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- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; 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.

*Abstract:* These records show daily activities in the importation, manufacture, receipt, storage, and disposition of all explosive materials covered under 18 U.S.C. chapter 40. The records are used to show where and to

whom explosives materials are distributed.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a previously approved collection.
2. *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Records and Supporting Data: Importation, Receipt, Storage, and Disposition by Explosives Importers, Manufacturers, Dealers, and Users Licensed.
3. The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: *Form number:* None. *Component:* Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Department of Justice.
4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as the obligation to respond: *Affected Public:* Private Sector-for or not for profit

institutions, Federal Government. The obligation to respond is mandatory per 18 U.S.C. 842(f), (g), (j), (k), 843(f) and 847, and are established in the manner set forth in 27 CFR 555.121–129.

5. An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: An estimated 9,096 respondents will prepare records for this information collection once annually, and it will take each respondent approximately 12.6 hours to prepare the required records.

6. An estimate of the total annual burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The estimated annual public burden associated with this collection is 573,048 hours, which is equal to 573,048 (total respondents) \* 1 (# of response per respondent) \* 12.6 (# of hours per response).

7. An estimate of the total annual cost burden associated with the collection, if applicable: \$0.

**TOTAL BURDEN HOURS**

| Activity                         | Number of respondents | Frequency (annually) | Total annual responses | Time per response (hours) | Total annual burden (hours) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| OMB 1140–0030 .....              | 9,096                 | 1                    | 45,480                 | 12.6                      | 573,048                     |
| <i>Unduplicated Totals</i> ..... | .....                 | .....                | .....                  | .....                     | .....                       |

If additional information is required contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W–218, Washington, DC.

Dated: February 1, 2024.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Lodging of Proposed Partial Consent Decree Under the Clean Water Act**

On January 30, 2024, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Partial Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the District of Guam in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. Guam Waterworks Authority and the Government of Guam*, Civil Action No. 04–00004.

The United States filed a lawsuit under the Clean Water Act, alleging that Guam Waterworks Authority (“GWA”)

violated the Act and the terms and conditions of applicable permits by discharging excess pollutants from and failing to maintain its wastewater collection system. The complaint seeks injunctive relief and civil penalties. The partial settlement requires GWA to implement an estimated \$400 million in wastewater collection system improvements and to conduct a feasibility study for improvements to the Hagåtña wastewater treatment plant. The partial Consent Decree does not resolve the United States’ claims for civil penalties or further injunctive relief related to GWA’s wastewater collection system or treatment technology upgrades to the Hagåtña wastewater treatment plant. The Government of Guam is also a party to the lawsuit and the settlement.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the partial Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. Guam Waterworks Authority and the Government of Guam*, D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–1–1–11696. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice.

Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

| <i>To submit comments:</i> | <i>Send them to:</i>  |
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| By email .....             | <i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>   |
| By mail .....              | Assistant Attorney General,<br>U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O.<br>Box 7611, Washington, DC<br>20044–7611. |

During the public comment period, the partial Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <http://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the partial Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$19.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury. For a paper copy

without the exhibits and signature pages, the cost is \$17.50.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Bureau of Labor Statistics**

**Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** 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. This program helps to ensure that the 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Report on Current Employment Statistics." A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before April 8, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room G225, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington,

DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by email to *BLS\_PRA\_Public@bls.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Current Employment Statistics (CES) program provides current monthly statistics on employment, hours, and earnings, by industry and geography. CES estimates are among the most visible and widely-used Principal Federal Economic Indicators (PFEIs). CES data are also among the timeliest of the PFEIs, with their release each month by the BLS in the *Employment Situation*, typically on the first Friday of each month. The statistics are fundamental inputs in economic decision processes at all levels of government, private enterprise, and organized labor.

The CES monthly estimates of employment, hours, and earnings are based on a sample of U.S. nonagricultural establishments. Information is derived from approximately 349,000 reports (from a sample of 122,000 employers with State Unemployment Insurance (UI) accounts comprised of 666,000 individual worksites). Each month, firms report their employment, payroll, and hours on forms identified as the BLS-790. The sample is collected under a probability-based design. Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands collect an additional 8,800 reports.

A list of all form types currently used appears in the table below. Respondents receive variations of the basic collection forms, depending on their industry.

The CES program is a voluntary program under Federal statute. Reporting to the State agencies is voluntary in all but four States (California, New Mexico, Oregon, and South Carolina), Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. To our knowledge, the States that do have mandatory reporting rarely exercise their authority. The collection form's confidentiality statement cites the Confidential

Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act and mentions the State mandatory reporting authority.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the Report on Current Employment Statistics.

Automated data collection methods are now used for most of the CES sample. Approximately 124,000 reports are received through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). Web data collection accounts for 26,000 reports. Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) is used to collect 66,000.

The balance of the sample is collected through other methods including submission of transcripts, emails, fax, and other special arrangements.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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.
- 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.

*Title of Collection:* Report on Current Employment Statistics.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0011.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* State or local governments; businesses or other for profit; non-profit institutions.

| Industry                         | Number of annual reports | Frequency | Total annual responses | Estimated average annual burden (hours) | Estimated total annual burden (hours) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Natural Resources & Mining ..... | 718                      | 12        | 8,616                  | 0.167                                   | 1,439                                 |
| Construction .....               | 7,742                    | 12        | 92,904                 | 0.167                                   | 15,515                                |
| Manufacturing .....              | 6,223                    | 12        | 74,676                 | 0.167                                   | 12,471                                |
| Services .....                   | 80,425                   | 12        | 965,100                | 0.167                                   | 161,172                               |
| Public Administration .....      | 29,241                   | 12        | 350,892                | 0.100                                   | 35,089                                |
| Education .....                  | 13,786                   | 12        | 165,432                | 0.100                                   | 16,543                                |