

SIC codes to NAICS codes from respondents. A revision of NAICS to be implemented in 2002 will affect industries in mining, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and Internet services. These previously approved ARS forms will be used to convert SIC codes to the new 2002 NAICS codes.

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 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 technical collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Action

The forms are the Annual Refiling Survey (ARS) forms that the BLS

currently uses to gather industrial and geographical data on business establishments. They are specifically designed to gather information necessary to convert SIC codes to NAICS codes. This is a revision of the previously approved ARS forms to implement the NAICS 2002 revision.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Annual Refiling Survey.

OMB Number: 1220-0032.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal government; State, local, or tribal government.

Total Respondents: 1,700,150.

Frequency: Annually.

Total Responses: 1,700,150.

Form	Total responses	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Estimated total burden (hours)
3023-NVS	1,573,500	Once	1,573,500	.083	130,601
3023-NVM	15,650	Once	15,650	.75	11,738
3023-NCA	111,000	Once	111,000	.167	18,537
3023-NAX	Once083
Totals	1,700,150	1,700,150	160,870

The BLS is not expected to use the 3023-NAX form in the NAICS 2002 conversion, but its approval also is requested.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): 0.

Comments submitted in response to this noticed 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 12th day of May 2000.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Ground Control Plan

ACTION: Extension.

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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments shall be mailed to Theresa M. O'Malley, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 715, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to tomalley@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. O'Malley can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa M. O'Malley, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation

and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 719, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. O'Malley can be reached at tomalley@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Each operator of a surface coal mine is required under 30 CFR 77.1000 to establish and follow a ground control plan that is consistent with prudent engineering design and which will ensure safe working conditions. The plans are based on the type of strata expected to be encountered, the height and angle of highwalls and spoil banks, and the equipment to be used at the mine. Ground control plans are required by 30 CFR 77.1000-1 to be filed with the MSHA District Manager in the district in which the mine is located. The plans are reviewed by MSHA to ensure that highwalls and spoil banks are maintained in safe condition through the use of sound engineering design.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting

comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Ground Control Plan. 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 submissions of responses.

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

MSHA is seeking to continue the requirement for mine operators to submit ground control plans to ensure that highwalls and spoil banks are maintained in safe condition so that a safe working environment is provided for miners.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Ground Control Plan.

OMB Number: 1219-0026.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR 77.1000 and 77-1000-1.

Total Respondents: 159.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 159.

Average Time per Response: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,404.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$204.

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: May 15, 2000.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA) is announcing that a collection of information has been approved the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFC Program). This notice announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Address comments on the VFC Program in writing to: VFC Program, Office of Enforcement, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5702, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Written comments may also be sent by Internet to: vfc-program@pwba.dol.gov.

For general questions regarding the VFC Program, contact the appropriate PWBA Regional Office listed in Appendix C of the VFC Program (65 FR 14179), or Jeffrey A. Monhart, Investigator, Office of Enforcement, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration ((202) 219-8820). For comments on the VFC Program, contact Elizabeth A. Goodman, Pension Law Specialist, Office of Regulations and Interpretations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration ((202) 219-8671).

Address comments on the information collection request (ICR) and requests for copies of the ICR to Gerald B. Lindrew, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782. These telephone numbers are not toll-free.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 15, 2000, PWBA published a notice concerning its adoption of a Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (65 FR 14164), which allows certain persons to

correct possible fiduciary breaches of Part 4 of Title I of ERISA, and to avoid potential civil actions initiated by the Department of Labor under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the assessment of civil penalties under section 502(1) of ERISA. Although written comments on the VFC Program were accepted through May 15, 2000, the Department submitted the information collection request (ICR) included in the VFC Program to OMB using emergency procedures, and requested approval by April 14, 2000. The information collection provisions of the VFC Program generally require that documentation of the correction of a fiduciary breach be supplied to the Department.

On April 14, 2000, OMB approved the ICR under emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320. The approval will expire on September 30, 2000. The control number assigned to this ICR by OMB is 1210-0118. PWBA will take any comments received into consideration in finalizing the VFC Program and in preparing the application for continuing approval of the ICR, which will be submitted to OMB prior to the expiration of the emergency approval.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Research, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA) is announcing that a collection of information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for the Application for EFAST Electronic Signature and Codes for EFAST Transmitters and Software Developers (Form EFAST-1). This notice announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.