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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

Division of Federal Employees' Compensation

Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

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 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). 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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: **Claim for Continuance of Compensation (CA-12)**. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before [insert date 60 days from the date of publication].

ADDRESSES: Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room S-3323, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone/fax (202) 354-9647, Email Ferguson.Yoon@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background: The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, 5 USC 8133. Under the Act, eligible dependents of deceased employees receive compensation benefits on account of the employee's death. OWCP has to monitor death benefits for current marital status, potential for dual benefits, and other criteria for qualifying as a survivor under the law. The CA-12 is sent annually to beneficiaries in death cases to verify that their status has not changed and that they remain entitled to benefits. The information collected is used by OWCP claims examiners to help ensure that death benefits being paid are correct, and that payments are not made to ineligible survivors. This information collection is currently approved for use through July 31, 2017.

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: The Department of Labor seeks extension of approval to collect this information collection in order to ensure that death benefits being paid are correct.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

Title: Claim for Continuance of Compensation

OMB Number: 1240-0015.

Agency Number: CA-12

Affected Public: Individuals or households

Total Respondents: 3,552.

Total Annual Responses: 3,552.

Average Time per Response: 5 minutes

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 295

Frequency: Annually

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$1,847.

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.

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