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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact the employee listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) issued a final rule addressing emergency mine evacuation in 2006. This regulation included requirements for immediate accident notification applicable to all mines. In addition, it contained requirements for new and expanded training, including evacuation drills; self-contained self-rescuer (SCSR) storage, training, and use; and the installation and maintenance of lifelines in underground coal mines.

Submission of training plans and programs of instruction and certification that training was done provides MSHA, operators, and miners with confidence that training is appropriate and was conducted as necessary, particularly when MSHA is not able to be at the mine. Without adequate training, miners may sustain serious or even fatal injuries because they lack the knowledge to properly and safely perform various tasks and activities or evacuate a mine.

If inspections and monitoring of SCSRs did not occur, this could allow unsafe conditions to go undetected and the SCSRs might not be usable when needed. This would endanger miners' safety.

If operators were not required to submit an SCSR inventory or to notify MSHA when they encounter an SCSR defect, performance problem, or malfunction, MSHA would not have the information needed to notify other mines that may also use the affected SCSRs. This could endanger miners because operators could continue to rely on deficient SCSRs.

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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 **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, or viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA home page (<http://www.msha.gov/>) and selecting "Rules & Regs", and then selecting "FedReg. Docs". On the next screen, select "Paperwork Reduction Act Supporting Statement" to view documents supporting the **Federal Register** Notice.

**III. Current Actions**

Information collected is used by the mine operator and MSHA to ensure that underground coal operators modify their training plans whenever they modify their program of instruction. This will ensure that newly hired miners receive the same level of training as is required for other miners. Operators use part 48 training plans to train each miner about the safety and health aspects of the mining environment and the tasks associated with the miner's job. MSHA uses the plans to ensure that all miners are receiving training necessary to perform their jobs in a safe manner.

MSHA requires underground coal operators to submit a Mine Emergency Evacuation and Firefighting Program of Instruction to the District Manager for approval. Upon approval by the MSHA District Manager, the operator uses the approved program of instruction to implement programs for training miners in responding appropriately to mine emergencies. MSHA uses the plans to ensure that the operator's program will provide the required training and drills to all miners.

MSHA requires the operator to certify the training and drill for each miner at the completion of each quarterly drill, annual expectations training, or other training, and that a copy be provided to the miner upon request. These certifications are used by MSHA, operators, and miners as evidence that the required training has been completed.

MSHA requires that escapeway maps show the SCSR storage locations. Accurate and up-to-date maps are essential to the engineering plans and

safe operation of mines and to the health and safety of the miners. MSHA and other emergency evacuation personnel will use the notations on the maps should a rescue or recovery operation be necessary. Miners use the escapeway maps in training and during mine evacuations. Escapeway maps are required to be posted or readily accessible for all miners in each working section, areas where mechanized mining equipment is being installed or removed, at surface locations where miners congregate and in each refuge alternative.

MSHA requires that persons that test Self-Contained, Self-Rescuers (SCSRs) certify that the tests were done and record all corrective actions. MSHA inspectors use these records to determine compliance with the standards. It includes requirements for compiling, maintaining, and reporting an inventory of all SCSRs at the mine, and for reporting defects, performance problems, or malfunctions with SCSRs. This will assure that MSHA can investigate SCSR problems, if necessary, notify other users of these problems before accidents occur and require manufacturers to address potential problems with these critical devices:

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Emergency Mine Evacuation.

*OMB Number:* 1219-0141.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

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

*Respondents:* 1,084,830.

*Total Responses:* 622.

*Total Burden Hours:* 7,836 hours.

*Total Burden Cost:* \$68,528.

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 at Arlington, Virginia, this 30th day of November 2009.

**John Rowlett,**

*Director, Management Services Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration**

**Filing Locations for Foreign Labor Certification Program Temporary Program Applications; Change of Address**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces a change in the location where applications for temporary labor certification programs will be filed and/or are being processed.

**DATES:** This notice is effective on December 15, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William L. Carlson, Ph.D., Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-4312, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-3010 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

The Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) provides national leadership and policy guidance, and develops regulations and procedures to carry out the responsibilities of the Secretary of Labor under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) concerning foreign workers seeking admission to the United States (U.S.) in order to work under the labor certification programs authorized by the INA. In carrying out its statutory responsibility, OFLC administers both temporary nonimmigrant labor certification programs and the permanent immigrant labor certification program. The Secretary of Labor issues certifications in connection with several nonimmigrant visa programs as well as the permanent program. To obtain a labor certification under most labor certification programs administered by OFLC, employers must demonstrate that there are insufficient U.S. workers available, willing, and qualified to perform the work, and that the wage offered to the foreign worker(s) will not adversely impact U.S. workers similarly employed. The purpose of the labor certification process is to ensure that admitting foreign workers does not adversely affect job opportunities, wages and working conditions of U.S. workers. These activities are carried out in two National Processing Centers (NPC), one in Atlanta, GA and one in Chicago, IL.

The Chicago NPC is responsible for adjudicating all employer applications for temporary labor certification under the H-1B, H-1B1, E-3, H-2A, H-2B, H-1C, and D-1 programs. The purpose of this Notice is to inform the public about a change of address for the Chicago NPC.

The address change will be effective as of the effective date of this Notice. On that date, the Chicago NPC should be fully functional in the new location. For

3 weeks after that date, the Chicago NPC will receive via courier all written correspondence submitted to their former address. This is to ensure a smooth transition and allow all interested parties to commence using the new address. On January 6, 2010, the courier will cease to operate and all submissions to the former address of the Chicago NPC will be returned to the sender.

**II. Address**

*Old Address:* U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, Chicago National Processing Center, 844 North Rush Street, 12th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611; telephone: (312) 886-8000; facsimile: (312) 353-3352.

*New Address:* U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, Chicago National Processing Center, 536 South Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60605-1509; telephone: (312) 886-8000; facsimile: (312) 353-3352.

*New Address in connection with fees:* The following address is to be used for all invoices/fees submitted in connection with the H-2A and H-1C programs: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, Chicago National Processing Center, P.O. Box A3804, Chicago, IL 60690-A3804.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 25th day of November 2009.

**Jane Oates,**

*Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

**Prevailing Wage Determinations for Use in the H-1B, H-1B1 (Chile/Singapore), H-1C, H-2B, E-3 (Australia), and Permanent Labor Certification Programs; Prevailing Wage Determinations for Use in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (Department) is providing notice that, in accordance with its labor certification

regulations, as of January 1, 2010, the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) National Prevailing Wage and Helpdesk Center (NPWHC) in Washington, DC, will receive and process prevailing wage determination (PWD) requests for use in the H-1B, H-1B1 (Chile/Singapore), H-1C, H-2B, E-3 (Australia), and permanent labor certification programs. In addition, the Department is providing guidance about the implementation of the issuance of PWDs for applications in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

**DATES:** This Notice is effective November 28, 2009, for PWD requests for job opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and January 1, 2010, for all other PWD requests.

**ADDRESSES:** None.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William L. Carlson, Administrator, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-4312, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-3010 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On December 19, 2008, the Department published a Final Rule addressing the Labor Certification Process and Enforcement for Temporary Employment in Occupations Other Than Agriculture or Registered Nursing in the United States (H-2B Workers), and Other Technical Changes, 73 FR 78020, Dec. 19, 2008. The Final Rule implemented a federalized process for obtaining PWD requests for use in the H-2B temporary nonagricultural labor certification program directly from the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) appropriate National Processing Center (NPC)—which was designated as the Chicago NPC in the preamble to the Final Rule. Beginning on January 1, 2010, the Final Rule also federalized PWD for use in the H-1B, H-1B1 (Chile/Singapore), H-1C, E-3 (Australia), and the permanent labor certification programs.

Effective on January 1, 2010, the processing of all PWD requests for the above-referenced labor certification programs will be centralized in OFLC's NPWHC in Washington, DC. The NPWHC will receive and process PWD requests in accordance with the applicable regulations and Department guidance. The one exception to this is PWD requests for CNMI; the NPWHC will begin receiving and processing those effective November 28, 2009.