

Region IX, is serving as a cooperating agency.

Description of the Proposed Action

The proposed project facilities would include an open pit mine, two waste rock dumps, ore crushing and cyanide heap leaching facilities, laboratories, an office, and a water supply system of four wells or well fields and two pipelines. Facilities would be constructed on 118 acres of BLM-administered land, 75 acres of private land, and 8 acres of state land that would be part of the water supply system. The mine would operate for 6 years, followed by a 7-year period of closure and reclamation.

Alternatives Analyzed

The following three alternatives to the proposed action were analyzed: (1) No Action alternative; (2) Alternative 2—Elimination of the South Waste Rock Dump and Consolidation of Waste Rock Into the North Waste Rock Dump; and (3) Alternative 3—Elimination of the North Waste Rock Dump and Consolidation of Waste Rock Into the South Waste Rock Dump.

Other Relevant Information

Copies of the DEIS have been mailed to all individuals and organizations that requested them, and executive summaries have been mailed to all on the project mailing list. A copy of the DEIS or summary may be obtained upon request by contacting Connie Stone at the BLM Phoenix Field Office. PublicUnited States reading copies are also being kept at the BLM Phoenix Field Office, the BLM Arizona State Office (222 N. Central Avenue in Phoenix), and the Public Libraries in Yarnell, Wickenburg, and Prescott.

Public Hearings

Three public hearings will be held, the location and schedules for which are as follows:

July 28, 1998, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Wickenburg Community Center, 160 N. Valentine St., Wickenburg, Arizona.

July 29, 1998, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Yarnell Senior Center, 136 Broadway St., Yarnell, Arizona.

July 30, 1998, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Prescott Resort Conference Center, 1500 Highway 69, Prescott, Arizona.

Public Input Requested

Comments on the alternatives and the adequacy of the impact analyses are most useful when they address one or more of the following:

- Errors in the analysis,
- New information affecting the analysis,

- Misinformation that could affect the outcome of the analysis,
- Requests for clarification,
- A substantive new alternative that differs from any of the existing alternatives.

Dated: June 17, 1998.

Michael A. Taylor,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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 other federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (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 Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of a currently approved collection of information, Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 86-128 for certain transactions involving employee benefit plans and securities broker-dealers. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) 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 August 24, 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;
- 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.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding the collection of information of any or all of the Agencies. Send comments to Mr. Gerald B. Lindrew, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-4782 (this is not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

I. Background

Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 86-128 permits persons who serve as fiduciaries for employee benefit plans to effect or execute securities transactions on behalf of employee benefit plans. The exemption also allows sponsors of pooled separate accounts and other pooled investment funds to use their affiliates to effect or execute securities transactions for such accounts in order to recapture brokerage commissions for benefit of employee benefit plans whose assets are maintained in pooled separate accounts managed by the insurance companies. In the absence of the exemption, certain aspects of these transactions might be prohibited by section 406(b) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and from the taxes imposed by section 4975(a) and (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code) by reason of Code section 4975(c)(1)(E) or (F).

II. Current Actions

The Office of Management and Budget's approval of this ICR will expire on September 30, 1998. This existing collection of information should be continued because without the relief provided by this exemption, broker-fiduciaries who provide research and investment management services to accounts for which they also effect transactions for the purchase or sale of

securities, may be barred by ERISA from providing these combined services to employee benefit plans. Without this exemption, these sales could not continue, causing disruption of the existing business practices of plans and the businesses that service them.

In order to insure that the exemption is not abused, that the rights of participants and beneficiaries are protected, and that the exemption's conditions are being complied with, the Department has included in the exemption two information collection requirements. The first requirement is to provide the independent fiduciary with either confirmation slips for each individual transaction or to provide quarterly reports. In the quarterly report the broker-fiduciary must provide certain financial information including the total of all transaction related charges incurred by the plan. The second requirement calls for the annual reporting of transaction charges incurred by the plan as the amount of such charges paid to other persons. Furthermore, the annual report must contain some measure of portfolio turnover.

Agency: Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Title: Class Exemption 86-128 for Certain Transactions Involving Employee Benefit Plans and Securities Broker-Dealers.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Numbers: 1210-0059.

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

Total Respondents: 163,562.

Average Time Per Response: 10 minutes to 15 minutes.

Total Responses: 286,232.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly; Annually.

Total Annual Burden: 64,743 hours.

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: June 18, 1998.

Gerald B. Lindrew,

Deputy Director, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Policy and Research.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 25, 1998.

PLACE: Board Conference Room, Eighth Floor, 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20419.

STATUS: The meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Agency caseload and case processing.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Robert E. Taylor, Clerk of the Board, (202) 653-7200.

Dated: June 18, 1998.

Robert E. Taylor,

Clerk of the Board.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Panel, Visual Arts Section (Creation & Presentation Category) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on July 28-31, 1998. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on July 28-30, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 31, in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. on July 30, will be open to the public for a policy discussion on community, state, and field issues and needs, Leadership Initiatives, Millennium projects, and guidelines.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on July 28 and 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on July 30, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 31, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the

determination of the Chairman of May 14, 1998, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4)(6), and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: June 17, 1998.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 30, 1998.

PLACE: NTSB Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

6899A Railroad Accident Report—Collision and Derailment between Union Pacific Railroad Freight Trains MKSNP-01 and ZSEME-29 near Delia, Kansas, July 2, 1997.

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Telephone: (202) 314-6100.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Underwood, (202) 314-6065.

Dated: June 19, 1998.

Rhonda Underwood,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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