receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. Type of Information Collection: Extension of a previously approved collection.
2. Title of the Form/Collection: Inventories: Licensed Explosives Importers, Manufacturers, Dealers and Permittees.
3. Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form number: None.

Component: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Department of Justice.
4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Abstract: These records show the explosive material inventories of those persons engaged in various activities within the explosives industry and are used by the government as initial figures from which an audit trail can be developed during a compliance inspection or criminal investigation.
6. Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,219 of respondents.
7. Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 hours.
8. Frequency: Once annually.
10. Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $0.

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C–4514, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: Samuel Wright (202) 693–2870 (this is not a toll-free number), or Donald Haughton (202) 693–2784 (this is not a toll-free number), or emailwright.samuel.e@dol.gov, or haughton.donald.w@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Labor’s regulations implementing Executive Orders 12073 and 10582 are set forth at 20 CFR part 654, subpart A. These regulations require the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) to classify jurisdictional areas as LSAs pursuant to the criteria specified in the regulations, and to publish annually a list of LSAs. Pursuant to those regulations, ETA is hereby publishing the annual LSA list.

In addition, the regulations provide exceptional circumstance criteria for classifying LSAs when catastrophic events, such as natural disasters, plant closings, and contract cancellations are expected to have a long-term impact on labor market area conditions, discounting temporary or seasonal factors.

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas

A LSA is a civil jurisdiction that has a civilian average annual unemployment rate during the previous two calendar years of 20 percent or more above the average annual civilian unemployment rate for all states during the same 24-month reference period. ETA uses only official unemployment estimates provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in making these classifications. The average unemployment rate for all states includes data for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The LSA classification criteria stipulate a civil jurisdiction must have a “floor unemployment rate” of 6 percent or higher to be classified an LSA. Any civil jurisdiction that has a “ceiling unemployment rate” of 10 percent or higher is classified an LSA. Civil jurisdictions are defined as follows:
1. A city of at least 25,000 population on the basis of the most recently available estimates from the Bureau of the Census; or
2. A town or township in the States of Michigan, New Jersey, New York, or Pennsylvania of 25,000 or more population and which possess powers and functions similar to those of cities; or
3. All counties, except for those counties which contain any type of civil jurisdictions defined in “1” or “2” above; or
4. A “balance of county” consisting of a county less any component cities and townships identified in “1” or “2” above; or
5. A county equivalent which is a town in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, or a municipio in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Procedures for Classifying Labor Surplus Areas

The Department of Labor (DOL) issues the LSA list on a fiscal year basis. The list becomes effective each October 1, and remains in effect through the following September 30. The reference period used in preparing the current list was January 2021 through December 2022. The national average unemployment rate (including Puerto Rico) during this period is rounded to 4.51 percent. Twenty percent higher than the national unemployment rate during this period is rounded to 5.41 percent. Since this is below the floor rate, the qualifying rate is 6 percent.

To ensure that all areas classified as labor surplus meet the requirements, when a city is part of a county and meets the unemployment qualifier as a LSA, that city is identified in the LSA list, the balance of county, not the entire county, will be identified as a LSA if the balance of county also meets the LSA unemployment criteria. The data on the current and previous years’ LSAs are available at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/lsa.

Petition for Exceptional Circumstance Consideration

The classification procedures also provide criteria for the designation of LSAs under exceptional circumstances criteria. These procedures permit the regular classification criteria to be waived when an area experiences a significant increase in unemployment which is not temporary or seasonal and which was not reflected in the data for the 2-year reference period. Under the program’s exceptional circumstance procedures, LSA classifications can be for civil jurisdictions, Metropolitan Statistical Areas or Combined Statistical Areas, as defined
by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. In order for an area to be classified as a LSA under the exceptional circumstance criteria, the state workforce agency must submit a petition requesting such classification to the Department of Labor’s ETA. The current criteria for an exceptional circumstance classification are:

1. An area’s unemployment rate is at least 6 percent for each of the three most recent months; and
2. A projected unemployment rate of at least 6 percent for each of the next 12 months because of an event.

When submitting such a petition, the state workforce agency must provide documentation that the exceptional circumstance event has occurred. The state workforce agency may file petitions on behalf of civil jurisdictions, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, or Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

State Workforce Agencies may submit petitions in electronic format to wright.samuel.e@dol.gov, houghton.donald.w@dol.gov, or in hard copy to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Investment, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-4514, Washington, DC 20210; Attention Samuel Wright. Data collection for the petition is approved under OMB 1205–0207, expiration date May 31, 2026.

Signed at Washington, DC.

Brent Parton,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

[A copy to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-4514, Washington, DC 20210, Attention Samuel Wright.]

[Dates: On September 13, 2023, the meeting will convene at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001. On September 14, 2023, the meeting will convene at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004.]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities will be closed to the public and personnel pursuant to subsections (c)(6) and (c)(9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, as amended. The closed session will consider information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy and will consider information which if prematurely disclosed would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action.

As identified above, the September 13, 2023 meeting of the President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities will be closed to the public and personnel pursuant to subsections (c)(6) and (c)(9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, as amended. The closed session will consider information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy and will consider information which if prematurely disclosed would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action.

On September 14, 2023, the Committee will meet to deliberate on recommendations for agency action. Any interested persons may attend as observers, subject to limited seating availability. Individuals wishing to attend are advised to contact Alexandra Piper of the Institute of Museum and Library Services seven (7) working days in advance of the September 13 meeting at apiper@imls.gov or write to the Committee at the Institute of Museum and Library Services, 955 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20024.

If you need special accommodations due to disability or would like to obtain further information in reference to the meeting, please contact Alexandra Piper at apiper@imls.gov.


Connie Cox Bodner,
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