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

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

*Title:* Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to DOT Requirements; Subject to DOL Safety Standards.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0036.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; and farms.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Annual Respondents:* 1,200.

*Annual Responses:* 3,600.

*Estimated Time Per Record Keeping:* 5 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 300.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$166.

*Description:* Section 401 of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA) requires that Farm Labor Contractors (FLCs), Agricultural Employers (AGERS) or Agricultural Associations (AGASs) which use, or cause to be used, any vehicle to transport a migrant or seasonal agricultural worker ensure that such vehicle conforms to vehicle safety standards prescribed by the Secretary of Labor under MSPA and with other applicable Federal and State safety standards.

Sections 500.100-102 and 500.104 of Regulations, 29 CFR Part 500, Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA), set forth the vehicle safety standards which must be met to be able to transport migrant and seasonal agricultural workers.

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

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

*Title:* Maintenance of Receipt for Benefits Paid by a Coal Mine Operator.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0124.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Annual Respondents:* 150.

*Annual Responses:* 150.

*Estimated Time Per Record-keeping:* 1 hour.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* 30 U.S.C. 933(a) requires coal mine operators to secure the payment of benefits for which they may become liable by:

a. Qualifying as a self insurer in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary; or

b. Insuring the payment of such benefits with any stock or mutual company or association, or with any other person or fund, including any state fund, while such company, association, person or fund is authorized under the laws of any state to insure workers' compensation.

20 CFR 725.531 requires self insured operators or insurance carriers to retain receipts for black lung benefit payments made for five years after the date on which the receipt was executed. 30 USC 933(d) includes a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000, which may be assessed to coal mine operators by the Secretary for each day during which the operator fails to secure the payment of benefits.

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

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration (ESA).

*Title:* Claim for Reimbursement: Assisted Reemployment.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0178.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Annual Respondents:* 20.

*Annual Responses:* 80.

*Estimated Time per Record keeper:* 30 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 40.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$30.

*Description:* To aid in the employment of Federal employees with disabilities related to an injury on the job, employers submit the form CA-2231 to claim reimbursement for wages paid under the assisted re-employment project. The collection of this information is authorized under section 8104(a) of the Federal Employees

Compensation Act (FECA) as well as Public Laws 103-333 and 106-113.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 10, 2001.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ESA, and PWBA contact Marlene Howze ((202) 693-4120 or by email to Howze-Marlene@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ETA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 693-4129 or by E-Mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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
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*Type of Review:* New Collection.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

*Title:* Survey of Respirator Use and Practices.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0NEW.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; farms; and not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* One-time.

*Number of Respondents:* 40,000.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 40,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Total Burden Hours:* 20,000.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* 50.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) have agreed to conduct a survey of United States employers regarding the use of the respiratory protective devices. NIOSH needs more in-depth usage data to evaluate standards (29 CFR 1910.134, Respiratory Protection) and to pinpoint areas where education and training efforts are needed. NIOSH will use the information obtained by BLS from the survey to identify industrial sector and establishment size: (1) The distribution of respirator use, (2) the types of respirators used, (3) the hazards that respirators are used against, (4) the training of respirator users, (5) the extent medical examinations are used to qualify workers for respirator use for all respirator users, (6) the extent fit testing is used to qualify workers for respirator use, (7) the conductor of fit testing by users, (8) the distribution of fit test methods, (9) the training level of respirator program administrators, (10) the characteristics of respirator programs; and (11) the usefulness of an NIOSH certification label.

The findings of the survey will permit direction and evaluation of efforts to protect workers. It will give researchers information to develop educational interventions for specific populations to improve respirator use in the workplace.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 (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 collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Employment, Wages, and Contributions Report" (ES-202 Program). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) 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 July 2, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The ES-202 Program, a Federal/State cooperative effort, produces monthly employment and quarterly wage information. It is a by-product of quarterly reports submitted to State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) by employers subject to State Unemployment Insurance (UI) laws. The collection of these data is authorized by 29 U.S.C. 1, 2. The ES-202 data, which are compiled for each calendar quarter, provide a comprehensive business name and

address file with employment and wage information for employers subject to State UI laws. Similar data for Federal Government employers covered by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees program also are included. These data are submitted to the BLS by all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The BLS summarizes these data to produce totals for all counties, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, the States, and the nation. The ES-202 Program provides a virtual census of nonagricultural employees and their wages, with about 55 percent of the workers in agriculture covered as well.

The ES-202 Program is a comprehensive and accurate source of data on the number of establishments, monthly employment, and quarterly wages, by industry, at the four-digit Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) level, and at the national, State, Metropolitan Statistical Area, and county levels. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), which will replace the SIC coding system, is scheduled to be implemented in the ES-202 Program with data for the first quarter of 2001. The ES-202 series has broad economic significance in measuring labor trends and major industry developments, and in time series analyses of establishments, employment, and wages by size of establishment.

##### II. 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;
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##### III. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the