on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• *Facsimile:* 202–693–9441, include ''OMB 1219–0026'' in the subject line of the message.

• *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:* MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, VA 22209–3939. For hand delivery, sign in at the receptionist's desk on the 21st floor.

Comments to OMB may be sent by mail addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Desk Officer for MSHA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Moxness, Chief, Economic Analysis Division, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at *moxness.greg@dol.gov* (email); 202–693–9440 (voice); or 202–693–9441 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 103(a) of the Federal Mine Safety & Health Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 813(a)) (the Mine Act)) requires that frequent inspections and investigations in coal or other mines shall be made each year for the purposes of, among other things, gathering information with respect to mandatory health or safety standards and determining whether an imminent danger exists. Section 103(h) of the Mine Act requires that every operator of a coal or other mine establish and maintain records, make reports, and provide required information to the Secretary (30 U.S.C. 813(h)).

Each operator of a 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 mine operator is required by 30 CFR 77.1000–1 to file the ground control plan under § 77.1000 for highwalls, pits and spoil banks with the appropriate District Manager. Each plan is reviewed by MSHA to ensure that highwalls, pits, and spoil banks are maintained in a safe condition through the use of sound engineering design.

This information collection addresses the recordkeeping associated with:

§ 77.1000–1 Filing of plan required by 77.1000—Highwalls, pits and spoil banks; plans.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to this safety standard on ground control plans for surface coal mines and surface work areas of underground coal mines. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

• Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

• Evaluate the accuracy of the MSHA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

• Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Address 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, to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

The public may examine publicly available documents, including the public comment version of the supporting statement, at MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, VA 22209–3939. OMB clearance requests are available on MSHA's Web site at *http://www.msha.gov* under ''Rules & Regs'' on the right side of the screen by selecting *Information Collections Requests, Paperwork Reduction Act Supporting Statements.*

The document will be available on MSHA's Web site for 60 days after the publication date of this notice. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available for public inspection. Because comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, MSHA cautions the commenter against including any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

The information obtained from mine operators is used by MSHA to evaluate each plan to ensure that highwalls, pits, and spoil banks are maintained in a safe condition through the use of sound engineering design to ensure the health and safety of miners. MSHA has updated the estimates with respect to the number of respondents and responses, as well as the total burden hours and burden costs supporting this information collection extension request.

Summary

Type of Review: Extension.
Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.
Title: Ground Control for Surface Coal Mines and Surface Work Areas of Underground Coal Mines.
OMB Number: 1219–0026.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.
Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR 77.1000–1.
Total Number of Respondents: 844.
Frequency: Various.
Total Number of Responses: 844.
Total Burden Hours: 5,840 hours.
Total Annual Cost Burden: $2,844.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and 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.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Dated: April 26, 2012.

George F. Triebsch,

Certifying Officer.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency has submitted to OMB for approval the information collection described in this notice. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to OMB at the address below on or before June 1, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. Nicholas A. Fraser, Desk Officer for NARA, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–395–5167; or electronically mailed to *Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301–837–1694 or fax number 301–713–7409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. NARA published a notice of proposed collection for this information collection on February 15, 2012 (77 FR 8901 and 8902). No comments were received. NARA has submitted the described information collection to OMB for approval.

In response to this notice, comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology; and (e) whether small businesses are affected by this collection. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Selective Service Record Request.

OMB number: 3095–00XX.

Agency form numbers: NA Form 13172.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals or households.

Estimated number of respondents: 3,200.

Estimated time per response: 2 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 107.

Abstract: The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) administers the Selective Service System (SSS) records. The SSS records contain both classification records and registration cards of registrants born before January 1, 1960. When registrants or other authorized individuals request information from or copies of SSS records they must provide on forms or letters certain information about the registrant and the nature of the request. Requestors use NA Form 13172, Selective Service Record Request to obtain information from SSS records stored at NARA facilities.

Dated: April 26, 2012.

Michael L. Wash,

Executive for Information Services/CIO.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Availability for the Final Certification Criteria for Non-Federal Regional Information Coordination Entities (RICE) as Approved by the Interagency Ocean Observing Committee (IOOC)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation (NSF).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation publishes this notice on behalf of the IOOC to announce the release of the final RICE certification criteria. These certification criteria establish eligibility for non-federal assets to be integrated into the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observation System (IOOS) and to ensure compliance with all applicable standards and protocols. These certification criteria were developed in response to a requirement in the Integrated Coastal Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3601–3610) and are applicable to RICEs as defined in the Act, including Regional Associations.

ADDRESSES: The final certification criteria are available on the IOOC Web site: *http://www.iooc.us*. For the public unable to access the Internet, printed copies can be requested by contacting the IOOC Support Office at the address below. The public is encouraged to submit questions electronically to *certification@iooc.us*. If you are unable to access the Internet, questions may be submitted via fax or regular mail. Faxed questions should be sent to 202–332–8887 with Attn: IOOC Support Office. Questions may be submitted in writing to the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, Attention: IOOC Support Office, 1201 New York Avenue NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about this notice, please contact the IOOC Support Office, telephone: 202–787–1622; Email: *certification@iooc.us*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On 30 March 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009. Among the requirements in the Act is a directive to the IOOC to ''develop contract certification standards and compliance procedures for all non-Federal assets, including regional information coordination entities, to establish eligibility for integration into the System and to ensure compliance with all applicable standards and protocols established by the Council, and ensure that regional observations are integrated into the System on a sustained basis.'' The IOOC chartered two working groups consisting of subject matter experts on IOOS data partners and regional entities to draft recommended certification criteria. The recommended draft criteria were approved by the IOOC on 20 October 2011 and released for public input. After a sixty-day public comment period and adjudication of public input the IOOC drafted final certification criteria.

The IOOC is the federal interagency committee established to lead the interagency planning and coordination of ocean observing activities including IOOS. Eleven federal agencies participate in the IOOC, with NOAA serving as the lead federal agency for IOOS implementation and administration.

Dated: April 27, 2012.

Bob Houtman,

Co-Chair, Interagency Ocean Observation Committee.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under