

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.) The major purpose of the information collection requirements in 29 CFR 1910.180 is to provide information for properly maintaining crawler, locomotive and truck cranes and, therefore, to ensure safe operating conditions for employees. Specifically, employers must establish certification records to demonstrate that crane inspections comply with the requirements specified in the standard. Failure of the employer to collect and distribute the information collected under the requirements contained in the standard will affect significantly OSHA's effort to control and reduce injuries and fatalities in the workplace.

II. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to decrease its earlier estimate of 174,015 burden hours for the information collection requirements in 29 CFR 1910.180(d), (g)(1), and (g)(2)(ii) to 174,000 burden hours.

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

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

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Crawler, Locomotive, and Truck Cranes (Inspection Certifications) (29 CFR 1910.180(d), (g)(1), and (g)(2)(ii)).

OMB Number: 128-0221.

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

Number of Respondents: 1,900.

Frequency: Monthly.

Average Time per Response: Varies from 15 minutes (0.25 hour) to 30 minutes (0.50 hour).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 174,000.

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-99-15]

Shipyard Certification Records (29 CFR 1915.113(b)(1) and 1915.172(d)); 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 increase in estimated burden hours and extension of the shipyards certification record requirements contained in 29 CFR 1916.113(b) and 1915.172(d).

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-99-15, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, US Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 10210; 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 Program, Occupational Safety

and Health Administration, US Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2222. A copy of the Agency's Information Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collection requirements in 29 CFR 1915.113(b) and 1915.172(d) (shipyard certification records) is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or mailed on request by telephoning Theda Kenney 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/osh-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 1994 (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 requirements contained in 29 CFR 1915.113(b)(1) and 29 CFR 1915.172(d) (shipyard certification records) ensures that employers properly inform employees about the condition of shackles and hooks, and portable air receivers and other unfired pressure vessels, in shipyards. Failure of the employer to collect and distribute the information collected under this requirement will affect significantly OSHA's effort to control and reduce injuries and fatalities in shipyards.

II. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to increase its earlier estimate of 1,846 burden hours for the information collection requirements in 29 CFR 1915.113(b) and 1915.172(d) (shipyard certification records) to 4,461 burden hours.

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice,

and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirement contained in the above provisions.

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

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Shipyard Certification Records (29 CFR 1915.113(b)(1) and 1915.172(d)).

OMB Number: 1218-0220.

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

Number of Respondents: 900.

Frequency: Varies (on occasion, quarterly, annually).

Average Time per Response: Varies for 3 minutes (0.05 hours) to 20 minutes (0.33 hour).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,461.

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 911.

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-99-12]

Hazard Communication Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

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

ACTION: Notice of an opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits comments concerning the extension of the information collection requirements contained in the standard on Hazard Communication (29 CFR 1910.1200; 1915; 1917; 1918; 1926; 1928).

Request for Comment

The Agency is particularly interested in 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-99-12, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd R. Owen, Directorate of Policy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3627, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2444. A copy of the Agency's Information Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collection requirements in the Hazard Communication Standard is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or mailed on request by telephoning Todd R. Owen or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR on Hazard Communication, 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 requirements in the Hazard Communication Standard ensures that employers and employees know about work hazards and how to protect themselves; this should help to reduce the incidence of chemical source illness and injury.

II. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to extend the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collections of information, paperwork, contained in the Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200; 1915; 1917; 1918; 1926; 1928.

The Hazard Communication Standard's collection of information requirements are designed to ensure that the hazards of all chemicals produced or imported are evaluated and that information concerning their hazards is transmitted to employees and downstream employers. The standard requires chemical manufacturers and importers to evaluate chemicals they produce or import to determine if they are hazardous; for those chemicals determined to be hazardous, material safety data sheets and warning labels must be developed. Employers are required to establish a hazard communication program, to transmit information on the hazards of chemicals to their employees by means of labels on containers, material safety data sheets and training programs. Implementation of these collection of information requirements will ensure all employees have the "right-to-know" the hazards and identities of the chemicals they work with and will reduce the incidence of chemically-related occupational illness and injuries.

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request of OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Hazard Communication Standard.

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

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Hazard Communication Standard.

OMB Number: 1218-0072.