

Sincerely,
Alexis M. Herman.

Enclosures.

Certification of States to the Secretary of the Treasury, Pursuant to Section 3304 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3304(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 3304(c)), I hereby certify the following named States to the Secretary of the Treasury for the 12-month period ending on October 31, 2000, in regard to the unemployment compensation laws of those States which heretofore have been approved under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act:

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Puerto Rico
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Virgin Islands
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

This certification is for the maximum normal credit allowable under Section 3302(a) of the Code.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 31, 2000.

Alexis M. Herman,
Secretary of Labor.

Certification of State Unemployment Compensation Laws to the Secretary of the Treasury Pursuant To Section 3303(b)(1) of The Internal Revenue Code of 1986

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of Section 3303(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 3303(b)(1)), I hereby certify the unemployment compensation laws of the following named States, which heretofore have been certified pursuant to paragraph (3) of Section 3303(b) of the Code, to the Secretary of the Treasury for the 12-month period ending on October 31, 2000:

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Puerto Rico
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Virgin Islands

Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

This certification is for the maximum additional credit allowable under Section 3302(b) of the Code.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 31, 2000.

Alexis M. Herman,
Secretary of Labor.

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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 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 collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement of the Work Schedules Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS), to be conducted in May 2001. 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 January 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Ausie B. Grigg, Jr., 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: Ausie B. Grigg, Jr., BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628. (See Addresses section.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The CPS has been the principal source of the official Government statistics on employment and unemployment for over 50 years. Collection of labor force data through the CPS is necessary to meet the requirements in Title 29, United States Code, Sections 1 and 2. Over the past several decades, the economy of the United States has been undergoing a fundamental restructuring. Advances in computer and communications technology have increasingly enabled some workers to perform part or all of their work at home. The growth of this phenomenon represents an important development in this country's labor markets. This supplement will provide a substantial and objective set of data about work at home and work in home-based businesses. It will provide valuable information on the work schedules of employed persons, that is, the beginning and ending times of work, type of shift worked, and calendar days worked. It also will provide information about employed persons who do work at home. Work schedule supplements have been conducted since the 1970s. Questions on home-based work were included in May 1985, May 1991, and May 1997. A key purpose of the May 2001 collection is to gather updated information on these topics. In particular, it is widely believed that the number of persons who work at home is growing rapidly, and the May 2001 supplement will provide information that will help researchers gauge the extent to which this group is expanding and provide additional detail on the nature of this work activity. More generally, the May 2001 Work Schedule Supplement will be used by BLS researchers and others to examine the changes in work schedules and work at home that are taking place over time.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics 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 Action

OMB clearance is being sought for the Work Schedules Supplement to the CPS.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Work Schedules Supplement to the CPS.

OMB Number: 1220-0119.

Affected Public: Households.

Total Respondents: 58,000.

Frequency: Monthly.

Total Responses: 58,000.

Average Time Per Response: 4.5 Minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,350 Hours.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 31st day of October, 2000.

W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[IA-00-032]

In the Matter of Hiram J. Bass; Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities (Effective Immediately)

I

Hiram J. Bass was formerly employed as the Measuring and Test Equipment (M&TE) Program Administrator by Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA or Licensee). The Licensee is the holder of License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, DPR-68, issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR part 50 on December 20, 1973, August 2, 1974, and August 18, 1976, respectively. The licenses

authorize the operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Units 1, 2, and 3 (BFN or facility) in accordance with the conditions specified therein. The facility is located on the Licensee's site in Athens, Alabama.

II

On September 21, 1999, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Investigations (OI) initiated an investigation to determine whether Hiram J. Bass deliberately failed to issue and/or disposition nonconformance evaluations as required by site procedures while employed as the M&TE Program Administrator at the facility. The NRC also conducted an inspection of this issue during the period April 2 through June 24, 2000. The results of this investigation and inspection were documented in NRC Inspection Report 50-259/00-03, 50-260/00-03, 50-296/00-03, issued on July 27, 2000, and our letter to Mr. Bass dated July 31, 2000.

As background, certain M&TE used at BFN is calibrated on a regular basis by TVA's Central Laboratory Field Testing Services (CLFTS). When CLFTS identifies an instrument that is out of tolerance, that information is forwarded to the BFN Maintenance Department, M&TE Group. The M&TE Program Administrator is responsible for issuing and ensuring disposition of each nonconformance evaluation for M&TE found to be out of tolerance. The purpose of a nonconformance evaluation is, among other reasons, to initiate the facility review process to ensure that plant components have not been negatively affected by the out-of-tolerance M&TE, and to initiate action to address plant components that have been affected.

BFN Technical Specification 5.4.1, BFN Site Standard Practice Procedure (SSP)-6.7, Control of Measuring and Test Equipment, Revision 8A, effective May 27, 1997 through June 1, 1998, and TVA Standard Programs and Processes Procedure (SPP)-6.4, Measuring and Test Equipment, Revision 0, effective May 29, 1998, through August 15, 1999, together require nonconformance evaluations to be issued and dispositioned for conditions such as lost M&TE or standards, out-of-tolerance M&TE or plant standards, damaged or otherwise defective M&TE or plant standards, and disassembled M&TE or plant standards.

In June 1999, a BFN self-assessment of the M&TE program revealed that several out-of-tolerance M&TE items did not have nonconformance evaluations initiated by BFN. Further TVA review determined that, from June 1997 to June