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**Authority and Signature**

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is 44 U.S.C. 3506 et seq. and Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 11, 2015.

David Michaels,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket Number: OSHA–2015–0001]

**Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), DOL.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations to serve on the Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health requests nominations for membership on the Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee (WPAC).

**DATES:** Nominations for WPAC must be submitted (postmarked, sent transmitted, or received) by May 18, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations for WPAC, identified by the OSHA Docket No. OSHA–2015–0001, by any of the following methods: Electronically: Nominations, including attachments, may be submitted electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for making electronic submissions. Facsimile: If your nomination and supporting materials, including attachments, do not exceed 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger or courier service: Submit your nominations and supporting materials to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2015–0001, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2350 (OSHA’s TTY number is (877) 889–5627). Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor’s and Docket Office’s normal business hours, 8:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m., e.t.

**Instructions:** All nominations and supporting materials for WPAC must include the Agency name and docket number for this Federal Register notice (Docket No. OSHA–2015–0001). Because of security-related procedures, submitting nominations by regular mail may result in a significant delay in their...
receipt. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about security procedures for submitting nominations by hand delivery, express delivery, and messenger or courier service. For additional information on submitting nominations see the “Public Participation—Submission of Nominations and Access to Docket” heading in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below.

Submissions in response to this Federal Register notice, including personal information provided, are posted without change at http://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and dates of birth.

Docket: To read or download submissions or other material in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through that Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection at the OSHA Docket Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Rosa, OSHA, Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–4618, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC., 20210; telephone (202) 693–2199; email address osha.dwpp@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health invites interested individuals to submit nominations for membership on WPAC.

Background

The WPAC advises the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary) and the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (the Assistant Secretary) on ways to improve the fairness, efficiency, and transparency of OSHA’s whistleblower investigations. WPAC is a continuing advisory body and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and its implementing regulations (see “Authority and Signature” section).

WPAC Membership

WPAC is comprised of 12 members, whom the Secretary appoints to staggered terms, not to exceed 2 years. OSHA is seeking to fill six positions on WPAC that will become vacant on December 1, 2015. The composition of WPAC and categories of new members to be appointed to new two-year terms are as follows:

- Two management representatives who are or represent employers or employer associations in industries covered by one or more of the whistleblower laws;
- Two labor representatives who are or represent workers or worker advocacy organizations in industries covered by one or more of the whistleblower laws;
- One member who represents the State OSH Plan states; and
- One public representative from a college, university, non-partisan think tank, or other entity who has extensive knowledge and expertise on whistleblower statutes and issues.

If a vacancy occurs before a term expires, the Secretary may appoint a new member who represents the same interest as the predecessor to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The committee meets at least two times a year.

Nomination Requirements

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership. If an individual or organization nominates more than one person, each person must be named.

Submissions of nominations must include the following information for each nominee:

1. The nominee’s name, contact information and current occupation or position (required);
2. The nominee’s resume or curriculum vitae, including prior membership on WPAC and other relevant organizations, associations and committees (required);
3. Category of membership (management, labor, state plan, or academic/extensive whistleblower knowledge) the nominee is qualified to represent (required);
4. A summary of the nominee’s background, experience and qualifications that address the nominee’s suitability to serve on WPAC (required);
5. Articles or other documents the nominee has authored that indicate the nominee’s knowledge, experience and expertise in whistleblower protections (optional); and
6. A statement that the nominee is aware of the nomination, is willing to regularly attend and participate in WPAC meetings, and has no apparent conflicts of interest that would preclude membership on WPAC (required).

Nominations that do not contain all required information will not be considered.

Membership Selection

WPAC members will be selected on the basis of their experience, knowledge, and competence in the field of whistleblower protection. The information received through this nomination process, in addition to other relevant sources of information, will assist the Secretary in appointing members to serve on WPAC. In selecting WPAC members, the Secretary will consider individuals nominated in response to this Federal Register notice, as well as other qualified individuals.

The Department encourages the nomination of individuals with diverse viewpoints, perspectives and experiences to the WPAC, including individuals with disabilities and individuals of all races, genders, ages, and sexual orientations.

Before candidates are appointed, the U.S. Department of Labor (Department) conducts a basic background check using publically available, internet-based sources.

Instructions for Submitting Nominations

Interested individuals may submit nominations and supplemental materials using one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. All nominations, attachments and other materials must identify the docket number for this Federal Register notice (Docket No. OSHA–2015–0001). To submit nominations through http://www.regulations.gov, search for the docket (OSHA–2015–0001), open the docket, click on the button that states “Comment Now”, and follow the instructions. You may supplement electronic nominations by uploading document files electronically. If, instead, you wish to submit additional materials in reference to an electronic or FAX submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see ADDRESSES section). The additional material must clearly identify your electronic or FAX submission by name and docket number (Docket No. OSHA–2015–0001), so that the materials can be attached to your submission.

Because of security-related procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of nominations. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office (see ADDRESSES section).
All submissions in response to this Federal Register notice are posted without change at http://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information, such as Social Security numbers and birthdates. Guidance on submitting nominations and materials in response to this Federal Register notice is available at http://www.regulations.gov and from the OSHA Docket Office.

Access to Docket and Other Materials

To read or download nominations and additional materials submitted in response to this Federal Register notice, go to Docket No. OSHA–2015–0001 at http://www.regulations.gov. All submissions are listed in the index of that docket. However, some documents (e.g., copyrighted material) are not publicly available to read or download through that Web page. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection at the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through http://www.regulations.gov and for assistance in using the internet to locate submissions.

Electronic copies of this Federal Register notice are available at http://www.regulations.gov. This document, as well as news releases and other relevant information, also is available at the Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Program’s Web page at http://www.whistleblowers.gov.

Authority and Signature


Signed at Washington, DC, on March 11, 2015.

David Michaels,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Occupational Safety and Health Act Variance Regulations

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sponsorship collection request (ICR) revision titled, “Occupational Safety and Health Act Variance Regulations,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before April 16, 2015.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201501-1218-003 (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129, TTY 202–693–8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL–OSHA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202–395–5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202–693–4129, TTY 202–693–8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks approval under the PRA for revisions to the Occupational Safety and Health Act (Osh Act) Variance Regulations information collection. The OSH Act allows a covered employer to apply for four (4) different types of variances from the requirements of OSH Act standards. An employer submits a variance application that specifies an alternative means of complying with the requirements of applicable standards to the Agency. The OSHA has developed an information collection for four different optional-use forms (Forms OSHA–5–30–1, OSHA–5–30–2, OSHA–5–30–3, and OSHA–5–30–4) that employers might use as templates in applying for variances. Use of the forms is optional, employers are required to submit an application that includes all elements specified in regulations 29 CFR part 1905 in order to receive consideration for a variance. This information collection has been classified as a revision, because the OSHA is including Web-based variance application forms in this submission. OSH Act sections 2(b)(9), 6, 8(c), and 16 authorize this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 651(b)(9), 655, 657(c), and 665.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally