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Signed at Washington, DC this 14th day of October 1999.

**Carl J. Poleskey,**

*Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0205(2000)]

#### Personal Protective Equipment for General Industry, Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of an Information Collection (Paperwork) Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirements contained in the standard on Personal Protective Equipment for General Industry (PPE), 29 CFR 1910.132 (d)(2) and (f)(4).

#### 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 December 21, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0205(2000), 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 of 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

**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, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2222. A copy of the Agency's Information Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information

collection requirements contained in the standard on Personal Protective Equipment for General Industry (29 CFR 1910.132) 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.osha.gov/comp-links.html>, and click on "Information Collection Requests."

#### 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.) Paragraph 1910.132(d) of the PPE standard requires employers to perform a hazard assessment of the workplace to determine if personal protective equipment is necessary. The hazard assessment is an important part of the process to assure that the PPE selected is appropriate for the hazards present in the workplace. Paragraph (d)(2) requires employers to certify that they performed a hazard assessment. The signed certification must include the date of the hazard assessment and the identification of the workplace evaluated (area or location).

Paragraph (f)(4) of 1910.132 requires employers to certify that employees received and understood PPE training. The training certification must include the name of the employee(s) trained, the date of training, and the subject of the certification (*i.e.*, a statement identifying the document as a certification of training in the use of PPE).

The hazard assessment assures that the PPE selected is appropriate for the hazards present in the workplace. The certification record required with the

hazard assessment verifies that the employer conducted the hazard assessment. The training certification verifies that employees received the necessary training involving the use of PPE. OSHA compliance officers may require employers to disclose the certification records during an Agency inspection.

## II. Proposed Actions

OSHA estimates that employers will expand 608,871 hours yearly to comply with the information collection requirements in the PPE Standard (29 CFR 1910.132). This is an increase of 151,656 burden hours over the previous estimate of 457,215 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 standard.

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

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Personal Protective Equipment for General Industry (29 CFR 1910.132).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0205.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,340,000.

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

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from five minutes (0.08 hour) to 29 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 608,871.

## 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 15th day of October 1999.

**Charles N. Jeffress,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### Permit-Required Confined Spaces for General Industry; Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection Requirements

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice; Announcement of OMB approval of information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is announcing that OMB approved the collections of information found in the standard on Permit-Required Confined Spaces for General Industry (29 CFR 1910.146) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95). This document announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.

**DATES:** October 22, 1999.

**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, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2222.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of April 16, 1999 (64 FR 18938), the Agency announced its intent to request approval from OMB for information collection requirements contained in the standard on Permit-Required Confined Spaces for General Industry (29 CFR 1910.146). OSHA made this request in response to 5 CFR 1320.5(b), which states that the Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to comply with, a collection of information requirement unless OMB approves the information collection requirement and assigns a control number to the approved requirement. In accordance with PRA-95 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), OMB approved the information collection requirements and assigned OMB control number 1228-0203 to the approved requirements. The approval expires on August 31, 2002.

#### 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 15th day of October 1999.

**Charles N. Jeffress,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH), established under Section 7 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to advise the Secretary of Labor on issues relating to occupational safety and health programs, policies, and standards in the maritime industries in the United States, will meet in Annapolis, Maryland.

**DATES:** The Committee will meet:

- On November 17, 1999, from 9 A.M. until approximately 5 P.M.; and
- On November 18, 1999, from 8:30 A.M. until approximately 5 P.M.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee will meet at the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 80 Compromise Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; telephone (410) 268-7555. Mail comments, views, or statements in response to this notice to Chap Pierce, Director of Fire Protection Engineering and Systems Safety Standards, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Phone: (202) 693-2255; fax: (202) 693-1663.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bonnie Friedman, Director, Office of Public Affairs, OSHA; Phone (202) 693-1999.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All interested persons are invited to attend the public meetings of MACOSH at the time and place indicated above. Individuals with disabilities wishing to attend should contact Theda Kenney at (202) 693-2222 no later than November 10, 1999, to obtain appropriate accommodations.

#### Meeting Agenda

This meeting will include discussion of the following subjects: OSHA