

locations across numerous States, has been reduced.

Comparable to the MWR, the function of the Report of Federal Employment and Wages (RFEW) is to collect employment and wage data for each installation of Federal agencies. The RFEW aids in the development and maintenance of business identification information by installation. The RFEW was modeled after the MWR and is used only to collect data from Federal agencies covered by the UCFE program.

No other standardized report is available to collect current establishment-level employment and wages data by SESAs for statistical purposes each quarter from the private sector nor State and local governments. Also, no other standardized report currently is available to collect installation-level Federal employment and wages data each quarter by SESAs for statistical purposes. Completion of the MWR is required by state law in 21 States.

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;
- 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

The BLS has taken steps to help reduce employer reporting burden by developing a standardized format for employers to use to send these data to the States in an electronic medium. The BLS also established an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Collection Center to improve and expedite the MWR collection process. Employers who complete the MWR for multi-location

businesses can now submit employment and wages information on any electronic medium (tape, cartridge, diskette, or computer-to-computer) directly to the data collection center, rather than to each State agency, separately. The data collection center then distributes the appropriate data to the respective States. The BLS also has been working very closely with firms providing payroll and tax filing services for employers as well as the developers of payroll and tax filing software to include this electronic reporting as either a service for their clients or a new feature of their system. In addition, the BLS is developing a web-based system to collect these data from small to medium size businesses.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Multiple Worksite Report (MWR) and the Report of Federal Employment and Wages (RFEW).

OMB Number: 1220-0134.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions, not for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and State, local or tribal government.

Form number	Total respondents	Respondent	Total responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Total burden (hours)
BLS 3020 (MWR)	116,172	Non-Federal	464,688	22.2	171,935
BLS 3021 (RFEW)	2,074	Federal	8,296	22.2	3,070
Totals	118,246		472,984		175,004

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, DC, this 25th day of September, 2003.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Meetings; Sunshine Act

October 2, 2003.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Thursday, October 9, 2003.

PLACE: Hearing Room, 9th Floor, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will hear oral argument on an appeal of Rag Shoshone Coal Corporation from the decision of an administrative law judge in *Secretary of Labor v. Rag Shoshone Coal Corporation*, Docket No. WEST 99-342-R, WEST 99-384-R and WEST 2000-349. (Issues include whether the judge correctly concluded that the Secretary of Labor's interpretation of 30 CFR 70.207(e)(7) was reasonable; whether the judge correctly concluded that the

Secretary of Labor was not required to engage in notice-and-comment rulemaking before imposing the 060 designated occupation for purposes of sampling levels of respirable coal dust; and whether the judge correctly concluded that the Secretary of Labor's imposition of the 060 designated occupation was not arbitrary, capricious, or an abuse of discretion.)

Any person attending this oral argument who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

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