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II. Background

The February 2000 Displaced Workers, Job Tenure, and Occupational Mobility Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS) is sponsored by the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA). This supplement previously was conducted in conjunction with the February 1998 CPS and has been conducted biennially since 1984. Additional data on occupational mobility will be collected in the February 2000 supplement.

The information will be used to determine the size and nature of the population affected by job displacements and, hence, the needs and scope of programs serving adult displaced workers. The information collected also will be used to assess employment stability by determining the length of time workers have been with their current employer and estimating the incidence of occupational change over the course of a year. In addition, data on job tenure for all workers are needed to calculate the incidence of displacement among various worker groups so that comparisons can be made over time and among different affected groups. Combining the questions on displacement, job tenure, and occupational mobility will enable analysts to obtain a more complete picture of employment stability.

III. Current Actions

The questions concerning displacement among workers will help define the size of the readjustment problem faced by individual workers and the economy including: (a) Workers who have lost their jobs or have received notice that they soon will lose their jobs due to a permanent plant closing; (b) laid-off workers who are unlikely to return to their previous industry or occupation; and (c) the long-term unemployed with little prospect of reemployment. Policy planning has to take into account the industries with the most severe displacement problem and the retraining needs of affected workers.

This supplement also will provide data regarding:

1. The economic impact of job displacements. For those workers who have been reemployed, data will be collected to compare current earnings with those from the lost job.
2. Information on the receipt of unemployment compensation, the loss of health insurance coverage, and the time spent without a job. In

combination, these supplemental data will provide the information needed to assess the economic hardship experienced by displaced workers.

3. The types of jobs that displaced workers have been able to find. This will assist in developing training programs that will provide other displaced workers with the skills necessary to adjust to the changing economic environment.

4. The extent to which displaced workers received advance notice of job cutbacks or the closing of their plant or business. The President, Congress, and private organizations have shown significant interest in this area.

5. The length of time workers (including those who have not been displaced) have been with their current employer. Tenure data are used to calculate displacement rates for long-tenured workers so that comparisons can be made over time and among different worker groups. Information on job tenure also is important because of the effect seniority has on wage levels, the receipt of employee benefits such as vacations and pensions, and other facets of the employment relationship.

6. The incidence and nature of occupational changes in the year prior to the survey. Such information is useful in assessing the training and educational needs of the workforce.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Displaced Worker, Job Tenure, and Occupational Mobility Supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS).

OMB Number: 1220-0104.

Affected public: Households.

Total Respondents: 48,000.

Frequency: One-time.

Total Responses: 48,000.

Average Time Per Response: 9 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 7,200 hours.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of August, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-99-13]

Portable Fire Extinguishers (Hydrostatic Test Certification Record); Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of an Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirement

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Labor.

ACTION: Notice of an opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirement contained in the provision in the standard on Portable Fire Extinguishers (Hydrostatic Test Certification Record) (29 CFR 1910.157(f)(16)).

Request for Comment

The Agency seeks comments on the following issues:

- Whether the information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated, electronic, mechanical, and other technological information and transmission collection techniques.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before October 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-99-13, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, US Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, US Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2222. A copy of the Agency's Information Collection Request (ICR)

supporting the need for the information collection requirement (hydrostatic test certification record) contained in the Portable Fire Extinguishers standard (29 CFR 1910.157(f)(16)) is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or mailed on request by telephoning Theda Kennedy at (202) 693-2222 or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR, contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha-slc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

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 continuing information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is correct.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents. (29 U.S.C. 657.) In this regard, the information collection requirement (hydrostatic test certification record) in the Portable Fire Extinguishers standards (29 CFR 1910.157(f)(16)) ensures that employers properly inform employees about the condition of fire extinguishers they may be using in the workplace. Failure of the employer to collect and distribute the information collection under this requirement will affect significantly OSHA's effort to control and reduce injuries and fatalities in the workplace.

II. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to retain its earlier estimate of 318,750 burden hours for the standard on Portable Fire Extinguishers (Hydrostatic Test Certification Record) (29 CFR 1910.157(f)(16)).

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirement contained in the above standard.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information collection requirement.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Portable Fire Extinguishers (Hydrostatic Test Certification Record) (29 CFR 1910.157(f)(16)).

OMB Number: 1218-0218.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal government; state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 1,275,000.

Frequency: Varies (on occasion; annually).

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes (0.25 hour).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 318,750.

III. Authority and Signature

Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 6-96 (62 FR 111), and 29 CFR part 1911.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of August 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-99-16]

Crawler, Locomotive, and Truck Cranes (Inspection Certification Records) (29 CFR 1910.180(d), (g)(1) and (g)(2)(ii); Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of an Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirement

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Labor.

ACTION: Notice of an opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits comments concerning the proposed decrease and extension of the information collection requirements (inspection certification records) contained in the standard on Crawler, Locomotive, and Truck Cranes (29 CFR 1910.180).

REQUEST FOR COMMENT:

The Agency seeks comments on the following issues:

- Whether the information collection requirements are necessary for the

proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;

- The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated, electronic, mechanical, and other technological information and transmission collection techniques.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before October 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket, No. ICR-99-16, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, US Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

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