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15. Lafarge Corporation

[Docket No. M-2002-007-M]

Lafarge Corporation, 2200 Courtney & Atherton Road, Sugar Creek, Missouri 64050 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.12016 (Work on electrically-powered equipment) to its Sugar Creek Underground Limestone Mine (I.D. No. 23-02171) located in Jackson County, Missouri. The petitioner requests a waiver from the existing standard so that neither signatures nor warning notices would be required at the Lafarge Mine. The petitioner proposes to provide each employee with specifically designated locks for lockout that would be engraved with the employee's name. The employee will have the only key and the locks will be identified by color. The petitioner states that unlike a tag or sign, the engraved name would not be accidentally removed or become unreadable. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

16. Lafarge Corporation

[Docket No. M-2002-008-M]

Lafarge Corporation, 2200 Courtney & Atherton Road, Sugar Creek, Missouri 64050 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 57.12017 (Work on power circuits) to its Sugar Creek Underground Limestone Mine (I.D. No. 23-02171) located in Jackson County, Missouri. The petitioner requests a waiver from the existing standard so that warning signs would not be required at the Lafarge Mine. The petitioner proposes to provide each employee with specifically designated locks for lockout that would be engraved with the employee's name. The employee will have the only key and the locks will be identified by color. The petitioner states that unlike a tag or sign, the engraved name would not be accidentally removed or become unreadable. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as the existing standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to comments@msha.gov, or on a computer disk along with an original

hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2352, Arlington, Virginia 22209. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before January 2, 2003. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia this 26th day of November 2002.

Marvin W. Nichols, Jr.,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR 1218-0New1 (2003)]

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Construction Project Survey

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program 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 Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed new information collection request entitled Construction Project Survey. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 3, 2003. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is 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 burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Suggest ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 1218-0New1 (2003), U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-2350. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Schmidt, Office of Statistics, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, room N3644, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-1886. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Dave Schmidt at (202) 693-1886 or Todd Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the OSHA Data Initiative information collection request, contact OSHA's Web page on the Internet at http://www.osha-slc.gov/OCIS/Info_coll.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

OSHA proposes to collect occupational injury and illness data from general contractors at selected construction projects. The agency will collect this information from up to 2,500 employers. The collection of data will span the lifetime of the construction project. Participation in this data collection will be on a voluntary basis. OSHA will ask the general contractors to provide the average employment, hours worked, and general information pertaining to the construction project and detailed information pertaining to each work-related injury and illness that occurs at the construction project.

OSHA will compile the data, generate injury and illness rates by project type, and develop profiles of the relative hazards of various construction types. The agency will use the aggregate rates and profiles mainly to guide its future outreach and enforcement efforts towards the project types with the most significant hazards identified by the data. This collection will provide OSHA with data on illnesses and injuries that are associated with distinct types of construction activity, with the various phases of construction, and with the methods, materials, and hazards that are common to those types of work. With this data, OSHA will obtain a measure of injuries and illnesses that affect all employees—regardless of employer—on a common construction project. OSHA could then target its resources to projects with a greater potential for illness and injuries by weighting the selection of types of projects by their relative degree of hazardousness.

II. Current Actions

This notice requests public comment pertaining to OMB approval of the paperwork requirements for the Construction Project Survey.

Type of Review: New collection.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Construction Project Survey.

OMB Number: 1218–XXXX.

Agency Number: ICR 1218–0New1 (2003).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc.:

Construction Project Survey Form.

Total Respondents: 2,500.

Frequency: Recordkeeping.

Average Time per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 7,500 hours.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 26, 2002.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Emergency Clearance; Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget; Notice

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Emergency clearance: public information collection requirements submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request emergency approval of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), we are providing an opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than six months.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted below, comments on these information collection and record keeping requirements must be received by the designees referenced below by December 26, 2002

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to splimpto@nsf.gov, and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Attn: Stuart Shapiro, NSF Desk Officer.

COMMENTS: Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; or (d) ways to 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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have

submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. When we have received approval, we will begin the process for regular approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 292–7556; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges: Fiscal Year 2002.

OMB Approval Number: OMB 3145–0100.

Expiration Date: April 30, 2002.

Use of the Information: This survey is conducted as an annual census of about 610 academic institutions and their 16 Federally-funded research and development centers. NSF's Division of Science Resources Statistics designs, supports, directs and administers periodic surveys and other data collections, including R&D surveys. Recently, coverage of (the Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges, <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/rdexp/start.htm>) was expanded to collect information on R&D about each of the Nation's 36 Federally-funded R&D centers, whether administered by universities (16), industrial firms (4), or nonprofit organizations (16). (As directed under the Federal Acquisition Regulations recorded in the **Federal Register** "35.017–6 Master list of FFRDCs, [t]he National Science Foundation (NSF) maintains a list of FFRDCs. Primary sponsors will provide information on each FFRDC, including sponsoring agreements, mission statements, funding data, and type of R&D being performed, to the NSF upon its request for such information." The Division of Science Resources Statistics (SRS) maintains the Master FFRDC List, and thus fulfills this responsibility of NSF's as well. * * *

The academic institutions account for over 95 percent of the Nation's academic R&D funds. This survey has