

Benefits chapter of the PREA and the Benefits section of the proposed Plan Verification rule delineate the reasons why this quantitative estimate understates the health benefit to all coal miners (<http://www.msha.gov/flex.htm>).

(f) *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*

The proposed Single Sample rule contains information collections which are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95). The proposed Single Sample rule would increase paperwork for surface and underground coal mine operators. Surface coal mines would incur an additional 323 burden hours annually costing \$9,278. Underground coal mines would incur an additional 5,354 burden hours annually costing \$142,690. All of the additional burden hours and costs for underground coal mines arising from the Single Sample rule would be eliminated as a result of the promulgation of the plan verification rule.

We invite public comments and are particularly interested in comments which:

(a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information (presented here and in the PREA for the proposed Single Sample rule) is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of MSHA, including whether the information would have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, 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.

We have submitted a copy of this proposed rule to OMB for its review and approval of these information collections. Interested persons are requested to send comments regarding this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, if under 10 pages, by facsimile (202) 395-6974 to Attn: Desk Officer for MSHA; or by e-mail to: cathomas@omb.gov. All comments may be sent by mail addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB New Executive Office Building, 725 17th St., NW, Rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503,

Attn: Desk Officer for MSHA. Please send a copy of your comments to MSHA at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of the preamble. Submit written comments on the information collection not later than June 4, 2003.

Our paperwork submission summarized above is explained in detail in the PREA. The PREA includes the estimated costs and assumptions for each proposed paperwork requirement related to the proposed Single Sample rule. These paperwork requirements have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under section 3504(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Respondents are not required to respond to any collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. The PREA is located on our Web site at <http://www.msha.gov/REGSINFO.HTM>. Comments may be sent to the addresses listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of the preamble.

(g) *Correction to the July 7, 2000 Preamble (65 FR 42068)*

On page 42076, column two, line 25, change "4.8%" to "5.6%". The sentence should read, "Across the eight surface cohorts surveyed, the prevalence rate of simple CWP and PMF combined, among participants was 5.6%."

V. Public Hearings

MSHA and NIOSH plan to hold public hearings on the reopening notice. The hearings will be held under Section 101 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977. The hearings will be held in the following cities:

- (a) Evansville, Indiana;
- (b) Charleston, West Virginia;
- (c) Grand Junction, Colorado;
- (d) Birmingham, Alabama;
- (e) Lexington, Kentucky; and
- (f) Washington, Pennsylvania.

The specific dates, times and facilities for the hearings will be announced by a separate notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 3, 2003.

Elaine L. Chao,

Secretary, Department of Labor.

Dated: March 3, 2003.

Tommy G. Thompson,

Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Appendix E—References

The following is a list of references cited in this document. Some of these are additions to the existing rulemaking record.

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