V. Desired Focus of Comments

As BLS pursues the current and planned engagement and information-gathering activities described above to support development of a new NLSY cohort, BLS is also interested in hearing directly from the public in response to this FRN. BLS is particularly interested in comments and recommendations on the following aspects of the new NLSY cohort:

- Questionnaire content
- Survey methodology
- Sampling
- Data dissemination

The BLS welcomes comments on any aspect of the above areas and is especially interested in comments on:

- Research questions that a new cohort of the National Longitudinal Surveys program would address at different points in the life course.
- The distinctive role of NLSY cohorts among the range of survey and non-survey data sources.
- Factors that inform researchers’ choice of data sources.
- Modifications in the coverage of specific topics compared to previous NLSY cohorts. This could include any gaps in the current data, ‘must keep’ elements in the current data, or elements that are less valuable.
- Uses of data from a new NLSY cohort that BLS should anticipate and prioritize (e.g., training of young researchers, benchmarking specialized samples, policy analysis, cross-cohort comparisons, basic research on human behavior, etc.).
- Design and implementation features of a new NLSY cohort that users will find most valuable (e.g., accessible public use files, frequency of data collection, availability of biometric measures, oversamples of specific populations, linkage possibilities to selected administrative data, ease of use of data, alignment with other surveys, etc.).
- New social and economic trends that are important to consider in designing a new NLSY cohort.
- Any other issues BLS should consider in developing a new NLSY cohort.

In addition, BLS is open to hearing from the public about how to improve its current stakeholder engagement plans to promote equitable and diversified feedback as a new NLSY cohort is developed.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and made available at https://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsy26.htm.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 17.502.

Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is Section 21 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 670), American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393, September 18, 2020).

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 28, 2022.

James S. Frederick,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office.
Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 (TTY (877) 889–5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the OSHA docket number for this Federal Register notice (OSHA–2011–0861). OSHA will place comments and requests to speak, including personal information, in the public docket, which may be available online. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdays. For further information on submitting comments, see the “Public Participation” heading in the section of this notice titled SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Seleda Perryman or Theda Kenney, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone (202) 693–2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of the 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 (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 a minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining said information (29 U.S.C. 657).

The OSPP allows OSHA to enter into an extended, voluntary, cooperative relationship with groups of employers, employees, and representatives (sometimes including other stakeholders, and sometimes involving only one employer) to encourage, assist, and recognize their efforts to eliminate serious hazards and to achieve a high level of worker safety and health that goes beyond what historically has been achieved from traditional enforcement methods. Each OSHA Strategic Partnership (OSP) determines what information will be needed, determining the best collection method, and clarifying how the information will be used. At a minimum, each OSP must identify baseline injury and illness data corresponding to all summary line items on the OSHA 300 logs and must track changes at either the worksite level or participant-aggregate level. An OSP may also include other measures of success, such as training activity, self-inspections, and/or workers’ compensation data. In this regard, the information collection requirements for the OSPP are used by the agency to gauge the effectiveness of programs, identify needed improvements, and ensure that resources are being used effectively and appropriately.

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 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

The agency is requesting an adjustment increase of 4,466 burden hours of the previous approval from 14,014 to 18,480 hours. The increase in burden is a result of increase in the number of employers and participants. Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection. Title: OSHA Strategic Partnership Program (OSPP) for Worker Safety and Health.


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. Please note: While OSHA’s Docket Office is continuing to accept and process submissions by regular mail, due to the COVID–19 pandemic, the Docket Office is closed to the public and not able to receive submissions to the docket by hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for this ICR (Docket No. OSHA–2011–0861). 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 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.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at http://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information, such as their social security number 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 from this website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office.

Information on using the http://www.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 from the website and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

UL LLC: Grant of Expansion of Recognition and Modification to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for UL LLC as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). Additionally, OSHA announces the final decision to add two test standards to the NRTL Program’s list of appropriate test standards.

DATES: The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on March 7, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Coordination Activities, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, phone: (202) 693–2110 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of UL LLC (UL) as a NRTL. UL’s expansion covers the addition of eleven test standards to the NRTL scope of recognition, two of which OSHA will add to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification of the products.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition and for an expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the Federal Register in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides a preliminary finding. In the second notice, the agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL’s scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL, including UL, which details the NRTL’s scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html.

For UL’s application, dated May 23, 2019, to expand their recognition as a NRTL to include twelve additional test standards (OSHA—2009–0025–0038), this application was amended to remove one standard from the original request (OSHA—2009–0025–0039). The expansion would add eleven additional test standards to UL’s NRTL scope of recognition. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing UL’s expansion application in the Federal Register on January 26, 2022 (87 FR 4053). The agency requested comments by February 10, 2022, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA is now proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of UL’s scope of recognition and modification to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to UL’s application, go to http://www.regulations.gov or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. Docket No. OSHA—2009–0025 contains all materials in the record concerning UL’s recognition. Please note: Due to the COVID–19 pandemic, the Docket Office is closed to the public at this time but can be contacted at (202) 693–2350 (TTY ([877] 889–9527).

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined UL’s expansion application, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that UL meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the limitations and conditions listed in this notice. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant UL’s scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of UL’s recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the test standards listed below in Table 1.