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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket Number ICR 98-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Cadmium in Construction

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 Cadmium in Construction (29 CFR 1926.1127) standard. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the addresses section of this notice. 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 comments must be submitted by July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 98-7, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adrian Corsey, Directorate of Policy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3627, telephone (202) 219-4690. A copy of the referenced information collection request is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Adrian Corsey at (202) 219-4690 extension 144 or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076 extension 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Cadmium in Construction, contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha-slc.gov/> and click on "Information Collection Request".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Cadmium standard and its information collection requirements provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to cadmium. The standard requires that employers establish a compliance program, including exposure monitoring and medical records. These records are used by employees, physicians, employers and OSHA to determine the effectiveness of the employers' compliance efforts. Also the standard requires that OSHA have access to various records to ensure that employers are complying with the disclosure provisions.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Cadmium in Construction (29 CFR 1926.1127).

OMB Control Number: 1218-0186.

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

Total Respondents: 10,000.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 243,555.

Average Time per Response: Ranges from 5 minutes to maintain records to 1.5 hours for an employee to have a medical exam.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 34,813.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: -0-.

Total initial annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$2,232,500.

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 collected. The comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 18th day of May, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-98-28]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Logging Operations (29 CFR 1910.266)

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 extension of the information collection requirements contained in the standard on Logging Operations (29 CFR 1910.266). The Agency 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 comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-98-28, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone: (202) 219-8061. A copy of the referenced information collection request is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Theda Kinney at (202) 219-8061, extension 100, or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076, extension 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Logging Operations (29 CFR 1910.266), contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes the promulgation of such health and safety standards as are necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment and places of employment. The statute specifically authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents.

Section 1910.266(i)(10)(i) requires an employer to verify that employees have been trained in the safe performance of assigned work tasks, first-aid and CPR by preparing written certification records. Section 1910.266(i)(10)(ii) requires an employer to maintain the certification records.

The training certification is necessary to assure compliance with the requirement that employees have been trained in the various precautions and safe practices in logging operations. The information collected would also be used by compliance officers to determine that employees have been properly trained according to the requirements set forth in 29 CFR 1910.266(i).

II. Current Actions

This notice requests public comment on OSHA's burden hour estimates prior to OSHA seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Logging Operations standard.

Type of Review: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Logging Operations (29 CFR 1910.266).

OMB Number: 1218-0198.

Agency Number: Docket Number ICR-98-28.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; State or local governments.

Number of Respondents: 86,400.

Frequency: Initially, On Occasion.

Average Time per Response: 3 minutes (0.05 hr.).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,320.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

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.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 18th day of May 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is announcing that two collections of information have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This document announces the OMB approval numbers and expiration dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Beall, Division of Training and Educational Programs, Office of Training and Education, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 1555 Times Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60018, telephone (847) 297-4810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of June 30, 1997, (62 FR 35234), the Agency announced its intent to request renewal of its OMB approval for the Grantee Quarterly Progress Report and for the Application for Training Grant. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), OMB has reinstated its approval for both information collections and assigned OMB control number 1218-0020 to the Application for Training Grant and number 1218-0100 to the Grantee Quarterly Progress Report. The approvals expire 4/30/2001. Under 5 CFR 1320.5(b), and Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

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Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: This Notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board (Board). This notice also describes the function of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section