

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating and Maintenance): \$0.

Description: The Secretary of Labor has interpreted applicable sections of Federal law to require States to include reasonable provisions in their Unemployment Insurance (UI) laws that concern the prevention, detection and recovery of benefit overpayment caused by willful misrepresentation or errors by claimants or others. This report provides an accounting of the types and amounts of such overpayment and serves as a useful management tool for monitoring overall integrity in the UI system.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 29, 2000.

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, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 693-4127 or by E-mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, 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

- 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.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Title: Ionizing Radiation.

OMB Number: 1218-0103.

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 15,859.

Number of Annual Responses: 258,745.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 5 minutes to maintain radiation-exposure records to 15 minutes for employers to prepare a written report of employee overexposure for submission to OSHA

Total Burden Hours: 42,518.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$2,512,066.

Description: The information-collection requirements specified in the Ionizing Radiation Standard protect employees from the adverse health effects that may result from their exposure to ionizing radiation. The information-collection requirements of the Ionizing Radiation Standard include employers phoning OSHA when radiation exposure incidents expose employees over radiation limits stated in the Standard; sending written reports of radiation over exposure to OSHA; maintaining employee exposure records; and furnishing exposure records to employees upon request.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Notice of Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on June 20, 2000, applicable to workers of PCS Nitrogen, Camanche, Iowa. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 24, 2000 (65 FR 45620).

At the request of the petitioners, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New company information shows that worker separations occurred at the LaPlatte, Nebraska facility of PCS Nitrogen in late 1999-early 2000. The workers produced ammonia, urea, nitric acid, ammonium nitrate and fertilizer solutions before ceasing in August, 1999.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover the workers of PCS Nitrogen, LaPlatte, Nebraska.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of PCS Nitrogen who were adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-36,693 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of PCS Nitrogen, Camanche, Iowa (TA-W-37,693) and LaPlatte, Nebraska (TA-W-37,693A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 22, 1999 through June 20, 2002 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 25th day of September, 2000.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-37,899]

Hannah Hardy Inc., New York, NY; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on July 24, 2000, in response to a petition filed on the same date on

behalf of workers at Hannah Hardy, Inc., New York, New York.

The Department of Labor has been unable to locate an official of the company to provide the information necessary to render a trade adjustment assistance determination. Consequently, the Department of Labor cannot conduct an investigation to make a determination as to whether the workers are eligible for adjustment assistance benefits under the Trade Act of 1974. Therefore, further investigation in this matter would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of September, 2000.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection; Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) Program Forms Comment Request

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), 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 an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [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. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision and extension of the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) Handbook.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before December 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Merri Baldwin, Office of Workforce Security, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4231, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 219-7301 ext. 185 (this is not a toll-free number), fax number (202) 219-8506. E-mail address: mbaldwin@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The UCFE law (5 U.S.C. 8501-8509) requires State employment security agencies (SESAs) to pay UCFE in the same amount and under the same terms and conditions as would be payable under the unemployment insurance law of the State if claimants' Federal service and Federal wages had been included as employment and wages under that State law. Each State agency must obtain from the Federal agency wage and separation information for each claimant filing a UCFE claim to enable it to determine his/her eligibility for benefits. The State agencies obtain and record required UCFE information on forms developed by the Department of Labor: ES-931, ES-931A, ES-933, ES-934, and ES-935. The use of each of these forms is essential to the UCFE claims process.

Information pertaining to the UCFE claimant may be obtained from the individual's former employing Federal agency only by using Form ES-931, Request for Wage and Separation Information. If the claimant's former employer does not provide the information, the next most feasible and effective way to obtain this information is by use of Form ES-935, claimants' Affidavit of Federal Civilian Service, Wages and Reason for Separation, prescribed by the Department of Labor for State agency use. Without this information, States could not adequately determine the UCFE eligibility of former Federal employees and would not be able to properly administer the program.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor 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 Department'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

This is a request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) of an extension to an existing collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB control no. 1205-0179. A current inventory of 78,000 UCFE claims was filed in calendar year 1999, and an estimated inventory of 78,000 UCFE claims will be reported for fiscal year (FY) 2000, reflecting both a significant decrease of 110,000 from FY 1997 and a decrease of 10,025 hours toward ETA's Information Collection Budget. Following a massive downsizing during FY 1997, the Federal Government workforce now has stabilized, and, therefore, there are fewer UCFE claims being filed.

Fifty-three (53) SESAs fill out these forms. Form ES-931 is completed by SESAs whenever a Federal civilian employee files a claim (UCFE) for unemployment compensation. Form ES-931A is used to request separation information or the reason for non-pay status when a claimant has a previously established benefit year and is reopening his claim after an intervening period of employment in a federal agency. Form ES-933 is used to obtain information from the Office of Workers' Compensation. Form ES-934 is used to obtain information when missing or clarified data is needed from a Federal agency. This form is used in about 10% of claims. Form ES-935 is used, generally, to overcome delays in the normal claims process caused by delayed returns of completed Form ES-931 by the employing Federal agency. The ES-935 is required to be completed in 100% of all claims. Form ES-936, Request for Verification of Wage and Separation Information Furnished on Form ES-931, is sent to payroll offices to verify a sample of the Forms ES-931 submitted by that office and to provide the Federal agency with an opportunity to request technical assistance concerning the UCFE program. This form is used semi-annually. Form ES-939, Federal Agency Visits Report, is completed by a SESA representative, on each visit to a Federal agency installation in connection with the