

3. *Agency form number:* DEA Form 357; Applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. Other: None.

Title 21, CFR, 1312.12 requires any registrant who desires to import certain controlled substances into the United States to apply on DEA Form 357.

Information is needed to determine the suitability for issuance of an Import Permit, ensure that import quotas are not exceeded, and provide the United Nations with information concerning legitimate traffic in narcotics.

1. An estimate of the total estimated number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 237 respondents at 1 response per year at 15 minutes per response.

2. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 59.25 annual burden hours.

Public comment on this proposed information collection is strongly encouraged.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

**Robert B. Briggs,**

*Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Parole Commission

[Public Law 94-409; 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552b]

#### Record of Vote of Meeting Closure

I, Michael J. Gaines, Chairman of the United States Parole Commission, was present at a meeting of said Commission which started at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815. The purpose of the meeting was to decide three appeals from the National Commissioners' decisions pursuant to 28 CFR Section 2.27. Three Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum when the vote to close the meeting was submitted.

Public announcement further describing the subject matter of the meeting and certifications of General Counsel that this meeting may be closed by vote of the Commissioners present were submitted to the Commissioners prior to the conduct of any other business. Upon motion duly made,

seconded, and carried, the following Commissioners voted that the meeting be closed: Michael J. Gaines, Edward F. Reilly, Jr., and John R. Simpson.

*In witness whereof,* I make this official record of the vote taken to close this meeting and authorize this record to be made available to the public.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

**Michael J. Gaines,**

*Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### 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. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning four information collections: (1) Claim for Reimbursement-Assisted Reemployment, CA-2231; (2) Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Transportation Requirements, WH-514, and Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to Department of Labor Safety Standards, WH-514a; (3) Records to be Kept by Employers (Fair Labor Standards Act); (4) Certification by School Official, CM-981. Copies of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before March 5, 1998. 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 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Contact Ms. Patricia Forkel at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 219-7601. The Fax number is (202) 219-6592. (These are not toll-free numbers.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). The Act provides vocational rehabilitation services to eligible injured Federal employees which are paid from the Employees' Compensation Fund. Authority has been granted to provide amounts from the fund to reimburse the employer for a portion of the salary of reemployed disabled Federal workers. The information collected on the Form CA-2231 is used to facilitate prompt reimbursement to certain employers who employ such workers.

##### II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect information necessary to ensure timely and accurate payments to eligible employers for reimbursement claims.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Claim for Reimbursement—Assisted Reemployment.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0178.

*Agency Numbers:* CA-2231.

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

*Total Respondents:* 180.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Total Responses:* 720.

*Average Time Per Response for Reporting:* 1/2 hour.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 360.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$230.40.

## I. Background

Section 401 of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA) requires that farm labor contractors, agricultural employers, or agricultural associations who use any vehicle to transport a migrant or seasonal agricultural worker, ensure that such vehicle conforms to vehicle safety standards prescribed by MSPA and other applicable Federal and State safety standards. The use of the forms WH-514 and the 514a enable an applicant to verify to the Department of Labor or appropriate State agency that the vehicles used to transport such workers meet these safety standards. The WH-514 is used to verify that Department of Transportation safety standards are met for all vehicles other than passenger automobiles or station wagons, and the WH-514a is used to verify that Department of Labor safety standards are met for all vehicles including passenger automobiles or station wagons.

## II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect this information in order to verify that farm labor contractors, agricultural employers, and agricultural associations have complied with applicable safety standards.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to DOT Requirements and Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Report for Transportation Subject to DOL Safety Standards Request for Employment Information.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0036.

*Agency Numbers:* WH-514, WH-514a.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; Farms.

*Total Respondents:* 1,050.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 3,150.

*Average Time Per Response:* 45 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,363.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* 0.

## I. Background

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) sets minimum wage, overtime pay, child labor and recordkeeping standards for employees engaged in interstate commerce or in the production of goods for interstate commerce and to employees in certain enterprises. The Fair Labor Standards Act requires that all employers covered by the Act make, keep and preserve records of employees and of wages, hours and other conditions and practices of employment.

## Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to enforce the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Records to be Kept by Employers (Fair Labor Standards Act).

*OMB Number:* 1215-0017.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Farms; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal government.

*Total Recordkeepers:* 3.7 million.

*Frequency:* Weekly.

*Average Time Per Recordkeeper:* 1 hour.

*Total Recordkeeping Hours:* 819,231.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* 0.

## Background

In order to be a dependent who is eligible for black lung benefits, a child aged 18 to 23 must be a full-time student as described in the Black Lung Benefits Act. The form CM-981 is used to verify full-time student status.

## Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to determine continued eligibility of a claimant for benefits.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Certification by School Official.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0061.

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

*Total Respondents:* 1,000.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Total Responses:* 1,000.

*Average Time Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Total Hours:* 150.

*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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

**Cecily A. Rayburn,**

*Director, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### Wage and Hour Division

#### Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment