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 Ground Control for Surface Coal Mines and Surface Work Areas of Underground Coal Mines.

DATES: All comments must be received on or before January 28, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below.


• 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@ dol.gov (email); (202) 693–9440 (voice); or (202) 693–9441 (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 for highwalls, pits, and spoil banks that is consistent with prudent engineering design and which will ensure safe working conditions. The mine operator is required by section 77.1000–1 to file the ground control plan with the appropriate District Manager. The mining methods employed by the operator are selected to ensure highwall, pit, and spoil bank stability. In the event of a highwall failure or material dislodgment, there may be very little time to escape possible injury; therefore, preventive measures must be taken. Each plan is 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. The plan describes how the mine operator will maintain safe working conditions around the highwalls, pits, and spoil banks. 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.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to Ground Control 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 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 and www.reginfo.gov.

The public may also examine publicly available documents at 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.

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 Ground Control for Surface Coal Mines and Surface Work Areas of Underground Coal Mines. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

OMB Number: 1219–0026.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 270.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Responses: 270.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,848 hours.

Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost: $513.

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.

Roslyn B. Fontaine,
Certifying Officer.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Membership of the National Endowment for the Arts Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

SUMMARY: This notice announces the membership of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB).

DATES: Applicable Date: November 15, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments concerning this notice to: National Endowment for the Arts, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig McCord Sr. by telephone at (202) 682–5473 or by email at mccordc@arts.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 4314 (c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES Performance Review Boards. The Board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of a senior executive’s performance by the supervisor, along with any response by the senior executive, and make recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The following persons have been selected to serve on the Performance Review Board of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA):
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI).

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: ODNI provides notice that it is establishing one new Privacy Act system of records at the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC). This new system of records is titled the NCSC Continuous Evaluation System, also identified as ODNI/NCSC–003. This notice is necessary to inform the public of the existence and character of records that the agency maintains.

Continuous Evaluation (CE) is a personnel security investigative process used to review the continued eligibility of individuals who have been determined eligible for access to classified information or to hold a sensitive position. Individuals subject to CE include current Executive Branch employees, detailees, contractors, and other sponsored individuals who are cleared for access to classified information or to hold a sensitive position. The Departments and Agencies (D/As) that sponsor these individuals for access to classified information or to hold a sensitive position “enroll” the individuals (enrollees) for CE by electronically entering their identifying information into a technical system that carries out the CE capability.

All D/As are required to submit their qualifying populations to CE. D/As may choose to develop a technical CE system of their own, or subscribe to CE services provided by another agency. The ODNI/NCSC will provide CE services to subscribing agencies. The NCSC CE System leverages electronic checks of government and commercial databases and, based on automated business rules, transmits alerts and reports to the enrolling D/A. Datasets queried in the CE process are those that contain security-relevant information, e.g., government-owned financial, law enforcement, terrorism, foreign travel, and current clearance status information. Credit data and commercially-obtained aggregated data also is utilized. On receipt of the electronic prompt, the personnel security officials review the nature of the alert or report to determine the need for further investigation, as dictated by Federal Investigative Standards requirements. Information obtained through the follow-on investigation is considered in adjudicating the enrollee’s continued eligibility for access to classified information or to hold a sensitive position.

The NCSC CE System retains the enrollment information (personal identifiers as provided by the enrolling D/A) in order to facilitate ongoing CE checks. The system does not retain the records returned from the electronic database queries beyond the time needed to ensure proper electronic delivery to the enrolling agency. Data necessary to implement CE business rules, to perform program assessments, and to satisfy auditing requirements will be retained.

D/As conducting CE will adhere to the principles articulated in the Security Executive Agent Directive (SEAD) relating to CE (i.e., SEAD 6). A SEAD provides high level guidance and instruction for the conduct of a personnel security process. SEAD 6 establishes policy and requirements specifically related to CE.

DATES: This System of Records will go into effect on December 31, 2018, unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Email: transparency@dni.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Information Management Division, Strategy & Engagement, ODNI, Washington, DC 20511.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NCSC CE System implements the requirements of Executive Orders 12968, as amended (Access to Classified Information) and 13467, as amended. (Reforming Processes Related to Suitability for Government Employment, Fitness for Contractor Employees, and Eligibility for Access to Classified National Security Information).

To protect classified and sensitive personnel or law enforcement information covered by this new system of records, the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) is proposing to exempt this system from certain requirements of the Privacy Act where necessary, as permitted by law. Accordingly, as required by the Privacy Act, a proposed rule is being published concurrently with this notice seeking public comment regarding exemptions claimed for this system. By previously established rule, the DNI may exercise derivative exemption authority by preserving the exempt status of records received from providing agencies when the reason for the exemption remains valid. See 32 CFR part 1701.20 (a)(2) (73 FR 16531, 16537).


SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: The classification of records in this system ranges from UNCLASSIFIED to TOP SECRET.

SYSTEM LOCATION: National Counterintelligence and Security Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Washington, DC 20511.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S): Assistant Director, Special Security Directorate, ODNI/NCSC, Washington, DC 20511.