

hoisting platform and its rated-load capacity or maximum intended load.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before September 10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0151(2001), OSHA, 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 by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen M. Martinez, Directorate of Policy, Office of Regulatory Analysis, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-1953. A copy of the Agency's Information-Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collections specified by paragraph (g)(4)(ii)(I) of the Cranes and Derricks Standard for Construction (§ 1926.550) is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or by requesting a copy from Todd Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/comp-links.html> and select "Information Collection Requests."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (i.e., employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public 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 cost) is minimal, collection instruments are understandable, and OSHA's estimate of the information-collection burden is correct.

Paragraph (g)(4)(ii)(I) of the Cranes and Derricks Standard for Construction (§ 1926.550) requires employers to post conspicuously with a plate or other permanent marking the weight and rated load capacity or maximum intended load of each platform used to raise and lower employees to a worksite using a crane or derrick. This requirement helps employers to avoid exceeding the lifting capacity of such platforms and the cranes or derrick being used to lift the platforms. Therefore, this requirement can prevent the platform, crane, or derrick from collapsing and causing serious injury or

death to employees on or below the platform.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information-collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and cost) 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 or other technological information-collection and -transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting to extend OMB's previous approval of the recordkeeping (paperwork) requirement specified in paragraph (g)(4)(ii)(I) of the Cranes and Derricks Standard for Construction (§ 1926.550). The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of this information-collection requirement.

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

Title: Cranes and Derricks Standard for Construction: Posting Weight and Load Capacity of Personnel Platforms.

OMB Number: 1218-0151.

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

Number of Respondents: 2,750 (platforms).

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: 5 minutes (.08 hour) to post or mark a platform.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 229.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$0.

IV. Authority and Signature

R. Davis Layne, Acting 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. 3-2000 (65 FR 50017).

Dated: Signed at Washington, DC on July 3, 2001.

R. Davis Layne,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0054(2001)]

Cranes and Derricks Standard for Construction: Recording Tests for Toxic Gases and Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres in Enclosed Spaces; Extension of the Office of Management of Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information-Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

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

ACTION: Notice of an opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comment concerning its request to decrease the existing burden-hour estimates for, and to extend OMB approval of, the collection-of-information requirements specified by paragraph (a)(11) of the Cranes and Derricks Standard for Construction (29 CFR 1926.550). If a crane or derrick powered by an internal-combustion engine is exhausting into an enclosed space that employees occupy or will occupy, this paragraph requires employers to record tests made of the breathing air in the space to ensure that adequate oxygen is available and that concentrations of toxic gases are at safe levels.

DATE: Submit written comments on or before September 10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0054(2001), OSHA, 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 by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen M. Martinez, Directorate of Policy, Office of Regulatory Analysis, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-1953. A copy of the Agency's Information-Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collections specified by paragraph (a)(11) of OSHA's Cranes and Derricks

Standard for Construction (§ 1926.550) is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or by requesting a copy from Todd Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/comp-links.html> and select "Information Collection Requests."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (i.e., employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public 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 cost) is minimal, collection instruments are understandable, and OSHA's estimate of the information-collection burden is correct.

Paragraph (a)(11) of OSHA's Cranes and Derricks Standard for Construction (§ 1926.550) addresses conditions in which a crane or derrick powered by an internal-combustion engine is exhausting into an enclosed space that employees occupy or will occupy. Under these conditions, employers must record tests made of the breathing air in the space to ensure that adequate oxygen is available and that concentrations of toxic gases are at safe levels.

Establishing a test record allows employers to document oxygen levels and specific atmospheric contaminants, ascertain the effectiveness of controls, implement additional controls if necessary, and readily provide this information to other crews and shifts who may work in the enclosed space. Accordingly, employers will prevent serious injury and death to equipment operators and other employees who use or work near this equipment in an enclosed space. In addition, these records provide the most efficient means for an OSHA compliance officer to determine that an employer performed the required tests and implemented appropriate controls.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information-collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;

- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and cost) 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 or other technological information-collection and -transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting a decrease in the existing burden-hour estimate for, as well as an extension of OMB approval of, the collection-of-information requirements specified by paragraph (a)(11) of § 1926.550. Accordingly, the Agency is requesting to decrease the current burden-hour estimate from 99 hours to 97 hours, a total reduction of 2 hours. This reduction occurred because OSHA decreased the burden hours previously required for employers to inform OSHA compliance officers, during an inspection, of the location of the test records; the Agency now accounts for these burden hours under § 1910.1020 (OMB Control No. 1218-0065).

The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice. OSHA will then include this summary in its request to OMB to decrease the existing burden-hour estimates for, and to extend approval of, this information-collection requirement.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information-collection requirement.

Title: Cranes and Derricks Standard for Construction: Recording Tests for Toxic Gases and Oxygen-Deficient Atmospheres in Enclosed Spaces.

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

Number of Respondents: 50 (enclosed spaces).

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: 2 minutes (.03 hour) to perform atmospheric testing and record the results.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 97 hours.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$9,000.

IV. Authority and Signature

R. Davis Layne, Acting 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. 3-2000 (65 FR 50017).

Signed at Washington, DC on July 3, 2001.

R. Davis Layne,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D-10911, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; Deferred Profit Sharing Plan of the Penske Corporation (the Plan) et al.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or request for a hearing on the pending exemptions, unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, within 45 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Application No. _____, stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5638,