

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket Number ICR-97-42]

Agency Information Collection**Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Occupational Noise Exposure Standard**

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: 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/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Occupational noise exposure Standard 29 CFR 1910.95.

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including 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 comment must be submitted by September 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-97-42, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 219-7894.

Written comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Owen, Directorate of Health Standard Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3647, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7075. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076 or Todd Owen at (202) 219-7075. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Occupational noise exposure contact OSHA's Webpage on Internet at [Http://www.osha.gov/](http://www.osha.gov/) and click on standards.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The purpose of the Occupational noise exposure Standard and its information collection requirements are to provide protection for employees from adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to noise. The standard requires employers to establish and maintain accurate records of employee exposures to noise and audiometric testing performed in compliance with the standard. These records are used by the physician, employer, employee and the Government to determine whether occupation-related hearing loss has occurred, to prevent further deterioration of hearing, and to determine the effectiveness of the employer's hearing conservation program.

II. Current Actions

This notice requests an extension of the current OMB approval of the paperwork requirements in the Occupational noise exposure Standard. Extension is necessary to continue to ensure protection for employees from occupational exposure to noise.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Occupational noise exposure 29 CFR 1910.95.

OMB Number: 1218-0048.

Agency Number: Docket Number ICR-97-45.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Federal government and State, Local or Tribal governments.

Total Respondents: 379,512.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 8,859,832.

Average Time per Response: 0.58 hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

5,166,401.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total initial annual costs: (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$53,891,845.

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.

Dated: July 7, 1997.

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Director, Directorate of Health Standards Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR-97-28]

Agency Information Collection**Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Aerial Lifts (29 CFR 1910.67(b)(2))—Manufacturer's Certification**

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: 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/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed approval of the paperwork requirements of 29 CFR 1910.67(b)(2), when vehicle-mounted elevating and rotating work