ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 26-05

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: Cheryl Atkinson  s/s
Administrator
Office of Workforce Security

SUBJECT: Office of Management and Budget Approval of Disaster Unemployment Assistance Forms and Activities Report

1. **Purpose.** To announce extension of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program forms and the ETA 90-2 DUA Activities report contained in ET Handbook No. 356.


3. **Background.** Section 410 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act [the Stafford Act] provides for financial assistance to eligible individuals unemployed as a result of a major disaster. State Workforce Agencies (SWAs), through individual agreements with the Secretary of Labor, act as agents of the Federal government for the purpose of administering the DUA program. Sample forms are provided to the SWAs to operate the DUA program, but they may use alternate forms, for example, to take an initial DUA application. SWAs are required to provide data on DUA activities utilizing form ETA 90-2. The sample operating forms for DUA and instructions for completing the ETA 90-2 are contained in the DUA Handbook (ET Handbook No. 356).

4. **OMB Approval.** The reporting requirements are approved by OMB according to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, under OMB approval No. 1205-0051 through June 30, 2008. Respondents’ obligation to reply to these reporting requirements is mandatory (20 CFR Part 625).

5. **Burden Disclosure Statement.** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1/6 hour per report, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and submitting the data in the required report form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection including suggestions for reducing this burden to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution
6. **Action Required.** State Administrators are requested to provide the above information to appropriate staff.

7. **Inquiries.** Direct inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.