

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 4,200,000 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

National Institute of Justice

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**National Institute of Justice
Announcement of the Third Meeting of
the National Commission on the Future
of DNA Evidence**

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs,
National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The third meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence will take place beginning on Sunday, November 22, 1998, from 2:00 PM-5:00 PM CST and will continue on Monday, November 23, 1998, beginning at 9:00 AM CST and ending at 4:00 PM CST. The meeting will take place at the Regal Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton Place, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

The National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, established pursuant to Section 3(2)A of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, will meet to carry out its advisory functions under Sections 201-202 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended. This meeting will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Christopher H. Asplen, AUSA,
Executive Director (202)616-8123.

Authority

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, §§ 201-02, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The purpose of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence is to provide the Attorney General with recommendations on the use of current and future DNA methods, applications and technologies in the operation of the criminal justice system, from the Crime scene to the courtroom. Over the course of its Charter, the Commission will review critical policy issues regarding DNA evidence and provide recommended courses of action to improve its use as a tool of investigation and adjudication in criminal cases.

The Commission will address issues in five specific areas: (1) the use of DNA in postconviction relief cases, (2) legal concerns including Daubert challenges and the scope of discovery in DNA cases, (3) criteria for training and technical assistance for criminal justice professionals involved in the identification, collection and preservation of DNA evidence at the crime scene, (4) essential laboratory capabilities in the face of emerging technologies, and (5) the impact of future technological developments in the use of DNA in the criminal justice system. Each topic will be the focus of the in-depth analysis by separate working groups comprised of prominent professionals who will report back to the Commission.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

**Proposed Collection; Comment
Request**

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. 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. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of three information collections. Two of the information collections are conducted by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation, and the third is conducted by the Wage and Hour Division. They are: (1) Comparability of Current Work to Coal Mine Employment (CM-913), Coal Mine Employment Affidavit (CM-918), Affidavit of Deceased Miner's Condition (CM-1093); (2) Report of Ventilatory Study (CM-907), Roentgenographic Interpretation Form (CM-933 and 933b), Medical History and Examination for Coal Mine Workers' Compensation (CM-988), Report of Arterial Blood Gas Study (CM-1159); and (3) Report of Construction Contractor's Wage Rates (WD-10). A copy of the proposed information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before December 18, 1998. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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 the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- 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 submissions of responses.

ADDRESSEES: Contact Ms. Patricia Forkel at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3201, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339. The Fax number is (202) 219-6592. (These are not toll-free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comparability of Current Work to Coal Mine Employment (CM-913), Coal Mine Employment Affidavit (CM-918), Affidavit of Deceased Miner's Condition (CM-1093)

I. Background

Once a coal miner has been identified as having performed non-coal mine work subsequent to coal mine employment, the miner or the miner's survivor completes a CM-913, a form which compares coal mine with non-coal mine work, and is used to establish whether the miner is totally disabled

due to black lung disease. The CM-918 is an affidavit which is used to gather coal mine employment evidence when primary evidence is unavailable or incomplete. The CM-1093 is an affidavit for recording lay medical evidence when evidence of the miner's medical condition is insufficient.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks approval of the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to determine eligibility for black lung benefits.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title(s): Comparability of Current Work to Coal Mine Employment, Coal Mine Employment Affidavit, Affidavit of Deceased Miner's Condition.

OMB Number: 1215-0056.

Agency Numbers: CM-913, CM-918, CM-1093.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Respondents: 3,336.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 3,336.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,618.

Form	Respondents	Responses	Average minutes per response	Burden hours
CM-913	3,136	3,136	30	1,568
CM-918	100	100	10	17
CM-1093	100	100	20	33

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating and maintenance): \$0.

Report of Ventilatory Study (CM-907), Roentgenographic Interpretation Forms (CM-933 and 933b), Report of Physical Examination (CM-988), Report of Arterial Blood Gas Study (CM-1159)

I. Background

These forms are reports of diagnostic medical testing and are used to establish

the total disability of a coal miner due to black lung disease.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks approval of the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to determine eligibility for black lung benefits.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title(s): Report of Ventilatory Study, Roentgenographic Interpretation Forms, Report of Physical Examination, Report of Arterial Blood Gas Study.

OMB Number: 1215-0090.

Agency Numbers: CM-907, CM-933, CM-933b, CM-988, CM-1159.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 37,800.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 37,800.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 9,338.

Form	Respondents	Responses	Average minutes per response	Burden hours
CM-907	7,425	7,425	20	2,475
CM-933	14,850	14,850	5	1,238
CM-933b	675	675	5	56
CM-988	7,425	7,425	30	3,713
CM-1159	7,425	7,425	15	1,856

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating and maintenance): \$0.

Report of Construction Contractor's Wage Rates (WD-10)

I. Background

The Davis-Bacon Act provides that every government contract in excess of \$2,000 which involves the employment of mechanics and/or laborers contain a provision stating the minimum wages to be paid, which are based upon the prevailing wage rate in the area for corresponding classes of mechanics and laborers employed on similar projects. Further, Section 1.3 of Regulations, 29

CFR Part I provides that the Wage and Hour Administrator will conduct a continuing program for the obtaining and compiling of wage rate information for the purpose of making wage determinations.

II. Current Actions

The Wage and Hour Division seeks the revision of the currently approved information collection WD-10. The form has been revised in order to make it more user friendly and easier for respondents to provide requested information. It has also been made machine readable. Electronic imaging of the forms will expedite data transfer from hard copy to the supporting data

base. The form redesign is necessary for character recognition software to work effectively. The revised form provides contractors with space to list the subcontractors which they engaged on the project; the current form asked the contractors to list their subcontractors on a separate sheet of paper. There are four different versions of the WD-10 based on the four different types of construction recognized by the Wage and Hour Division.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Report of Construction Contractor's Wage Rates.

OMB Number: 1215-0046.

Agency Numbers: WD-10.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 37,500.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 75,000.

Average Minutes per Response: 20.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 25,000.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating and maintenance): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or 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.

Dated: October 9, 1998.

Cecily A. Rayburn,

Director, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in

accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed

by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.

Volume I

New Jersey

NJ980002 (Feb. 13, 1998)

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