

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-98-28, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone: (202) 219-8061. A copy of the referenced information collection request is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Theda Kinney at (202) 219-8061, extension 100, or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076, extension 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Logging Operations (29 CFR 1910.266), contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes the promulgation of such health and safety standards as are necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment and places of employment. The statute specifically authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents.

Section 1910.266(i)(10)(i) requires an employer to verify that employees have been trained in the safe performance of assigned work tasks, first-aid and CPR by preparing written certification records. Section 1910.266(i)(10)(ii) requires an employer to maintain the certification records.

The training certification is necessary to assure compliance with the requirement that employees have been trained in the various precautions and safe practices in logging operations. The information collected would also be used by compliance officers to determine that employees have been properly trained according to the requirements set forth in 29 CFR 1910.266(i).

II. Current Actions

This notice requests public comment on OSHA's burden hour estimates prior to OSHA seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Logging Operations standard.

Type of Review: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Logging Operations (29 CFR 1910.266).

OMB Number: 1218-0198.

Agency Number: Docket Number ICR-98-28.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; State or local governments.

Number of Respondents: 86,400.

Frequency: Initially, On Occasion.

Average Time per Response: 3 minutes (0.05 hr.).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,320.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request. The comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 18th day of May 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is announcing that two collections of information have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This document announces the OMB approval numbers and expiration dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Beall, Division of Training and Educational Programs, Office of Training and Education, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 1555 Times Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60018, telephone (847) 297-4810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of June 30, 1997, (62 FR 35234), the Agency announced its intent to request renewal of its OMB approval for the Grantee Quarterly Progress Report and for the Application for Training Grant. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), OMB has reinstated its approval for both information collections and assigned OMB control number 1218-0020 to the Application for Training Grant and number 1218-0100 to the Grantee Quarterly Progress Report. The approvals expire 4/30/2001. Under 5 CFR 1320.5(b), and Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Dated: May 15, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: This Notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board (Board). This notice also describes the function of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section

10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATE AND TIME: June 4, 1998 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and June 5, 1998 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

ADDRESSES: National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shelly W. Coles, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone (202) 632-1507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is established under Section 384 of the Adult Education Act, as amended by Title I of P.L. 102-73, the National Literacy Act of 1991. The Board consists of ten individuals appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board is established to advise and make recommendations to the Interagency Group, composed of the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services, which administers the National Institute for Literacy (Institute). The Interagency Group considers the Board's recommendations in planning the goals of the Institute and in the implementation of any programs to achieve the goals of the Institute. Specifically, the Board performs the following functions (a) makes recommendations concerning the appointment of the Director and the staff of the Institute; (b) provides independent advice on operation of the Institute; and (c) receives reports from the Interagency Group and Director of the Institute. In addition, the Institute consults with the Board on the award of fellowships. The Board will meet in Washington, DC on June 4, 1998 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and June 5, 1998 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The meeting of the Board is open to the public. This meeting of the Institute's Advisory Board will focus on the following agenda items: recent research developments in brain development of literacy skills; the Institute's role in the area of adult literacy and learning disabilities; and recent legislative activities that impact on the Institute and the literacy field. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Dated: May 18, 1998.

Andrew J. Hartman,

Director, National Institute for Literacy.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Infrastructure; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Infrastructure.

Date & Time: June 10, 1998, 11 a.m.-6p.m. daily; June 11, 1998, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Place: Room 310, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. DeLill Nasser, Program Director, Plant Genome Research, Division of Biological Infrastructure, Room 615, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1439.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals for sequencing the Arabidopsis thaliana genome as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government Sunshine Act.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems (1205).

Date & Time: June 11 and 12, 1998: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Rooms 530 and 580, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Drs. Jorn Larson-Basse and Sunil Saigal, Control, Materials and

Mechanics Cluster, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, Room 545, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA, 22230 703/306-1361 x5073 or x5069.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: May 18, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications System (1196).

Date and Time: June 8-9, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 530, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Persons: Dr. Kishan Baheti, Program, Director, Knowledge Modeling and Computational Intelligence (KMCI), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundations, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

Purpose: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals in the Knowledge Modeling and Computational Intelligence program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical and information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are within exemptions 4 and 6 of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) the Government in the Sunshine Act.