

serve the underserved populations that the Department assists.

The Participant Assistance Program Customer Survey collects customer satisfaction data for a sample of private citizens who call into the participant assistance program to ask about their private sector employer provided benefits such as pensions, retirement savings, and health benefits. Three types of callers are queried: (1) Those who need benefit claim assistance; (2) those who have a valid benefit claim; and (3) those who have an invalid benefit claim. The results of the survey are analyzed to provide actionable data that could be used to improve program performance. Examples of improved performance that may result from that study include, but are not limited to:

- Being more attuned to inquirers' needs—Benefits Advisors should be more adept at identifying issues that lead to benefits recoveries and enforcement leads
- Survey data will enable National and Regional management to identify potential training needs
- Satisfaction scores will guide EBSA leadership to determine which Regions need assistance improving customer service
- Scores on individual BAs will reveal high performers and allow the agency to use those BAs' techniques as best practices for program-wide improvement.

The study will include survey data from regional offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco and District offices in Miami, Seattle and Washington.

#### Focus of Comments

The Department is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collections of information are 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 collections 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., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

- Evaluate the effectiveness of the additional demographic questions.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 14th day of July, 2021.

**Ali Khawar,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

#### 207th Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Notice of Teleconference Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the 207th open meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans (also known as the ERISA Advisory Council) will be held via a teleconference on Thursday, August 26 and Friday, August 27, 2021.

The two-day meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 5:30 p.m. (ET) each day with a one-hour break for lunch. The purpose of the open meeting is for Advisory Council members to hear testimony from invited witnesses and to receive an update from the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA).

The Advisory Council will study the following topics: (1) Gaps in Retirement Savings Based on Race, Ethnicity and Gender, and (2) Understanding Brokerage Windows in Self-Directed Retirement Plans. Descriptions of these topics are available on the ERISA Advisory Council's web page at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/about-ebsa/about-us/erisa-advisory-council>.

The agenda and instructions for public access to the teleconference meeting will be available on the ERISA Advisory Council's web page at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/about-ebsa/about-us/erisa-advisory-council> approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Organizations or members of the public wishing to submit a written statement may do so on or before Thursday, August 19, 2021, to Christine Donahue, Executive Secretary, ERISA

Advisory Council. Statements should be transmitted electronically as an email attachment in text or pdf format to [donahue.christine@dol.gov](mailto:donahue.christine@dol.gov). Statements transmitted electronically that are included in the body of the email will not be accepted. Relevant statements received on or before Thursday, August 19, 2021, will be included in the record of the meeting. No deletions, modifications, or redactions will be made to the statements received as they are public records.

Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the ERISA Advisory Council should forward their requests to the Executive Secretary on or before Thursday, August 19, 2021, via email to [donahue.christine@dol.gov](mailto:donahue.christine@dol.gov) or by telephoning (202) 693-8641. Oral presentations will be limited to ten minutes, time permitting, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record.

Individuals who need special accommodations should contact the Executive Secretary on or before Thursday, August 19, 2021, via email to [donahue.christine@dol.gov](mailto:donahue.christine@dol.gov) or by telephoning (202) 693-8641.

For more information about the meeting, contact the Executive Secretary at the address or telephone number above.

Signed at Washington, DC.

**Ali Khawar,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Shipyard Employment Standards

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before August 20, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent

within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Crystal Rennie by telephone at 202-693-0456 or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The standard for shackles and hooks (29 CFR 1915.113(b)(1)) requires that all hooks for which no applicable manufacturer's recommendations are available be tested and that the employer retain a certification record. The standard on portable air receivers (29 CFR 1915.172(d)) requires that portable, unfired pressure vessels be examined quarterly and subjected to a yearly hydrostatic pressure test and that a certification record be maintained. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 27, 2021 (86 FR 22279).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs

receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

*Agency:* DOL—OSHA.

*Title of Collection:* Shipyard Employment Standards.

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0220.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector:

Businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of*

*Respondents:* 4,726.

*Total Estimated Number of*

*Responses:* 27,342.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:*

10,379 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs*

*Burden:* \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

**Crystal Rennie,**

*Senior PRA Analyst.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

[OMB Control No. 1219-0088]

#### Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Ventilation Plans, Tests, and Examinations in Underground Coal Mines

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance request for comment to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This request 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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection for Ventilation Plans, Tests, and Examinations in Underground Coal Mines.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before September 20, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comment as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered.

*Electronic Submissions:* Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA-2021-0018. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket, with no changes. Because your comment will be made public, you are responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number or confidential business information.

- If your comment includes confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission.

*Written/Paper Submissions:* Submit written/paper submissions in the following way:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* Mail or visit DOL-MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452.

- MSHA will post your comment as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jessica Senk, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at [MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov](mailto:MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov) (email); (202) 693-9440 (voice); or (202) 693-9441 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), 30 U.S.C. 813(h), authorizes MSHA to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Further, section 101(a) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 811, authorizes the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to develop, promulgate, and revise as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal or other mines. In addition, section 303 of the Mine Act requires that all underground coal mines be ventilated by mechanical ventilation equipment installed and operated in a manner approved by an authorized representative of the Secretary and that such equipment be examined daily and a record be kept of such examination.

Underground coal mines usually present harsh and hostile working