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## II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed in the For Further Information Contact section

of this notice, or viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and then choosing "Statutory and Regulatory Information" and "Federal Register Documents."

## III. Current Actions

Under 30 CFR part 49, Mine Rescue Teams, the regulations set standards related to the availability of mine rescue teams; alternate mine rescue capability for small and remote mines and mines with special mining conditions; inspection and maintenance records of mine rescue equipment and apparatus; physical requirements for mine rescue team members and alternates; and experience and training requirements for team members and alternates. Parts 75 and 77 requires that coal mine operators make arrangements with a licensed physician, medical service, medical clinic, or hospital and with an ambulance service to provide 24-hour emergency medical assistance and transportation. That information is to be posted at the mine.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Mine Rescue Teams; Arrangements for Emergency Medical Assistance; and Arrangements for Transportation for Injured Persons.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0078.

*Recordkeeping:* Section 49.6 states that rescue apparatus and equipment shall be maintained and that a person trained in the use and care of breathing apparatus shall inspect and test the

apparatus at least every 30 days and shall certify by signature and date that the inspections and tests were done. The certification and the record of corrective action taken, if any, shall be maintained at the mine rescue station for a period of one year. Section 49.7 requires that each team member and alternate be examined within 60 days of the beginning of the initial training, and annually thereafter by a physician who shall certify the physical fitness of the team member to perform mine rescue and recovery work for prolonged periods under strenuous conditions. The operator shall have MSHA Form 5000-3 on file for each team member. These forms shall be kept on file at either the mine or the mine rescue station for a period of one year. Section 49.8 requires that prior to serving on a mine rescue team, each member must complete an initial 20-hour course of instruction and all team members are required to receive 40 hours of refresher training annually. A record of the training received by each mine rescue team member is required to be on file at the mine rescue station for a period of one year.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Average Time Per Respondent:* 33 minutes.

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$561K.

## SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED BURDEN HOURS AND BURDEN COST

Standard	Annual responses	Hour burden	Hour burden cost
49.2:			
Coal .....	117	117	\$6,426
MNM .....	31	31	1,393
49.3 and 49.4:			
Coal .....	2	4	220
MNM .....	11	22	988
49.6:			
Coal .....	14,868	4,510	187,165
MNM .....	14,904	4,521	146,345
49.7:			
Coal .....	826	3,511	148,484
MNM .....	828	3,519	116,510
49.8:			
Coal .....	7,694	4,226	232,092
MNM .....	7,756	4,631	208,071
49.9:			
Coal .....	117	233	12,796
MNM .....	31	62	2,786
75.1713-1 .....	117	233	12,796
77.1702 .....	166	332	18,233
Totals .....	47,468	25,952	\$1,094,305