DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration
[Docket No. OSHA–2007–0059]

Concrete and Masonry Construction; 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 comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the Information Collection requirements contained in the Standard on Concrete and Masonry Construction (29 CFR part 1926, subpart Q). This Subpart protects employees who construct, erect, brace, maintain, or perform similar tasks on concrete or masonry structures.

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by September 24, 2007.

ADDRESSES:
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.

 Facsimile: If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

 Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: When using this method, you must submit three copies of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2007–0059, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 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. to 4:45 p.m., e.t.

 Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number for the ICR (OSHA–2007–0059). 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 section of this notice titled SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

 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 (including this Federal Register notice) 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 Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact Stewart Burkhammer at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.


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 OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657). The information collection requirements, and their rationale, contained in 29 CFR part 1926, subpart Q Concrete and Masonry Construction are listed below.

Paragraph (c)(2) of §1926.701 requires that signs and barriers be erected to limit employee access to the post-tensioning area during tensioning operations. Paragraphs (a)(2), (j)(1), and (j)(2) warn equipment operators not to activate their equipment if another employee enters the area to perform a task (e.g., cleaning, inspecting, maintenance, repairing), thereby preventing serious injury or death.

Paragraph (a)(2) of §1926.703 requires employers to make available, at the jobsite, drawings or plans for: The jack layout, formwork (including shoring equipment), working decks, and scaffolds, as well as any revisions to these documents. Paragraph (a) of §1926.705 requires employers engaged in lift-slab operations to have specific designs and plans detailing the lift-slab operation. Drawings, plans and/or designs are developed and kept available at the jobsite as a usual and customary business practice to be used by the various contractors during construction; therefore, OSHA assumes there are no burden hours or costs associated with preparing drawings, plans, or designs and having them at the jobsite. Section 1926.705(b) requires that jacks used for lifting operations be marked to indicate their rated capacity. Manufacturers of jacks rate the equipment as a usual and customary practice; therefore, OSHA assumes there are no burden hours or costs to employers for these marking requirements.

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; and
• 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 information collection requirements contained in the Standard on Concrete and Masonry Construction (29 CFR part 1926, subpart Q). The Agency is requesting to increase its current burden hour estimate associated with this Standard from 22,400 hours to 37,488 hours for a total increase of 15,088 hours. The increase results from increasing the number of construction sites. 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 a currently approved collection.

Title: Concrete and Masonry Construction (29 CFR part 1926, subpart Q).

OMB Number: 1218–0095.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 468,600.

Frequency: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: Five minutes (.08 hour) to post or place warning signs, locks, or tags.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 37,488.

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 as follows: (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 (Docket No. OSHA–2007–0059). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or 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 the 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://www.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.

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 seg.) and Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 5–2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 17, 2007.

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
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[Notice 07–054]

Insurance Requirement for Maximum Probable Loss (MPL) With Respect to Launch of Alliant Techsystems Inc. (ATK) ALV–X1 Suborbital Launch Vehicle at Wallops Flight Facility

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Insurance Requirement.

SUMMARY: This notice is issued in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 2458c(b)(2)(B). For statute, NASA is required to publish the amount of insurance required when a party to an agreement between the Administration and the party, made for the purpose of developing new technology for an experimental aerospace vehicle, has requested indemnification. For the demonstration launch of ATK’s new suborbital ALV–X1 launch vehicle at NASA’s Wallops Flight Facility, carrying experimental aerospace vehicle payloads, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 2458c(d)(3), scheduled for the 1st quarter of Fiscal Year 2008, the Administrator has determined the maximum probable loss to be $15.4 million for Government property, $180,000 for 3rd party property, and $9 million for 3rd party personnel. As a condition for indemnification, analogous to that required by the Commercial Space Launch Act, ATK is required to carry insurance to cover the MPL. Per statute, conditional indemnification may only be provided upon ATK’s successful passage of a NASA safety review, and certification of adequate insurance coverage.

DATES: NASA may grant conditional indemnification to ATK following the successful passage of a safety review, and certification of adequate insurance coverage, unless, within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice, NASA receives written objections including evidence and argument that establish that indemnification would not be consistent with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 2458c.

ADDRESSES: Objections relating to this determination may be submitted to Mr. Bruce Underwood, Chief, Advanced Projects Office, NASA Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, VA 23337, (757) 824–1479.


Bruce Underwood,
Chief, Advanced Projects Office.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
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[Notice 07–053]

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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