

The petitioner has requested that the petition for NAFTA-TAA be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 28th day of November, 2000.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-4020]

#### Thomson Consumer Electronics, Incorporated, A.T.O. Division, Dunmore, PA; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration

On October 17, 2000, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. The notice will soon be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Department initially denied NAFTA to workers of Thomson Consumer Electronics, Incorporated, A.T.O. Division, Dunmore, PA because the "contributed importantly" group eligibility requirement of section 222(3) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The workers at the subject firm were engaged in employment related to the production of color television picture tubes.

The petitioner presented evidence that the Department's survey of the company's customer was incomplete.

On reconsideration, the Department requested that the subject firm provide additional information concerning declining customers. Upon examination of those customers, it was discovered that the customers were located in Mexico. Those customers were the reason for the declines in sales, production and employment at the subject plant. Company sales of color television picture tubes to the domestic market did not decline during the relevant period.

#### Conclusion

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Thomson Consumer Electronics,

Incorporated, A.T.O. Division, Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of December, 2000.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Applications for a Permit To Fire More Than 20 Boreholes, for the Use of Nonpermissible Blasting Units, Explosives, and Shot-Firing Units

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance 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) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. 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 the collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the application for a permit to fire more than 20 boreholes, for the use of nonpermissible blasting units, and for the use of nonpermissible explosives and nonpermissible shot-firing units, and posting of warning notices with regard to mis-fired explosives.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 12, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 709A, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to [bteaster@msha.gov](mailto:bteaster@msha.gov), along with an original printed copy. Ms. Teaster can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice) or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the proposed information collection request and further information may be obtained by contracting Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 715, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. Teaster can be reached at [bteaster@msha.gov](mailto:bteaster@msha.gov) (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Under Section 313 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), 30 U.S.C. 873, a mine operator is required to use permissible explosives in underground coal mines. The Mine Act also provides that under safeguards prescribed by the Secretary of Labor, a mine operator may permit the firing of more than 20 shots and the use of nonpermissible explosives in sinking shafts and slopes from the surface in rock. Title 30, CFR 75.1321 outlines the procedures by which a permit may be issued for the firing of more than 20 boreholes and/or the use of nonpermissible shot-firing units in underground coal mines. In those instances in which there is a misfire of explosives, 30 CFR 75.1327 requires that a qualified person post each accessible entrance to the affected area with a warning to prohibit entry. Title 30 CFR 77.1909-1 outlines the procedures by which a coal mine operator may apply for a permit to use nonpermissible explosives and/or shot-firing units in the blasting of rock while sinking shafts or slopes for underground coal mines.

##### II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA 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

Title 30, CFR 75.1321, 75.1327 and 77.1901-1 provide MSHA District Managers with the authority to address unusual but reoccurring blasting practices needed for breaking rock types more resilient than coal and for misfires in blasting coal. MSHA uses the information requested to issue permits to mine operators or shaft and slope contractors for the use of nonpermissible explosives and/or shot-firing units under 30 CFR Part 77, Subpart T—Slope and Shaft Sinking. Similar permits are issued by MSHA to

underground coal mine operators for shooting more than 20 bore holes and/or for the use of nonpermissible shot firing units when requested under 30 CFR Part 75, Subpart N—Explosives and Blasting. The approval permits allow the use of specific equipment and explosives in limited applications and under exceptional circumstances where standard coal blasting techniques or equipment is inadequate to the task. These permits inform mine management and the miners of the steps to be employed to protect the safety of any person exposed to such blasting while using nonpermissible items. Also, the posting of danger/warning signs at entrances to locations where an misfired

blast hole or round remains indisposed is a safety precaution predating the Coal Mine Safety and Health Act.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* 30 CFR 75.1321, 75.1327, and 77.1909-1—use of nonpermissible blasting units, and for the use of nonpermissible explosives and nonpermissible shot-firing units, and posting of warning notices with regard to misfired explosives (pertains to coal mining industry).

*OMB Number:* 1219-0025.

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

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden (hours)
75.1321 Permit Appl. ....	51	On Occasion .....	51	1 hour .....	51
75.1327 Misfire Notices Posted .....	106	On Occasion .....	106	20 minutes .....	35
77.1909-1 Permit APL. ....	4	On Occasion .....	4	1 hour .....	4
Totals .....			161		90

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$650.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 8, 2000.

**Charlene N. Barnard,**

*Acting Chief, Records Management Division.*

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### INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO, UNITED STATES SECTION

#### Corrections Notice for Notice of Availability

**AGENCY:** United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico.

**ACTION:** Corrections Notice for Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects three text errors appearing in the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the El Paso-Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project in Sierra and Dona Ana counties, New Mexico and El Paso County, Texas published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 71128) on November 29, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Douglas Echlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Division, USIBWC, 4171 North Mesa Street, C-310, El Paso, Texas 79902 or call 915/832-4741. E-mail: dougechlin@ibwc.state.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Three corrections are indicated in the referenced Notice of Availability as follows:

Summary—The last sentence of the paragraph is corrected to read, “No final action can be taken on this proposal during the 30 days following the filing of this FEIS, in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, 40 CFR 1506.10(b)(2).”

Supplementary Information—The third sentence of the last paragraph is corrected to read, “A Record of Decision will be executed on this proposal after a minimum of 30 days following the filing of the FEIS.”

Supplementary Information, last paragraph, last sentence—Correct to read, “No final action will be taken on the proposed action before 30 days following publication of the notice of availability of the EIS by EPA.”

Dated: November 30, 2000.

**William A. Wilcox, Jr.,**

*Legal Advisor.*

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### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

**[Notice (00-142)]**

#### Notice of Prospective Patent License

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Prospective Patent License.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that the University of Houston, Houston, TX, has applied for a partially exclusive license to practice the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,780,186, entitled “High Performance Zinc Anode for Battery Applications.” Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to the Johnson Space Center.

**DATES:** Responses to this notice must be received by February 12, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Cate, Patent Attorney, NASA Johnson Space Center, Mail Stop HA, Houston, TX 77058-8452; telephone (281) 483-1001.

Dated: December 7, 2000.

**Edward A. Frankle,**

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