

5. An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: Approximately 22,000 agencies will be invited to participate, spending an average of 32 minutes each to complete form CJ-38, including time

to research or find information not readily available. In addition, an estimated 11,000 respondents will be contacted for data quality follow-up at 10 minutes per respondent.

6. An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the

collection: The total burden hours for this collection is 13,566.

7. An estimate of the total annual cost burden associated with the collection, if applicable: \$521,000.

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Activity	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total annual responses	Time per response	Total annual burden (hours)
Survey .....	22,000	1	22,000	32 min (0.53 hrs.) .....	11,733
Data Quality Follow-Up .....	11,000	1	11,000	10 min (0.17 hrs.) .....	1,833
Unduplicated Totals .....	22,000	.....	22,000	.....	13,566

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Enterprise Portfolio Management, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W-218, Washington, DC.

Dated: April 15, 2026.

Darwin Arceo,

Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

[OMB Control No. 1240-0038]

Proposed Extension Without Change of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Miner's Claim for Benefits Under the Black Lung Benefits Act and Employment History

AGENCY: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Miner's Claim for Benefits Under the Black Lung Benefit's Act (CM-911) and Employment History (CM-911a)". This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: All comments must be received on or before June 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments as follows. Please note that late,

untimely filed comments will not be considered.

Electronic Submissions: Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for OWCP-2026-0232. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket, with no changes. Because your comment will be made public, you are responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number or confidential business information.

- If your comment includes confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission.

Written/Paper Submissions: Submit written/paper submissions in the following way:

- Mail/Hand Delivery: Mail or visit DOL-OWCP, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Suite C3520-DCMWC, Washington, DC 20210.

- OWCP will post your comment as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anjanette Suggs, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, at [suggs.anjanette@dol.gov](mailto:suggs.anjanette@dol.gov) (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The DOL, as part of continuing efforts 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 before submitting them to the OMB for final approval. This program helps to ensure 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 can be properly assessed.

The Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), (30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*) provides benefits to coal miners who are totally disabled due to pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) and to certain survivors of miners. Miners entitled to benefits also receive medical benefits for treatment related to their pneumoconiosis and resulting disability. A miner who applies for black lung benefits must complete the CM 911 (Miner's Claim for Benefits Under the Black Lung Benefit's Act). The completed form gives basic identifying information about the applicant and is the beginning of the development of the black lung claim. 20 CFR 725.304(a) authorizes this information collection. The CM-911a (Employment History), when completed, provides a complete history of the miner's employment and helps to establish whether the individual currently or formerly worked in the nation's coal mines and how long that employment lasted. 20 CFR 725.404(a) authorizes this information collection. This information collection is currently approved for use through October 31, 2026.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB under the PRA approves it and displays

a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Written comments will receive consideration, and be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention 1240-0038.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the internet, without redaction. The DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

## II. Desired Focus of Comments

OWCP is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to the Miner's Claim for Benefits Under the Black Lung Benefit's Act and Employment History. OWCP 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 OWCP's estimate of the burden related to the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used in the estimate;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the information collection 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.

Documents related to this information collection request are available at <https://regulations.gov> and at DOL-OWCP located at 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S3524, Washington, DC 20210. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

## III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns Miner's Claim for Benefits Under the Black Lung Benefit's Act and Employment History. OWCP has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.

*Type of Review:* Extension without Change of a Currently Approved Collection.

*Agency:* Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

*OMB Number:* 1240-0038.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,400.

*Number of Responses:* 10,800.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 9,450 hours.

*Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost:* \$3,137.

*OWCP Forms:* Miner's Claim for Benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act CM-911 and Employment History CM-911a.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and will be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

**Anjanette Suggs,**

*Agency Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Death Gratuity

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before May 18, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent

within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202-693-0213, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, Public Law 110-181, was enacted on January 28, 2008. Section 1105 of Public Law 110-181 amended the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) creating a new section, 5 U.S.C. 8102a effective upon enactment. This section establishes a FECA death gratuity benefit of up to \$100,000 for eligible beneficiaries of federal employees and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentality employees who die from injuries incurred in connection with service with an Armed Force in a contingency operation which also permits agencies to authorize retroactive payment of the death gratuity for employees who died on or after October 7, 2001 in service with an Armed Force in the theater of operations of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. It also allows federal employees to vary the order of precedence of beneficiaries or to name alternate beneficiaries and provides that the OWCP Forms CA-40, CA-41, and CA-42 are to be used to designate beneficiaries and initiate the payment process for death gratuity benefits. Form CA-40 is an optional form that requests the information necessary from the employee to accomplish this variance and to name alternate beneficiaries only if the employee wishes to do so. OWCP Form CA-41 provides the means for those named beneficiaries and possible recipients to file claims for those benefits and requests information from