

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

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Number 1029-0080]

**Submission to the Office of  
Management and Budget for Review  
and Approval; Permanent Regulatory  
Program Requirements—Standards for  
Certification of Blasters**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining  
Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information  
Collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,  
the Office of Surface Mining  
Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE),  
are proposing to renew an information  
collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to  
submit comments on or before  
December 30, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on  
this information collection request (ICR)  
by mail to Mark Gehlhar, Office of  
Surface Mining Reclamation and  
Enforcement, 1849 C Street NW, Room  
1544-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, or by  
email to [mgehlhar@osmre.gov](mailto:mgehlhar@osmre.gov). Please  
reference OMB Control Number 1029-  
0080 in the subject line of your  
comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request additional information about  
this ICR, contact Mark Gehlhar by email  
at [mgehlhar@osmre.gov](mailto:mgehlhar@osmre.gov), or by telephone  
at 202-208-2716. Individuals in the  
United States who are deaf, deafblind,  
hard of hearing, or have a speech  
disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or  
TeleBraille) to access  
telecommunications relay services.  
Individuals outside the United States  
should use the relay services offered  
within their country to make  
international calls to the point-of-  
contact in the United States. You may  
also view the ICR at [http://  
www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In  
accordance with the Paperwork  
Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501  
*et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we  
provide the general public and other  
Federal agencies with an opportunity to  
comment on new, proposed, revised,  
and continuing collections of  
information. This helps us assess the  
impact of our information collection  
requirements and minimize the public's  
reporting burden. It also helps the

public understand our information  
collection requirements and provide the  
requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the  
proposed ICR that is described below.  
We are especially interested in public  
comment addressing the following  
issues: (1) is the collection necessary to  
the proper functions of the agency; (2)  
will this information be processed and  
used in a timely manner; (3) is the  
estimate of burden accurate; (4) how  
might the agency enhance the quality,  
utility, and clarity of the information to  
be collected; and (5) how might the  
agency minimize the burden of this  
collection on the respondents, including  
through the use of information  
technology.

Comments that you submit in  
response to this notice are a matter of  
public record. We will include or  
summarize each comment in our request  
to OMB to approve this ICR. Before  
including your address, phone number,  
email address, or other personal  
identifying information in your  
comment, you should be aware that  
your entire comment—including your  
personal identifying information—may  
be made publicly available at any time.  
While you can ask us in your comment  
to withhold your personal identifying  
information from public review, we  
cannot guarantee that we will be able to  
do so.

**Abstract:** The information is used to  
identify and evaluate new blaster  
certification programs. Part 850  
implements Section 719 of the Surface  
Mining Control and Reclamation Act  
(SMCRA). Section 719 requires the  
Secretary of the Interior to issue  
regulations which provide for each State  
regulatory authority to train, examine  
and certify persons for engaging in  
blasting or use of explosives in surface  
coal mining operations. Each State that  
wishes to certify blasters must submit a  
blasters certification program to OSMRE  
for approval.

**Title of Collection:** Permanent  
Regulatory Program Requirements—  
Standards for Certification of Blasters.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029-0080.

**Form Number:** None.

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

**Respondents/Affected Public:**  
Businesses and State governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual  
Respondents:** 1.

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Responses:** 1.

**Estimated Completion Time per  
Response:** 320 hours.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual  
Burden Hours:** 320.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to  
obtain or retain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** One time.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour  
Burden Cost:** \$0.

An agency may not conduct or  
sponsor and a person is not required to  
respond to a collection of information  
unless it displays a currently valid OMB  
control number.

The authority for this action is the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44  
U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and  
Enforcement.*

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**Submission to the Office of  
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and Approval; General Requirements  
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Reclamation Operations on Federal  
Lands**

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