

Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3627, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., 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 13 Carcinogens 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 the 13 Carcinogens Standard, 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 13 Carcinogens Standard provides protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to 13 carcinogenic chemicals. This information collection request (ICR) covers the following carcinogens: 4-Nitrobiphenyl (§ 1910.1003), alpha-Naphthylamine (§ 1910.1004), methyl chloromethyl ether (§ 1910.1006), 3,4-Dichlorobenzidine (and its salts) (§ 1910.1007), bis-Chloromethyl ether (§ 1910.1008), beta-Naphthylamine (§ 1910.1009), Benzidine (§ 1910.1010), 4-Aminodiphenyl (§ 1910.1011), Ethyleneimine (§ 1910.1012), beta-Propiolactone (§ 1910.1013), 2-Acetylaminofluorene (§ 1910.1014), 4-Dimethylaminoazo-benzene (§ 1910.1015), and N-Nitrosodimethylamine (§ 1910.1016).

II. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to extend the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collections of information (paperwork) contained in the 13 Carcinogens Standard at 29 CFR 1910.1003, 1915.1003, 1926.1103.

The 13 Carcinogens Standard requires employers to develop signs and labels to warn employees about the hazards associated with the 13 carcinogens. Also, employers must notify OSHA Area Directors of new regulated areas, changes to regulated areas, and incidents that occur in regulated areas. Employers must establish and implement a medical surveillance program for employees assigned to enter regulated areas. This program must inform employees of their medical examination results and provide them with access to their medical records. In addition, employers must retain employee medical records for specified time periods and provide these records to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health under certain circumstances.

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 13 Carcinogens Standard.

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

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: The 13 Carcinogens Standard.

OMB Number: 1218-0085.

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

Number of Respondents: 97.

Frequency: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: Time per response ranges from approximately 5 minutes (for employers to maintain records) to 5 hours (for employers to develop emergency/incident reports).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,798.

Estimated Cost: (Operation and Maintenance): \$86,226.

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) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 6-96 (62 FR 111).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3 day of November 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commission will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, November 18, 1999 and Friday, November 19, 1999 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on November 18, and 9 a.m. on November 19.

The Commission will discuss the home health prospective payment system, post acute care episode data and quality monitoring, disenrollment patterns in Medicare risk plans, Medicare+Choice plan cost analysis, rural Medicare policy issues, payments to teaching hospitals, a single update mechanism across ambulatory care settings, coverage of routine physicals, reforming payments to disproportionate share hospitals, and the care at the end of life date projects.

Agendas will be mailed on Monday, November 8, 1999. The final agenda will be available on the Commission's website (www.MedPAC.gov).

ADDRESSES: MedPAC's address is: 1730 K Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006. The telephone number is (202) 653-7220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Ellison, Office Manager, (202) 653-7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you are not on the Commission mailing list and wish to receive an agenda, please call (202) 653-7220.

Murray N. Ross,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Carry Out a New Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 1 year.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by January 10, 2000 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 306-1125 x 2017; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Evaluation of the NSF Summer Programs in Japan, the NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Japan, and the NSF-CGP Science Fellowships Program.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to carry out a new information collection for one year.

Abstract: "Evaluation of the NSF Summer Programs in Japan, the NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Japan, and the NSF-CGP Science Fellowships Program"

Proposed Project: The National Science Foundation (NSF), through its east Asia and Pacific Program within the Division of International Programs, manages a suite of programs designed to encourage and provide international research experiences for American scientists and engineers with Japanese colleagues. This suite of programs includes the NSF-CGP Science Fellowships and the Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Japan for Ph.D.-holding scientists, and the Summer Institute in Japan and the Monbusho Summer Program for U.S. Graduate Students in Science and Engineering.

These Programs provide opportunities for improvements in cultural sensitivity and in the knowledge of foreign scientific community infrastructure. The international collaborative experiences provided through the Programs may be "catalytic" by bringing scientists from a larger global pool together in "discovery" and "connection," and by the American participants' sharing their newly-acquired knowledge, experiences and impressions with the domestic scientific community.

The purpose of the proposed program evaluation is to assess the Programs within the context of both their individually-stated objectives and the greater NSF-wide objectives. The tenth anniversary this year of the Summer Institute in Japan marks an appropriate time for a longitudinal study of program effectiveness and success, particularly with regard to the effect of an early international experience on developing research careers. The JSPS and STA Postdoctoral Fellowships and the NSF-CGP Science Fellowship have a long history (more than a decade) by which their impact on both individual careers and the scientific community can be assessed.

Use of the Information: The information will be used by NSF to assess the extent to which these approaches to developing international collaborations among young and experienced US and Asian researchers are achieving the intended programmatic goals and are consistent with the specific outcome goals defined in the context of the current NSF Strategic Plan required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993. Among NSF's outcome goals, the most relevant to its investments in developing collaborations with Asian researchers are: promoting discoveries at and across the frontier of science and engineering; facilitating connections between discoveries and their use in service to society; developing a diverse, globally oriented workforce of scientists and engineers.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses per Form: 1040.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 520 hours—1040 respondents at 1/2 hour per response.

Frequency of Responses: One Time.

Comments

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to 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.

Dated: November 5, 1999.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,
Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 16, 1999.

PLACE: NTSB Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

7212 Brief of Incident: American Airlines Flight 574, In-flight Engine Fire, Airbus A300B4-605R, N80057, San Juan, Puerto Rico on July 9, 1998 and Safety Recommendation to the FAA concerning Testing of Emergency Evacuation Systems on Transport Aircraft.

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Telephone: (202) 314-6100.

Individuals requesting specific accommodation should contact Mrs. Barbara Bush at (202) 314-6220 by Friday, November 12, 1999.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Underwood (202) 314-6065.

Dated: November 5, 1999.

Rhonda Underwood,
Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.