

distribution to its customers and to manufacture methylphenidate for qualification and distribution to a customer.

DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Nycomed, Inc. to manufacture the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Nycomed, Inc. on a regular basis to ensure that the company's continued registration is consistent with the public interest. These investigations have included inspection and testing of the company's physical security system, audits of the company's records, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823 and 28 CFR §§ 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed above is granted.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 28, 2000.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 99 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz ((202) 219-5096 ext. 159 or by e-mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov). To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or by e-mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM,

ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS; Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

Type of Reviews: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Benzene (29 CFR 1910.1028).

OMB Number: 1218-0129.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 13,498.

Estimated Time per Respondent: Time per response ranges from approximately 5 minutes for employers to maintain employee exposure monitoring and medical records to 4 hours to complete a referral medical examination.

Total Burden Hours: 125,195 hours.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup: \$0.

Total Annual Cost (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$8,179,933.

Description: The Benzene Standard, and its information collection requirements, is designed to provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to benzene. The Benzene Standard requires employers to monitor employee exposure to benzene, to monitor employee health, and to provide employees with information about their exposures and the health effects of exposure to benzene.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Roof Control Plan.

OMB Number: 1219-0004.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,030.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.7 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 5,967.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$5,585.

Description: Requires that a roof control plan and revisions thereof suitable to the roof conditions and mining system of each coal mine be approved by MSHA before implementation by the mine operator. Also requires the mine operator to plot on a mine map each unplanned roof or rib fall and coal or rock burst that occurs in the active workings when certain criteria are met.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Notification of commencement of Operations and closing of Mines.

OMB Number: 1219-0092.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 2,300.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 0.125 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 259 hours.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$1,442.

Description: Under 30 C.F.R. 56.1000 and 57.1000, operators of metal and nonmetal mines must notify the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) when the operation of a mine will commence or when a mine is closed. Openings and closings of mines are dictated by the economic strength of the commodity mined, and by weather conditions which prevail at the mine site during various seasons.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Trade Adjustment Assistance/NAFTA (Financial Status/Requests for Funds Report).

OMB Number: 1205-0275.

Form Number: ETA-9023.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Report activity	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total number of responses	Average time per response (hours)	Total burden (hours)
TAA	50	5	250	2	500
NAFTA	50	5	250	2	500
Totals	50	10	500	2	1000

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$26,000.

Description: The Department of Labor requires financial data for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program administered by States which are not available from the Standard Form 269. The required data are necessary in order to meet statutory requirements prescribed in Public Law 100-418, the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 and the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182) in accordance with section 250 (a) Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II of the Trade Act of 1974.

Karin G. Kurz,

Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Office of Workforce Security; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a pre-clearance 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 and Training

Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the ETA 191, Statement of Expenditures and Financial Adjustments of Federal Funds for Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees and Ex-Service members. 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's section below on or before May 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Sharon L. Jones, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment And Training Administration, Office Of Workforce Security, Room S4231, 200 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC, 20210; telephone number (202) 219-5312 ext. 373 (this is not a toll-free number); fax (202) 219-8506.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Public Law 97-362, Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1982 amended the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service members (UCX) law (5 USC 8509) and Public Law 96-499, Omnibus Reconciliation Act amended the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) law (5 USC 8501, *et. seq.*) requiring each Federal employing agency to pay the costs of regular and extended UCFE/UCX benefits paid to its employees by the State employment security agencies (SESAs). The ETA 191 report submitted quarterly by each SESA show the amount of benefits that should be charged to each Federal employing agency. The Employment and Training Administration uses this information to aggregate the SESA quarterly charges and submit one official bill to each Federal agency being charged. Federal agencies then reimburse the Federal Employees Compensation (FEC) Account, maintained by the U.S. Treasury.

II. Review Focus

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.

III. Current Actions

This collection continues to be needed to assure that the provisions of law are met regarding the requirement for each Federal agency to meet its obligations for paying for its unemployment compensation costs and to assure that SESAs are reimbursed properly for their expenditures of UCFE and UCX benefit on behalf of the Federal agencies.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: ETA 191, Statement of Expenditures and Adjustments of Federal Funds for Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees and Ex-Service members (UCFE/UCX).

OMB Number: 1205-0162.

Agency Number: ETA 191.

Affected Public: State Government.

Total Respondents: 53.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: 212.

Average Time per Response: 1.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 212.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$5,300. Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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.