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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

OSHA is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend the approval of the collection of information (paperwork) requirements contained in the standard on Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) (29 CFR 1910.120). The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of the collection of information requirements contained in the standard.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information collection requirements.

Title: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER).

OMB Number: 1218-0202.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits; not-for-profit organizations; Federal government; State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 35,529.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Total Responses: 1,199,402.

Average Time Per Response: Varies from one minute (.02 hour) to maintain a certification record to 24 hours for initial employee training.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,245,250.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$3,350,750.

IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments and supporting materials in response to this notice by (1) hard copy, (2) fax transmission (facsimile), or (3)

electronically through the OSHA Web page. Because of security-related problems, a significant delay may occur in the receipt of comments by regular mail. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of submissions by express delivery, hand delivery, and courier service.

All comments, submissions and background documents are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. Comments and submissions posted on OSHA's Web page are available at <http://www.OSHA.gov>. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the OSHA Web page and for assistance using the Web page to locate docket submissions.

Electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice, as well as other relevant documents, are available on OSHA's Web page. Since all submissions become public, private information such as social security numbers should not be submitted.

V. Authority and Signature

Jonathan L. Snare, Acting 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 seq.), and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2002 (67 FR 65008).

Dated: Signed at Washington, DC, on October 21, 2005.

Jonathan L. Snare,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0092 (2006)]

Lead in General Industry Standard; 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 public comment concerning its request for an extension of the information collection requirements contained in the Lead in

General Industry Standard (29 CFR 1910.1025).

DATES: Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

Hard copy: Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or received) by December 27, 2005.

Facsimile and electronic transmission: Your comments must be received by December 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OSHA Docket No. ICR-1218-0092 (2006), by any of the following methods:

Regular mail, express delivery, hand delivery, and messenger service: Submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350 (OSHA's TTY number is (877) 889-5627). OSHA Docket Office and Department of Labor hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., ET.

Facsimile: If your comments are 10 pages or fewer in length, including attachments, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Electronic: You may submit comments through the Internet at <http://ecomments.osha.gov>. Follow instructions on the OSHA Web page for submitting comments.

Docket: For access to the docket to read or download comments or background materials, such as the complete Information Collection Request (ICR) (containing the Supporting Statement, OMB-83-I Form, and attachments), go to OSHA's Web page at <http://www.OSHA.gov>. In addition, the ICR, comments and submissions are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. You may also contact Todd Owen at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR. For additional information on submitting comments, please see the "Public Participation" heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-2222.

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 (PRA-95) (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 Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657).

On January 5, 2005, OSHA published the Standards Improvement Project—Phase II, Final Rule (70 FR 1112). The final rule removed and revised provisions of standards that were outdated, duplicative, unnecessary, or inconsistent and clarified or simplified regulatory language. The final rule contained several revisions to collections of information contained in the Lead in General Industry Standard. These revisions included: reducing the frequency for employers to update their written compliance plans from six months to annually; and allowing employers the option to post employee exposure-monitoring results instead of requiring individual written notification. Those changes reduced paperwork burden hours while maintaining worker protection and improving consistency among standards. The reductions were taken in the prior information collection request.

The information collection requirements specified in the Lead in General Industry Standard are designed to reduce occupational lead exposure in general industry. Lead exposure can result in both acute and chronic effects and can be fatal in severe cases of lead toxicity. The standard specifies the following requirements that impose paperwork burdens on employers: establishing a compliance program and notifying laundry personnel of lead hazards; instituting programs for exposure-monitoring and medical surveillance (including medical examinations); notifying employees of exposure levels, biological-monitoring results, the option for multiple-physician review, and the availability of chelation; providing information to physicians; obtaining written medical opinions; implementing employee information and training programs (including providing employees with copies of the standard, and employees and other specified parties with copies

of the training and information materials); recording medical removals; maintaining and transferring records of exposure-monitoring and medical surveillance results, medical removals, and objective data used for the initial-exposure-monitoring exemption; and making records available to specified parties. These paperwork requirements permit OSHA and other specified parties to determine the effectiveness of an employer's compliance activities, thereby ensuring that they are providing employees with all of the protection afforded by the Standard.

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III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend the approval of these collection of information (paperwork) requirements necessitated by the Lead in General Industry Standard (29 CFR 1910.1025). OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of these collection of information requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information collection requirements.

Title: Lead in General Industry Standard.

OMB Number: 1218-0092.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Average Time Per Response: Ranges from 1 minute to notify employees of their right to seek a second medical opinion to 2 hours for an employee to receive a medical examination.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,242,562.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$139,869,058.

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