

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 November 16, 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. 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: Michael Howell by telephone at 202–693–6782, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OWCP, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation (DCMWC) administers the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), which provides benefits to coal miners totally disabled due to pneumoconiosis and their surviving dependents. When the DCMWC makes a preliminary analysis of a claimant's eligibility for benefits, and if a coal mine operator has been identified as potentially liable for payment of those benefits, the responsible operator is notified of the preliminary analysis. Regulations codified at 20 CFR part 725 require that a coal mine operator be identified and notified of potential liability as early in the adjudication process as possible. Coal Mine Operator Response to Schedule for Submission of Additional Evidence (Form CM–2970) and Operator Response to Notice of Claim (Form CM–2970a) are used for

claims filed after January 19, 2001, and indicate that the coal mine operator will submit additional evidence or respond to the notice of claim. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 8, 2026 (91 FR 34657).

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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 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 OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL–OWCP.

Title of Collection: Coal Mine Operator Response to Schedule for Submission of Additional Evidence and Operator Response to Notice of Claim.

OMB Control Number: 1240–0033.

Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,230.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 11,470.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 2,644 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$2,923.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Bureau of Labor Statistics Data Sharing Program

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)-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 November 16, 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. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202–693–0213, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An important aspect of the mission of the BLS is to disseminate to the public the maximum amount of information possible. Not all data are publicly

available because of the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of BLS data. However, the BLS has opportunities available, on a limited basis, for eligible researchers to access confidential data for purposes of conducting valid statistical analyses that further the mission of the BLS as permitted by the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 22, 2026 (91 FRN 37150).

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 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 OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Agency: DOL–BLS.

Title of Collection: Bureau of Labor Statistics Data Sharing Program.

OMB Control Number: 1220–0180.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 78.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 78.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 22 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petition for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is a summary of a petition for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by Panther Creek Mining, LLC.

DATES: All comments on the petition must be received by MSHA's Office of

Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before November 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MSHA–2026–0795 by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for MSHA–2026–0795.

2. *Fax:* 202–693–9441.

3. *Email:* petitioncomments@dol.gov.

4. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:* MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Room C3522, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Attention: Corliss A. Josephs-Conway, Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances. Individuals may inspect copies of the petition and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202–693–9440 to make an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Corliss A. Josephs-Conway, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202–693–9440 (voice), Petitionsformodification@dol.gov (email), or 202–693–9441 (fax). These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 44 govern the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for modification.

I. Background

Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) allows the mine operator or representative of miners to file a petition to modify the application of any mandatory safety standard to a coal or other mine if the Secretary of Labor determines that:

1. An alternative method of achieving the result of such standard exists which will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners of such mine by such standard; or

2. The application of such standard to such mine will result in a diminution of safety to the miners in such mine.

In addition, sections 44.10 and 44.11 of 30 CFR establish the requirements for filing petitions for modification.

II. Petition for Modification

Docket Number: M–2026–020–C.

Petitioner: Panther Creek Mining, LLC, 1345 Elk Ridge Road, Powellton, West Virginia 25161.

Mine: Maple Eagle East Deep Mine, MSHA ID No. 46–09416, located in Fayette County, West Virginia.

Regulation Affected: 30 CFR 75.1002(a), Permissible electric equipment.

Modification Request: The petitioner requests a modification of the existing standard, 30 CFR 75.1002(a) to permit the use of battery-powered non-permissible surveying equipment within 150 feet of pillar workings. Specifically, the petitioner is requesting to permit the use of Topcon 3005 LW and Nikon Nivo 5.M total stations.

The petitioner states that:

(a) The petitioner seeks modification of 30 CFR 75.1002(a), as it pertains to the use of battery-powered non-permissible surveying equipment, including, but not limited to, portable battery operated mine transits, total station surveying equipment, distance meters and data loggers.

(b) That standard 30 CFR 75.1002(a) provides in relevant part:

Electric equipment must be permissible and maintained in a permissible condition when such equipment is located within 150 feet of pillar workings or longwall faces.

(c) The petitioner seeks modification of 30 CFR 75.1002(a) as it applies to use of battery-powered non-permissible surveying equipment.

(d) In order to comply with requirements of 30 CFR 75.372, and § 75.1200, use of the most practical and accurate surveying equipment is necessary. In order to ensure the safety of the miners in active mines and to protect miners in future mines which may mine in close proximity to these same active mines it is necessary to determine the exact location and extents of the mine workings.

(e) Mechanical surveying equipment has been obsolete for a number of years. Such equipment of acceptable quality is not commercially available. Further, it is difficult, if not impossible, to have such equipment serviced or repaired.

(f) Electronic surveying equipment is, at a minimum, 8–10 times more accurate than mechanical equipment.

(g) The mine utilizes the continuous miner method of mining.

(h) Accurate surveying is critical to the safety of the miners at the Maple Eagle East Deep Mine.

(i) Application of this standard would result in a diminution of safety to miners. Underground mining by its nature, size and complexity of mine plans require that accurate and precise measurements be completed in a prompt and efficient manner.

(j) The petitioner seeks an alternative method to the mandatory safety standard, asserting it will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure