S-3323, Washington, DC 20210; by fax to (202) 354-9660; or by Email to [Suggs.Anjanette@dol.gov](mailto:Suggs.Anjanette@dol.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail/delivery, fax or Email). Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be considered.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance 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).

**I. Background:** The Department's regulations implementing the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), 30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, may require parties to exchange all medical information about the miner they develop in connection with a claim for benefits, including information parties do not intend to submit as evidence in the claim. See 20 CFR 725.413. The rule helps protect a miner's health, assist unrepresented parties, and promote accurate benefit determinations. The potential parties to a BLBA claim include the benefits claimant, the responsible coal mine operator and its insurance carrier, and the Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). Under this rule, a party of a party's agent who receives medical information about the miner must send a copy to all other parties within 30 days after receipt or, if a hearing before an administrative law judge has already been scheduled, at

least 20 days before the hearing. The exchanged information is entered into the record of the claim only if a party submits it into evidence.

The Department's authority to engage in information collection is specified in BLBA sections 413(b), 422(2) and 426(a). see 30 U.S.C. 923(b), 932(a) and 936(a). This information collection is currently approved for use through July 31, 2022.

**II. Review Focus:** The Department of Labor 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 Actions:** The Department of Labor seeks approval for the extension of this currently-approved information collection. The collection is necessary to give miners full access to information about their health, assist unrepresented claimants, and reach accurate benefit determinations under the BLBA.

*Agency:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Self-Insurance under the Black Lung Benefits Act.

*OMB Number:* 1240-0057.

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

*Total Respondents:* 49.

*Total Annual Responses:* 294.

*Average Time per Response:* 20 minutes to 2 hours (.89 average burden hours).

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 262 hours.

*Frequency:* Annually and quarterly.

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$5,850.46.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of