

- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to 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.

The information collection request will be available on <https://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions the commenter against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on <https://www.regulations.gov> and <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

The public may also examine publicly available documents at DOL-MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, 201 12th Street South, 4th Floor West, Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Sign in at the receptionist's desk on the 4th Floor via the West elevator. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9455 to make an appointment.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns provisions for Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas at Coal Mines. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, time burden, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

OMB Number: 1219-0082.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Annual Respondents: 15.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Annual Responses: 6,600.

Annual Time Burden: 8,250 hours.

Annual Other Burden Costs: \$0.

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

Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

Song-ae Aromie Noe,

Certifying Officer, Mine Safety and Health Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

[OMB Control No. 1240-NEW]

Proposed Information Collection; OWCP Provider ACH Form (OWCP-3881)

AGENCY: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance request for comment to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This request 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. Currently, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) is soliciting comments on the information collection for OWCP Provider ACH Form (SF-3881).

DATES: All comments must be received on or before December 30, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comment as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered.

Written/Paper Submissions: Submit written/paper submissions in the following way:

- Mail or visit DOL-OWCP (Hand-Delivery), Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S3524, Washington, DC 20210.

- OWCP will post your comment as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anjanette Suggs, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, at suggs.anjanette@dol.gov (email) or (202) 354-9660 (voice).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) is the agency responsible for administration of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8101 *et seq.*, the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), 30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA), 42 U.S.C. 7384 *et seq.*, and the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, 33 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.* These statutes require OWCP to pay for appropriate medical and vocational rehabilitation services provided to beneficiaries. In order for OWCP's bill processing contractor to pay providers for these services with its bill processing system, providers must complete and submit an ACH Vendor payment system form. This form is required under the provision of 31 U.S.C. 3322 and 31 CFR 210. The information reported on the form will be used by the Treasury Department to transmit payment data by electronic means to a vendor's financial institution for payment of medical services rendered to OWCP's claimants.

If this information is not obtained, when a provider submits their bill for payment, the bill payment process is substantially prolonged and increases the burden on providers to obtain payment for services rendered. The regulations implementing the above statutes that OWCP administers permit the collection of information necessary to allow its billing contractor to process and pay bills submitted by providers of medical and vocational rehabilitation services. (20 CFR 10.801, 30.701, 725.704, 725.705 and 725.714).

II. Desired Focus of Comments

OWCP is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to the OWCP ACH Vendor Payment Enrollment Form.

The OWCP is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of OWCP's estimate of the burden related to the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used in the estimate;

- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the information collection 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.

Background documents related to this information collection request are available at <https://regulations.gov> and at DOL–OWCP located at 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S–3524, Washington, DC 20210. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns ACH Vendor Payment Enrollment Form. OWCP has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information from the previous information collection request.

Type of Review: New collection without an OMB Control Number.

Agency: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

OMB Number: 1240–ONEW.

Affected Public: Private Sector.

Number of Respondents: 35,424.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Number of Responses: 35,424.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,772 hours.

Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper

Cost: \$216.96.

OWCP Forms: OWCP Form [OWCP–3881], [OWCP Provider Enrollment ACH Form].

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and will be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

Anjanette C. Suggs,
Certifying Officer.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Designation of Databases to the Do Not Pay Working System

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Notice of designation.

The Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) authorizes the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to designate databases for inclusion in the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Do Not Pay Working System under the Do Not Pay Initiative. PIIA requires OMB to provide public notice and an opportunity for comment prior to designating databases. In fulfillment of this requirement, OMB published a Notice of Proposed Designation on Aug. 29, 2024 (89 FR 70208) for Treasury's Account Verification Services and Treasury's Death Notification Entries. OMB received no comments on these proposed designations during the 30-day comment period. Effective immediately, OMB designates Treasury's Account Verification Services and Treasury's Death Notification Entries to the Do Not Pay Working System.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Rowe, Policy Analyst, Office of Federal Financial Management, (telephone: 202–395–3993 OMB email: PaymentIntegrity@omb.eop.gov).

Shalanda Young,

Director, Office of Management & Budget.

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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 December 2, 2024. 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: Andrew Titmus, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address, 703–292–4479.

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: 2025–019

1. *Applicant:* Ari Friedlaender, UC Santa Cruz, Institute of Marine Sciences, 115 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 96050.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Type, description of activity. Take, Harmful Interference, Import into USA. The applicant proposes to continue research activities to understand the population demography, health, behavior, and ecology of cetaceans in the Antarctic Peninsula region. To study these species, the applicant and agents would assess body condition, health, behavior, and distribution using remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS). Population demography and growth rates of cetaceans would be evaluated from remote biopsy samples that would be imported to the U.S. for analysis. Behavior and ecology of individual whales would be studied using multi-sensor suction cup tags that collect high-resolution behavioral information for 1–2 days, dart/barb tags that collect spatial and dive data for up to one month, and implantable tags that collect movement and behavioral data on individual whales for months. The applicant and agents would biopsy, tag, and operate RPAS over humpback whales, Antarctic minke whales, blue whales, fin whales, sei whales, southern right whales, killer whales, and Arnoux's beaked whales. The proposed research focusing on cetaceans requires a permit under the Marine Mammal Protection Act which is currently pending.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula Region.