

Reporting Requirements. 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 submission of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA homepage (<http://www.msha.gov>) and selecting "Statutory and Regulatory Information" then "Paperwork

Reduction Act submission (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>)", or by contacting the employee listed above in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice for a hard copy.

### III. Current Actions

There are approximately 750 coal mine impounding structures, of which at least 250 are high-hazard sites. In addition, there are hundreds of refuse piles, and of these, it is estimated that 25 are hazardous. All impoundments and hazardous refuse piles are required by the standards to be constructed and operated in an approved manner. In addition, coal mine operators frequently revise construction plans to accommodate mining conditions, cycles or markets. Since these revisions to the structures can adversely affect a great number of people, such changes are required to be planned in a prudent manner and approved by the agency.

Fire extinguishing plans are only required from an operator when a spontaneous combustion has occurred, and the operator is directed to extinguish the fire.

Inspections on a weekly basis, or inspections at a longer interval for long-established and stable impoundments

(after the regulation changes in 1992), are required to ensure that precipitation, seismic activity, or perhaps an unknown construction flaw, has not adversely affected any part of the dam site. The annual status report and certification ensures that the company's engineers confirm that the site is in accordance with the approved engineering plan.

An abandonment plan approved by the agency, ensures that a hazardous site is not left in place after all mining activity has ceased.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Impounding Safety and Refuse Piles, Reporting Requirements, Certifications and Record keeping.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0015.

*Record keeping:* 3 years.

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

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* 30 CFR Sections 77.215 and 77.216.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* None.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (in hours)	Burden hours
77.215 New Refuse Piles .....	50	Annually .....	50	16	800
Fire Ext. Plans .....	1	Annually .....	1	4	4
Abandonment Plans .....	25	Annually .....	25	8	200
Certification .....	15	Annually .....	15	2	30
77.16 New Impoundments .....	50	Annually .....	50	1,300	65,000
Revisions .....	100	Annually .....	100	5	500
Annual Certification .....	115	Annually .....	115	2	230
Inspections w/monitoring Instruments .....	285	On Occasion .....	4,845	3	14,535
w/o Monitoring Instruments .....	426	On Occasion .....	7,242	2	14,484
Totals .....	755	.....	12,428	8	95,753

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: October 17, 2001.

**Gordon J. Burke, Jr.,**

*Director, Administration and Management.*

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## COMMISSION ON OCEAN POLICY

### Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Commission on Ocean Policy.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission on Ocean Policy is an independent Federal commission appointed by the President and authorized by the Oceans Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-256).

The Commission on Ocean Policy is hereby announcing the Commission's second public meeting to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 13 and 14, 2001. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on November 13, and conclude at 5 p.m. The Commission will reconvene at 9 a.m. on November 14 and meet until 5 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Naval Memorial and Heritage Center auditorium, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 123, Washington, DC.

The Commission on Ocean Policy is holding this second public meeting

pursuant to requirements under the Oceans Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-256, Section 3(e)(1)(E)). The agenda will include welcoming remarks, presentations by invited guests representing Congress, various Federal agencies and national non-governmental organizations, opportunity for comment from the public and any required administrative discussions and executive sessions. Further information, including a draft agenda, will be available at the Commission's Web site, <http://oceancommission.gov>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry Schaff, Commission on Ocean Policy, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1350, Arlington, Virginia, 22201, 703-588-0851; [TSchaff@nsf.gov](mailto:TSchaff@nsf.gov).

Dated: October 16, 2001.

**James D. Watkins,**

*Chairman, Commission on Ocean Policy.*

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection

of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

### Title and Purpose of Information Collection

#### *Railroad Separation Allowance or Severance Pay Report*

Section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act provides for a lump-sum payment to an employee or the employee's survivors equal to the Tier II taxes paid by the employee on a separation allowance or severance payment for which the employee did not receive credits toward retirement. The lump-sum is not payable until retirement benefits begin to accrue or the employee dies. Also, Section 4(a-1)(iii) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act provides that a railroad employee who is paid a separation allowance is

disqualified for unemployment and sickness benefits for the period of time the employee would have to work to earn the amount of the allowance. In order to calculate and provide payments, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) must collect and maintain records of separation allowances and severance payments which were subject to Tier II taxation from railroad employers. The RRB uses Form BA-9 to obtain, on a quarterly basis, the information needed from railroad employers concerning the separation allowances and severance payments made to railroad employees and/or the survivors of railroad employees. All reports contain a one-line entry for each such payment or adjustment. Completion is mandatory. Responses are requested quarterly. The RRB proposes non-burden impacting editorial changes to Form BA-9.

### Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

Form #	Annual responses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
BA-9	1,009	75	1,262

### Additional Information or Comments

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

*Extension:*

Rule 45, SEC File No. 270-164, OMB

Control No. 3235-0154

Rule 52, SEC File No. 270-326, OMB

Control No. 3235-0369  
Rule 53, SEC File No. 270-376, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0426  
Rule 54, SEC File No. 270-376, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0427  
Rule 57(b) and Form U-33-S, SEC  
File No. 270-376, OMB Control No.  
3235-0429  
Rule 58 and Form U-9C-3, SEC File  
No. 270-400, OMB Control No.  
3235-0457  
Rule 71, Form U-12(I)-A, and Form  
U-12(I)-B, SEC File No. 270-161,  
OMB Control No. 3235-0173  
Part 257, SEC File No. 270-252, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0306

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for extension of the previously approved collections of information, under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (Act), as discussed below.

Rule 45 imposes a filing requirement on registered holding companies and their subsidiaries under Section 12(b) of the Act. Under the requirement, the companies must file a declaration seeking authority to make loans or otherwise extend credit to other

companies in the same holding company system. Among others, the rule exempts from the filing requirement the performance of payment obligations under consolidated tax agreements. The 15 recordkeepers together incur about 46 annual burden hours to comply with these requirements.

There is no recordkeeping requirement for this information collection. Companies that are subject to Rule 45 are under a mandatory duty to provide the Commission with the required information. There is no requirement to keep the information confidential because it is public information.

Rule 52 permits public utility subsidiary companies of registered holding companies to issue and sell certain securities without filing a declaration if certain conditions are met. The Commission estimates that the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden of collection under Rule 52 is 33 hours (33 responses × one hour = 33 burden hours).

There is no recordkeeping requirement for this information collection. It is mandatory that qualifying companies provide the information required by Rule 52. There is no requirement to keep to information