

## I. Background

The sinking of slopes and shafts is a particularly hazardous operation where conditions change drastically in short periods of time. Explosive methane and other harmful gases can be expected to infiltrate the work environment at any time. The working environment is typically a confined area in close proximity to moving equipment. Accordingly, 30 CFR 77.1901 requires operators to conduct examinations of slope and shaft areas for hazardous conditions, including tests for methane and oxygen deficiency, within 90 minutes before each shift, once during each shift, and before and after blasting. The surface area surrounding each slope and shaft is also required to be inspected for hazards.

The standard also requires that a record be kept of the results of the inspections. The record includes a description of any hazardous condition found and the corrective action taken to abate it. The record is necessary to ensure that the inspections and tests are conducted in a timely fashion and that corrective action is taken when hazardous conditions are identified, thereby ensuring a safe working environment for the slope and shaft sinking employees. The record is maintained at the mine site for the duration of the operation.

## II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas of Slope and Shaft Sinking Operations at 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>.

[www.regulations.gov](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 Records of Preshift and Onshift Inspections of Slope and Shaft Areas of Slope and Shaft Sinking Operations at 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:* 1219-0082.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 19.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Responses:* 8,360.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 10,450 hours.

*Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper*

*Cost:* \$0.

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.

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*Certifying Officer.*

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Request for Comments on Update to Data Center Optimization Initiative (DCOI)

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is seeking public comment on a draft memorandum titled “Update to Data Center Optimization Initiative (DCOI).”

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 26, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties should provide comments at the following link: <https://datacenters.cio.gov/>. The Office of Management and Budget is located at 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Hunt at [ofcio@omb.eop.gov](mailto:ofcio@omb.eop.gov) or the Office of the Federal Chief Information Officer at 202-395-3080.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is proposing an update to M-16-19 Data Center Optimization Initiative. The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) passed in 2014, and required the Federal Government to consolidate and optimize agencies' data centers until October 1, 2018. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) responded by issuing M-16-19 Data Center Optimization Initiative (DCOI), which set priorities for data center closures and efficiency improvements through the end of Fiscal Year 2018. The FITARA Enhancement Act of 2017 extended the data center requirements of FITARA until October 1, 2020. As a result, OMB is updating and extending the Data Center Optimization Initiative for another two years.

This Memorandum contains requirements for the consolidation and optimization of Federal data centers in accordance with FITARA. It establishes consolidation and optimization targets and metrics for Federal agencies, as well as requirements for reporting on their progress. This policy will be available for review and public comment at <https://datacenters.cio.gov/>.

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## MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 9 a.m. to 3:25 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

**PLACE:** The offices of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.