monitoring and medical records for specific periods, and provide access to these records by OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the affected employees, and their authorized representatives.

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 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 or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting OMB to extend its approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Formaldehyde Standard, including an increase of 28,664 burden hours. The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in the request to OMB.

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


OMB Number: 1218–0145.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 112,638.

Frequency: On occasion, semi-annually, annually.

Total Responses: 1,903,049.

Average Time per Response: Time per response ranges from 5 minutes for employers to maintain exposure monitoring and medical records for each employee to 1 hour for employees to receive a medical examination.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 519,076 hours.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): $55,325,688.

IV. Public Participation-Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows: (1) electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile; or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for this ICR (OSHA Docket No. OSHA–2007–0008). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or a facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled “Addresses”). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and docket number so the Agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 (TTY (877) 889–5627).

Comments and submissions are posted without change at http://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and date of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov/index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through this Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the http://regulations.gov Web site to submit comments and access the docket is available at the Web site’s “User Tips” link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the Web site, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

Electronic copies of this Federal Register document are available at http://regulations.gov. This document, as well as news releases and other relevant information, are also available at OSHA’s Web page at http://www.osha.gov.

V. Authority and Signature

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., 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 et seq.) and Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 5–2002 [67 FR 65008].

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 12, 2007.

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2007–0009]

Regulation on Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

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

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements contained in its Regulation on Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records (29 CFR 1910.1020).

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent or received) by April 16, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, by any of the following methods:

- Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

- Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: You must submit three copies of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, OSHA Docket No. OSHA–2007–0009, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. 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 submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number for this information collection request (ICR) (OSHA Docket No. OSHA–2007–0009). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change and may be made
available online at http://www.regulations.gov. For further information on submitting comments see the “Public Participation” heading in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

Docket: To read or download comments 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 the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office.

You may also contact Todd Owen at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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 (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 accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes information collection requirements 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).

Under the authority granted by the Act, OSHA published a health regulation governing access to employee exposure monitoring data and medical records. This regulation does not require employers to collect any information or to establish any new systems of records. Rather, it requires that employers provide employees, their designated representatives, OSHA with access to employee exposure monitoring and medical records, and any analyses resulting from these records. In this regard, the regulation specifies requirements for record access, record retention, employee information, trade secret management, and record transfer. Accordingly, the Agency attributes the burden hours and costs associated with exposure monitoring and measurement, medical surveillance, and the other activities required to generate the data governed by the regulation to the health standards that specify these activities; therefore, OSHA did not include these burden hours and costs in this ICR.

Access to exposure and medical information enables employees and their designated representatives to become directly involved in identifying and controlling occupational health hazards, as well as managing and preventing occupationally-related health impairment and disease.

Providing the Agency with access to the records permits it to ascertain whether or not employers are complying with the regulation, as well as the recordkeeping requirements of its other health standards; therefore, OSHA access provides additional assurance that employees and their designated representatives are able to obtain the data they need to conduct their analyses.

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 to protect employees, including whether the information is useful;
• The accuracy of OSHA’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 or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the collection of information requirements specified by the Regulation on Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records (29 CFR 1910.1020). This request includes an increase of 158,860 burden hours. 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 these information collection requirements.

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

Title: Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records (29 CFR 1910.1020).

OMB Number: 1218–0065.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal government; State, local, or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 734,820.

Frequency of Recordkeeping: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: Varies from five minutes (.08 hour) for employers to provide OSHA with access to records to 10 minutes (.17 hour) to maintain employee records.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 720,187.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): $0.

IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document (1) electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (FAX); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (OSHA Docket No. OSHA—2007–0009). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If, instead, you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or fax submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see ADDRESSES section). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and docket number so OSHA can attach them to your comments.

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the http://www.regulations.gov/index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through http://www.regulations.gov. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the http://regulations.gov website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website’s “User Tips” link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

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V. Authority and Signature

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., 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. 5–2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 12, 2007.

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2007–0010]

Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health

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

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health (FACOSH) will meet March 1, 2007, in Washington, DC.

DATES: FACOSH meeting: FACOSH will meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Submission of comments and requests to speak: Comments and requests to speak at the FACOSH meeting must be received by February 22, 2007.

ADDRESS: FACOSH meeting: FACOSH will meet in Rooms N–3437 A/B/C, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Submission of comments and requests to speak: Comments and requests to speak at the FACOSH meeting, identified by OSHA Docket No. 2007–0010, may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronically: You may submit materials, including attachments, electronically at: http://www.regulations.gov, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for making submissions.

Facsimile: If your submission, including attachments, is not longer than 10 pages, you may fax it to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648. Mail, express delivery, hand delivery, messenger or courier service: Submit three copies of your submissions to the OSHA Docket Office, Room N–2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 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 submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this Federal Register notice (Docket No. OSHA–2007–0010). Submissions in response to this Federal Register notice, including personal information provided, will be posted without change at: http://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and birth dates. Because of security-related procedures, submissions by regular mail may result in a significant delay in their receipt. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office, at the address above, for information about security procedures for making submissions by hand delivery, express delivery, and messenger or courier service. For additional information on submitting comments and requests to speak, see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below.

Docket: To read or download submissions, go to http://www.regulations.gov. All documents in the docket are listed in the OSHA Docket Office, at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information: Diane Brayden, Director, OSHA, Office of Federal Agency Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3622, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2122; fax (202) 693–1685; e-mail ofap@dol.gov. For special accommodations for the FACOSH meeting: Veneta Chatmon, OSHA, Office of Communications, Room N–3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FACOSH will meet Thursday, March 1, 2007, in Washington, DC. All FACOSH meetings are open to the public.

FACOSH is authorized by section 19 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 668), 5 U.S.C. 7902, and Executive Order 12196 to advise the Secretary of Labor on all matters relating to the occupational safety and health of Federal employees (Ex. 2). This includes providing advice on how to reduce and keep to a minimum the number of injuries and illnesses in the Federal workforce and how to encourage the establishment and maintenance of effective occupational safety and health programs in each Federal Department and Agency (Ex. 3).

The tentative agenda for the FACOSH meeting includes:

- Safety, Health and Return-to-Workplace (SHARE) Initiative,
- Recordkeeping,
- Training,
- Field Safety and Health Design,

- Facility Safety and Health Design.

FACOSH meetings are transcribed and detailed minutes of the meetings are prepared. Meeting transcripts and minutes are included in the official record of FACOSH meetings.

Interested parties may submit a request to make an oral presentation to FACOSH by one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section above. The request must state the amount of time requested to speak, the interest represented (e.g., business or organization name), if any, and a brief outline of the presentation. Requests to address FACOSH may be granted as time permits and at the discretion of the FACOSH chair.

Interested parties also may submit comments, including data and other information, using any of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section above. OSHA will provide all submissions to FACOSH members.

Individuals who need special accommodations and wish to attend the