

the INA contains an exception to this general prohibition where the use of foreign crewmembers is permitted by an applicable collective bargaining agreement or otherwise is a prevailing practice at the U.S. port. 8 U.S.C. 1288(c)(1). Under the prevailing practice exception, before any employer may use foreign crewmembers to perform longshore activities in U.S. ports, it must submit an attestation to the Secretary of Labor containing the elements required by the INA. 8 U.S.C. 1288(c)(1)(B). The INA further requires that the Secretary of Labor make available for public examination in Washington, DC a list of employers that have filed attestations and for each of these employers, a copy of the employer's attestation, and accompanying documentation received by the Secretary. 8 U.S.C. 1288(c)(4). Similarly, the INA permits foreign crewmembers to perform longshore work in the State of Alaska if the employer complies with certain attestation requirements. 8 U.S.C. 1288(d).

The information is being collected to ensure compliance with the INA's requirements that employers must make certain attestations as a condition precedent to the employer's use of foreign crewmembers to perform longshore activities in the U.S. The attestations required by section 258 are collected by the Secretary of Labor through his or her designee, the Employment & Training Administration, on Form ETA 9033, *Attestation by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities in U.S. Ports* and Form ETA 9033A, *Attestation by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities in the State of Alaska* under OMB Control Number 1205-0309. The Department is not proposing any changes to the collection and is requesting a three year extension.

## II. Review Focus

DOL 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 Actions:

*Type of Review: Extension Title: Form ETA 9033, Attestation by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities in U.S. Ports* and *Form ETA 9033A, Attestation by Employers Using Alien Crewmembers for Longshore Activities in the State of Alaska.*

*OMB Number: 1205-0309.*

*Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.*

*Form(s): ETA-9033 and ETA-9033A.*

*Total Annual Respondents: 7.*

*Annual Frequency: 1.*

*Total Annual Responses: 7.*

*Average Time per Response: 3 hours 15 minutes.*

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 23.*

*Total Annual Burden Cost for Respondents: \$0.*

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the ICR; they will also become a matter of public record.

**Portia Wu,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### 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 pre-clearance 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before August 29, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE., Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by fax to 202-691-5111 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, at 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Consumer Expenditure (CE) Surveys collect data on consumer expenditures, demographic information, and related data needed by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other public and private data users. The continuing surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditure patterns for economic analysis and to obtain data for future CPI revisions. The CE Surveys have been ongoing since 1979.

The data from the CE Surveys are used (1) for CPI revisions, (2) to provide a continuous flow of data on income and expenditure patterns for use in economic analysis and policy formulation, and (3) to provide a flexible consumer survey vehicle that is available for use by other Federal Government agencies. Public and private users of price statistics, including Congress and the economic policymaking agencies of the Executive branch, rely on data collected in the CPI in their day-to-day activities. Hence, data users and policymakers widely accept the need to improve the process used for revising the CPI. If the CE Surveys were not conducted on a continuing basis, current information necessary for more timely, as well as more accurate, updating of the CPI would not be available. In addition, data would not be available to respond to the continuing demand from the public and

private sectors for current information on consumer spending.

In the Quarterly Interview Survey, each consumer unit (CU) in the sample is interviewed every three months over four calendar quarters. The sample for each quarter is divided into three panels, with CUs being interviewed every three months in the same panel of every quarter. The Quarterly Interview Survey is designed to collect data on the types of expenditures that respondents can be expected to recall for a period of three months or longer. In general the expenses reported in the Interview Survey are either relatively large, such as property, automobiles, or major appliances, or are expenses which occur on a fairly regular basis, such as rent, utility bills, or insurance premiums.

The Diary (or recordkeeping) Survey is completed at home by the respondent family for two consecutive one-week periods. The primary objective of the Diary Survey is to obtain expenditure data on small, frequently purchased items which normally are difficult to recall over longer periods of time.

## II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the proposed revision of the Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.

Additionally, as part of an ongoing effort to improve data quality, maintain or increase response rates, and reduce data collection costs, CE is making the below changes.

Three major changes will be implemented in the Diary Survey (CED). First, in an effort to alleviate burden and slow or reverse the decline in response rates, CE has developed an alternative version of the paper diary form. The new version consolidates the four main diary categories onto two, facing, diary pages so that all expenses for a single day can be entered without flipping pages. An effort was also made to reduce the amount of instructions and examples so that respondents are not confused or intimidated.

Second, the earliest placement date and last placement date restrictions for the Diary will be removed allowing Field Representatives to place the diary on any day within the collection month. Data analysis shows that the monthly expenditures cycles that the earliest and last placement dates were put in place to capture are not statistically

significant and were most likely the result of normal random fluctuations in the data that are expected in the survey's data rather than actual expenditure cycles.

Third, in order to simplify procedures and reduce costs, all Diaries will be double placed. With this new procedure, Field Representatives (FRs) will have the entire month to place the diaries instead of 7 days. This should drastically reduce the number of diaries CE loses to the non-interview Type A—Placed Too Late outcome code. As a result, the second Field Representative interview to pick up the Week 1 Diary and place the Week 2 Diary will be eliminated. Data analysis shows that double placements do not appear to have any negative effects on the Diary Survey. Approximately 27% of eligible cases and 33% of completed diaries are currently double placed.

Additionally, CE will delete several tax questions that were deleted from CEQ in 2015 as data received from the IRS have enabled CE to calculate this data rather than collect it.

Several changes will also be implemented in CEQ in order to keep the CEQ questionnaire current. These changes include changes to question wording, deletions, additions, and section restructurings. Questions were added for solar panels, internet away from home charges, and alternative fuels such as electrical vehicle charging; health insurance questions were revamped to make them clearer and to align with the structure of the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS); questions were combined and reworded such as streaming videos to be combined with rental of movies and combining book purchases with book club subscriptions; questions were deleted on purchases occurring in the current month and on purchases of apps, games, and ringtones; questions on refinancing of a property and on construction and repair of property were streamlined.

The Bureau of the Census conducts the CE Surveys for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in support of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) program. The continuing CE Surveys provide a constant measurement of changes in consumer expenditure patterns for economic analysis, and obtain data for future CPI revisions. The CPI program anticipates the need for CE surveys to collect outlet information to serve as

outlet frames for most commodities and services (C&S) items as issues with TPOPS collection have resulted in prohibitively high costs. To support this objective, CE will test the addition of outlet questions in several sections of the CEQ survey instrument. In all sections except vehicles, CE will add these questions to the fourth interview only; because vehicle purchases are not reported often, questions on the purchase location for vehicles will be asked in all four interviews. Finally, the Incentives/Outlets Test study questions will be deleted.

A full list of the proposed changes to the Quarterly Interview Survey and Diary Survey are available upon request.

In addition to the Incentives/Outlets test, the Consumer Expenditure program is planning several tests over the next several years in an effort to improve the CE surveys in the areas of both data quality and respondent burden.

## 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.
- 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.

*Type of Review:* Revision, of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* The Consumer Expenditure Surveys: The Quarterly Interview and the Diary.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0050.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

## TOTAL RESPONSE BURDEN FOR THE QUARTERLY INTERVIEW AND DIARY SURVEYS

	Quarterly	Diary	Total	Incentives/ outlets test in 2017
Number of responses .....	29,200	27,780	56,980	
Total burden hours .....	28,974	28,780	57,754	20
Total burden hours including Incentives/Outlets Test .....				57,774

*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 24th day of June 2016.

**Kimberley Hill,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

[OMB Control No. 1219-0014]

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Hazardous Conditions Complaints

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). This program helps to assure 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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection for Hazardous Conditions Complaints.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before August 29, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning the information collection requirements of

this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below.

- **Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA-2016-0019.

- **Regular Mail:** Send comments to USDOL-MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452.

- **Hand Delivery:** USDOL-Mine Safety and Health Administration, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Sign in at the receptionist's desk on the 4th floor via the East elevator.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sheila McConnell, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at [MSHA.information\\_collections@dol.gov](mailto:MSHA.information_collections@dol.gov) (email); 202-693-9440 (voice); or 202-693-9441 (facsimile).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Under Section 103(g) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended (Mine Act), a representative of miners, or any individual miner where there is no representative of miners, may submit a written or oral notification of an alleged violation of the Mine Act or a mandatory standard or that an imminent danger exists. The notifier has the right to obtain an immediate inspection by MSHA. A copy of the notice must be provided to the operator, with individual miner names redacted.

MSHA regulations at 30 CFR part 43 implement Section 103(g) of the Mine Act. These regulations provide the procedures for submitting notification of the alleged violation and the actions that MSHA must take after receiving the notice. Although the regulations contain a review procedure (required by section 103(g)(2) of the Mine Act) whereby a miner or a representative of miners may in writing request a review if no citation or order is issued as a result of the original notice, the option is so rarely used that it was not considered in the burden estimates.

##### II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to Hazardous Conditions Complaints. 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 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

- 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.

The information collection request will be available on <http://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions the commenter against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

The public may also examine publicly available documents at USDOL-Mine Safety and Health Administration, 201 12th South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Sign in at the receptionist's desk on the 4th floor via the East elevator.

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

This request for collection of information contains provisions for Hazardous Conditions Complaints. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden