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–ETA.

Title of Collection: Attestation for Employers Seeking to Employ H–2B Nonimmigrant Workers.

OMB Control Number: 1205–0550.

Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions, and farms.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,304.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 6,304.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 1,576 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $0.

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

Dated: September 14, 2022.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Scope of Meeting

OSHA is interested in obtaining information from the public on key issues facing the agency’s whistleblower program. This meeting is the tenth in a series of meetings requesting public input on this program. The agency is seeking suggestions on how it can improve the program. Please note that the agency does not have the authority to change the statutory language and requirements of the laws it enforces. In particular, the agency invites input on the following:

1. How can OSHA deliver better whistleblower customer service?
2. What kind of assistance can OSHA provide to help explain the Agency’s whistleblower laws to employees and employers?

B. Request for Comments

Regardless of attendance at the public meeting, interested persons may submit written or electronic comments (see ADDRESSES above). Electronic comments include recorded oral comments.

Comments may be submitted in any language. To permit time for interested persons to submit data, information, or views on the issues in the “Scope of Meeting” section of this notice, please submit comments by November 2, 2022, and include Docket No. OSHA–2018–0005. If you have questions regarding how to submit comments, please contact osha.dwpp@dol.gov or 202–693–2199.

C. Access to the Public Record

Electronic copies of this Federal Register notice are available at: http://www.regulations.gov. This notice, as well as news releases and other relevant information, is also available on the Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs’ web page at: http://www.whistleblowers.gov.

Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by section 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 660(c)); Secretary’s Order 08–2020 (May 15, 2020).

Signed at Washington, DC.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[DOcket No. OSHA–2018–0005]

Whistleblower Stakeholder Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is announcing a public meeting to solicit comments and suggestions from stakeholders on issues facing the agency in the administration of the whistleblower laws it enforces.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on October 19, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., ET via telephone and virtually via Teams. Persons interested in attending the meeting must register by October 12, 2022. In addition, comments relating to the “Scope of Meeting” section of this document must be submitted by November 2, 2022.
OSHA invites participants to provide public comments related to potential changes to the standard that OSHA is considering and is extending the deadline for submitting comments.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting will be held virtually from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET, on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Registration to participate in or observe the stakeholder meeting will be open until all spots are full. Written comments must be submitted by November 14, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The stakeholder meeting will be held virtually on Webex. If you wish to attend the meeting or provide public comment, please register online as soon as possible at https://www.osha.gov/process-safety-management/background/2022stakeholdermtg. If you are interested in providing public comments at the meeting, you must indicate that while registering. In order to accommodate many speakers, public commenters will be allowed approximately three minutes to speak. Although OSHA welcomes all comments and seeks to accommodate as many speakers as possible, it may not be possible to accommodate all stakeholder requests to speak at the meeting. Stakeholders who register to speak in advance of the meeting will receive confirmation and a schedule of speakers via email prior to the event. Those who cannot attend the meeting and those who are unable or choose not to make verbal comments during the meeting are invited to submit their comments in writing (see instructions in Section III below).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Press inquiries: Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, Room N–3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: meilinger.francis@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Background

OSHA published the PSM standard, 29 CFR 1910.119, in 1992 in response to catastrophic chemical-release incidents that occurred worldwide. The PSM standard requires employers to implement safety programs that identify, evaluate, and control hazardous chemicals. Unlike some of OSHA’s standards, which prescribe precisely what employers must do to comply, the PSM standard is “performance-based,” and outlines management system elements for controlling hazardous chemicals. Under the standard, employers have the flexibility to tailor their PSM programs to the unique conditions at their facilities. More information on the PSM standard, please visit https://osha.gov/process-safety-management/background.

Since its publication in 1992, the PSM standard has not been updated. The 2013 ammonium nitrate explosion at a fertilizer storage facility in West, Texas renewed interest in PSM. In response to this incident, on August 1, 2013, Executive Order (E.O.) 13650, Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security, was signed. The E.O. directed OSHA and several other federal agencies to, among other things, modernize policies, regulations, and standards to enhance safety and security in chemical facilities by completing certain tasks, including coordinating with stakeholders to develop a plan for implementing improvements to chemical risk management practices, developing proposals to improve the safe and secure storage handling and sale of ammonium nitrate, and reviewing the PSM and Risk Management Plan (RMP) rules to determine if their covered hazardous chemicals should be expanded. For more specifics on the Executive Order and OSHA’s collaboration with other government agencies and stakeholders, please visit https://www.osha.gov/chemical-executive-order.

Additionally, the E.O. directed that within 90 days, OSHA should publish a Request for Information (RFI) to identify issues related to modernization of its PSM standard and related standards necessary to meet the goal of preventing major accidents. OSHA published the RFI in December 2013, and subsequently initiated and completed a Small Business Advocacy Review Panel (SBAR) in June 2016. Following the SBAR panel, PSM was moved to the Long-Term Actions list on the Unified Agenda. OSHA has continued to work on the PSM standard rulemaking and PSM was placed back on the Unified Agenda in the spring of 2021. OSHA is holding this stakeholder meeting to reengage stakeholders and solicit comments on the modernization topics mentioned in the RFI and SBAR panel report, as well as any additional PSM-related issues stakeholders would like to raise. The list of modernization topics is listed below in Section II.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a separate, pending proposal addressing RMP requirements. In the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Congress required OSHA to adopt the PSM standard to protect workers and required EPA to protect the community and environment by issuing the RMP rule. The PSM and RMP rules were written to complement each other in accomplishing these Congressional goals. Since the E.O. 13650, EPA has published amendments to the RMP rule in 2017 and 2019. Any comments on the EPA’s RMP proposal should be submitted in writing to the docket for that rulemaking and will not be discussed during OSHA’s stakeholder meeting. More information regarding the RMP rule is available at https://www.epa.gov/rmp. OSHA and EPA will continue to coordinate as both agencies consider revisions to their respective rules.

II. Stakeholder Meeting

The meeting will feature a brief presentation from OSHA on the background of the PSM standard and some of the issues outlined in this notice. After the presentation, there will be time for registered commenters to provide verbal comments. PSM rulemaking topics are outlined in the lists below, but commenters may provide feedback on additional PSM-related issues. More information on most of the topics in the lists below can be found in the Small Entity Representative (SER) Background Document (docket no. OSHA–2013–0020–0107) and SER Issues Document (docket no. OSHA–2013–0020–0108) located on the PSM SBAR web page, https://www.osha.gov/process-safety-management/sbarea. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information from stakeholders, and OSHA will not be responding to the comments during the meeting. The public may also submit written comments to the rulemaking docket (see Section III for instructions). More information on registration is provided above. The meeting will be recorded.

The potential changes to the scope of the current PSM standard that OSHA is considering include:

1. Clarifying the exemption for atmospheric storage tanks;
2. Expanding the scope to include oil and gas-well drilling and servicing;
3. Resuming enforcement for oil and gas production facilities;

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Section 910.119 is made applicable to construction work through 29 CFR 1926.64.
4. Expanding PSM coverage and requirements for reactive chemical hazards;
5. Updating and expanding the list of highly hazardous chemicals in Appendix A;
6. Amending paragraph (k) of the Explosives and Blasting Agents Standard (§ 1910.109) to extend PSM requirements to cover dismantling and disposal of explosives and pyrotechnics;
7. Clarifying the scope of the retail facilities exemption; and
8. Defining the limits of a PSM-covered process.

The potential changes to particular provisions of the current PSM standard that OSHA is considering include:
1. Amending paragraph (b) to include a definition of RAGAGEP;
2. Amending paragraph (b) to include a definition of critical equipment;
3. Expanding paragraph (c) to strengthen employee participation and include stop work authority;
4. Amending paragraph (d) to require evaluation of updates to applicable recognized and generally accepted as good engineering practices (RAGAGEP);
5. Amending paragraph (d) to require continuous updating of collected information;
6. Amending paragraph (e) to require formal resolution of Process Hazard Analysis team recommendations that are not utilized;
7. Expanding paragraph (e) by requiring safer technology and alternatives analysis;
8. Clarifying paragraph (e) to require consideration of natural disasters and extreme temperatures in their PSM programs, in response to E.O. 13990;
9. Expanding paragraph (j) to cover the mechanical integrity of any critical equipment;
10. Clarifying paragraph (j) to better explain “equipment deficiencies;”
11. Clarifying that paragraph (l) covers organizational changes;
12. Amending paragraph (m) to require root cause analysis;
13. Revising paragraph (n) to require coordination of emergency planning with local emergency-response authorities;
14. Amending paragraph (o) to require third-party compliance audits;
15. Including requirements for employers to develop a system for periodic review of and necessary revisions to their PSM management systems (previously referred to as “Evaluation and Corrective Action”); and
16. Requiring the development of written procedures for all elements specified in the standard, and to identify records required by the standard along with a records retention policy (previously referred to as “Written PSM Management Systems”).

III. Submitting and Accessing Comments

Regardless of attendance at the stakeholder meeting, interested persons may submit written comments electronically at https://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency’s name and the docket number for this stakeholder meeting (OSHA–2013–0020). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. All comments and additional materials must be submitted by November 14, 2022. All comments, including any personal information, are placed in the public docket without change and may be made available online at https://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as Social Security Numbers and dates of birth.

To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to https://www.regulations.gov, and search for docket no. OSHA–2013–0020. All documents in the docket are listed in the https://www.regulations.gov index; however, 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. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 (TTY [877] 889–5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

Information on using the https://www.regulations.gov website to submit comments and access the docket is available at https://www.regulations.gov/faq.

Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of document under the authority of sections 4, 6, and 8 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657); Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 08–2020 (85 FR 58393); and 29 CFR part 1911.