

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Mine Safety and Health Administration**

[OMB Control No. 1219-0097]

Proposed Extension of Information Collection: Rock Burst Control Plan (Pertains to Underground Metal/Nonmetal Mines)**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program for all information collections, to provide the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection titled “Rock Burst Control Plan (Pertains to Underground Metal/Nonmetal Mines).”

DATES: All comments must be received on or before September 25, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below. Please note that comments received after the deadline will not be considered.

- *Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA-2026-0298.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* DOL-MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9440 to make an appointment.

- MSHA will post all comments 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:

Corliss A. Josephs-Conway, Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov (email); (202) 693-9440 (voice); or (202) 693-9441 (facsimile). These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background***A. Legal Authority*

Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), as amended, 30 U.S.C. 813(h), authorizes the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Further, section 101(a) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 811(a), authorizes the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to develop, promulgate, and revise, as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal and metal and nonmetal (MNM) mines.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) governs paperwork burdens imposed on the public by Federal agencies for using identical questions to collect information from 10 or more persons. The PRA defines paperwork burden in 44 U.S.C. 3502(2) as time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. Under 44 U.S.C. 3507, the PRA also establishes policies and procedures of information collection for controlling paperwork burdens imposed by Federal agencies on the public, including evaluating public comments.

B. Information Collection

To fulfill its statutory mandate to promote miners' health and safety, MSHA requires information under the information collection request (ICR) titled “Rock Burst Control Plan (Pertains to Underground Metal/Nonmetal Mines).” This information collection is intended to ensure that the underground MNM mine operator has a plan in place in the event of a rock burst to reduce the risks to miners.

Burden costs associated with the ICR include:

1. Developing New and Revising Existing Rock Burst Control Plans (30 CFR 57.3461)

The associated standards that authorize the collection of information are described below.

1. Developing New and Revising Existing Rock Burst Control Plans (30 CFR 57.3461)

Under 30 CFR 57.3461, (a) operators of [underground MNM] mines which have experienced a rock burst shall—

- (1) Within 24 hours report to the nearest MSHA office each rock burst which:

- (i) causes persons to be withdrawn;
- (ii) impairs ventilation;
- (iii) impedes passage; or
- (iv) disrupts mining activity for more than one hour.

- (2) The mine operators shall develop and implement a rock burst control plan within 90 days after a rock burst has been experienced.

- (b) The plan shall include—

- (1) mining and operating procedures designed to reduce the occurrence of rock bursts;

- (2) monitoring procedures where detection methods are used; and

- (3) other measures to minimize exposure of persons to areas prone to rock bursts.

- (c) The plans shall be updated as conditions warrant.

- (d) The plan shall be made available to MSHA inspectors and to miners or their representatives.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection titled “Rock Burst Control Plan (Pertains to Underground Metal/Nonmetal Mines).” MSHA 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 MSHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 ICR is available on <https://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions commenters against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on <https://www.regulations.gov> and <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

The public may also examine publicly available documents at DOL-MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, 200 Constitution Avenue

NW, Washington, DC 20210. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202–693–9440 to make an appointment.

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 ICR concerns provisions for Rock Burst Control Plan (Pertains to Underground Metal/Nonmetal Mines). MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, time burden, and burden costs supporting this ICR from the previous ICR.

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

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

OMB Control Number: 1219–0097.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit entity.

Number of Annual Respondents: 1.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Annual Responses: 1.

Annual Time Burden: 12 hours.

Annual Recordkeeping Costs: \$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 proposed ICR; they will become a matter of public record and be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

[OMB Control No. 1219–0155]

Proposed Extension of Information Collection: Safety Program for Surface Mobile Equipment

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program for all information collections, to provide the public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection titled “Safety Program for Surface Mobile Equipment.”

DATES: All comments must be received on or before September 25, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below. Please note that comments received after the deadline will not be considered.

- *Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA–2026–0661.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* DOL–MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202–693–9440 to make an appointment.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. Legal Authority

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information from 10 or more persons. The PRA defines paperwork burden in 44 U.S.C. 3502(2) as time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. Under 44 U.S.C. 3507, the PRA also establishes policies and procedures of information collection for controlling paperwork burdens imposed by Federal agencies on the public, including evaluating public comments.

B. Information Collection

To fulfill its statutory mandate to promote miners’ health and safety, MSHA requires information under the information collection request (ICR) titled “Safety Program for Surface Mobile Equipment.” This information collection is intended to ensure that mine operators will identify risks related to the movement and operation of surface mobile equipment in written safety programs. This will allow mines to eliminate or mitigate safety hazards and thereby reduce the likelihood of accidents, injuries, and fatalities.

Burden costs associated with the ICR include:

1. Developing hazard analyses and evaluating technologies at new mines
2. Developing maintenance procedures and schedules at new mines
3. Updating safety programs at existing mines, and
4. Providing copies of written safety programs

The associated standards that authorize the collection of information are described below.

1. Developing Hazard Analyses and Evaluating Technologies at New Mines (30 CFR 56.23003(a)(1) and (a)(3), 57.23003(a)(1) and (a)(3), and 77.2103(a)(1) and (a)(3))

Under 30 CFR 56.23000, 57.23000, and 77.2100, operators shall develop, implement, and update a written safety program for surface mobile equipment to reduce the number and rates of accidents, injuries, and fatalities.

Under 30 CFR 56.23002, 57.23002, and 77.2102, each operator shall develop and implement a written safety program for surface mobile equipment. Operators shall also designate a responsible person to evaluate and update the written safety program.

Under 30 CFR 56.23003(a), 57.23003(a), and 77.2103(a), a written safety program shall include the types of actions the operator will take to:

- (i) Identify and analyze hazards and reduce the resulting risks related to the movement and the operation of surface mobile equipment; and