

employers to conduct employee exposure monitoring; notify the employees of their benzene exposures; implement a written compliance program; implement medical-surveillance of employees; and provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with exposure to benzene.

## 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) for 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 proposing to extend the information collection requirements in the Benzene Standard. The information collection requirements specified in the Benzene Standard protect employees from the adverse health effects that may result from occupational exposure to benzene. The major information collection requirements in the standard include conducting employee exposure monitoring, notifying employees of their benzene exposures, implementing a written compliance program, implementing medical surveillance of employees, providing examining physicians with specific information, ensuring that employees receive a copy of their medical-surveillance results, maintaining employees' exposure-monitoring and medical records for specific periods, and providing access to these records by OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the employee who is the subject of the records, the employee's representative, and other designated parties.

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Benzene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1028).

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently-approved information collection requirement.

*Title:* Benzene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1028).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0129.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits, Federal Government, State, local or tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 13,498.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 265,429.

*Average Time per Response:* Time per response ranges from 5 minutes to maintain records to 4 hours to complete a referral medical examination.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 125,209.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$8,133,499.

## 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, there may be a significant delay 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

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., 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).

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 18, 2006.

**Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0215(2006)]

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Standards for Shipyard Employment; 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 specified by its standards on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Shipyard Employment (29 CFR part 1915, subpart I).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

*Hard copy:* Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or received) by July 24, 2006.

*Facsimile and electronic transmission:* Your comments must be received by July 24, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OSHA Docket No. ICR-1218-0215(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., e.t.

*Facsimile:* If your comments are 10 pages or fewer, 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 Theda Kenney at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR. For additional information on submitting comments, please see the "Public Participation" section in

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theda Kenney or 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 (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. 615 *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). The Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small business, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

Part 1915 subpart I specifies several paperwork requirements.<sup>1</sup> The following describe the information collection requirements:

*Hazard Assessment and Verification (29 CFR 1915.152(b))*. Paragraph (b) requires that the employer assess work activities to determine whether there are

hazards present, or likely to be present, which necessitate the employee's use of PPE. If such hazards are present, or likely to be present, the employer must: (1) Select the type of PPE that will protect the affected employee from the hazards identified in the occupational hazard assessment; (2) communicate selection decisions to affected employees; (3) select PPE that properly fits each affected employee; and (4) verify that the required occupational hazard assessment has been performed. The verification document must contain the following information: Occupation, the date(s) of the hazard assessment, and the name of the person performing the hazard assessment.

*Training and Verification (29 CFR 1915.152(e))*. Paragraph (e)(1) requires that the employer provide training to each employee who is required to use PPE and paragraph (e)(3) requires retraining under certain circumstances. Paragraph (e)(4) requires that the employer verify that each affected employee has received the PPE training. The verification must contain the following information: Name of each employee trained, the date(s) of training, and the type of training the employee received.

The part 1915 standards on PPE protection for the eyes and face (§ 1915.153), head (§ 1915.155), feet (§ 1915.156), hands and body (§ 1915.157), lifesaving equipment (§ 1915.158), personal fall arrest systems (§ 1915.159), and positioning device systems (§ 1915.160) do not contain any separate information collections requirements.

### 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 OMB to extend their approval of the collection of information requirements contained in the standards on Personal Protective

Equipment for Shipyard Employment (29 CFR part 1915, subpart I). The Agency is requesting an increase in burden hours for the existing collection of information requirements from 1,761 to 2,041 (a total increase of 280 hours). The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB.

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

*Title:* Personal Protective Equipment Standards for Shipyard Employment (29 CFR part 1915, subpart I).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0215.

*Affected Public:* Business or other-for-profits; Federal Government; State, local, or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 639.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from one minute (.02 hour) to maintain training documentation to 5 minutes (.08 hour) to document a hazard reassessment.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,041.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$0.

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

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<sup>1</sup> This Information Collection Request (ICR) does not include burden hours and costs associated with the information collection requirements in the standard on Respiratory Protection (29 CFR 1915.154), which has been addressed in a separate ICR. See OMB Control NO. 1218-0099.

## V. Authority and Signature

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., 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).

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 18, 2006.

**Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 71 FR 10997, and one comment was received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; 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 should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 7th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and to Catherine Hines, Acting Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send e-mail to [chines@nsf.gov](mailto:chines@nsf.gov).

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-4414.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Catherine Hines at (703) 292-4414 or send e-mail to [chines@nsf.gov](mailto:chines@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.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of 2 information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Comment:* On March 3, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 10997) a 60-day notice of our intent to request reinstatement of this information collection authority from OMB. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days ending May 2, 2006. One comment came from B. Sachau of Florham Park, NJ, via e-mail on March 9, 2006, in response to an email request received March 3, 2006, for a hard-copy publication for this program, "Report on Evaluation of the National Science Foundation's Informal Science Education Program." Ms. Sachau commented on the "heavy spending" for this program but had no specific suggestions for altering the data collection plans.

*Response:* NSF believes that because the comment does not contain suggestions for altering the collection of information for which NSF is seeking OMB approval, NSF is proceeding with the clearance request.

*Title of Collection:* Informal Science Education (ISE) Management Information System.

*OMB Control No.:* 3145-0158.

### 1. Abstract

This document has been prepared to support the clearance of a Management Information System for the Informal Science Education (ISE) program. The goals for the program are to encourage and support projects that (1) engage the interest of children and adults in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in daily life so that they develop capabilities; scientific and

technological literacy, mathematical competence, problem-solving skills, and the desire to learn; (2) bring together individuals and organizations from the informal and formal education communities, as well as from the private and public sectors, to strengthen STEM education in all settings; and (3) develop and implement innovative strategies that 170 support the development of a socially responsible and informed public, and demonstrate promise of increasing participation of all citizens in STEM.

The ISE Management Information System will be comprised of three web-based surveys, an initial survey that obtains background information about the ISE project, an annual survey, and a final survey. The survey that obtains background information would be completed soon after project grants are awarded (*i.e.*, within 45 days), the annual would be completed at the end of each program year, and the final would be completed soon after the ISE grant period has ended (*i.e.*, within 45 days). Through the use of these three surveys, the system will collect data from each ISE-funded project about the project, its grant recipient and partner organizations, participants, activities, deliverables, and impacts. Information from the system will be used by ISE program officers to evaluate the collective impact of the ISE portfolio of funded projects, to monitor project-related activities and projects' progress over time, and to obtain information that can 171 inform the design of future ISE projects.

### 2. Expected Respondents

The expected respondents are principal investigators of any ISE projects that have been funded since 2004.

### 3. Burden on the Public

During the first year of data collection, the current year's awardees will be asked to report background data. In addition, in only the first year, awardees from the prior two years will be asked to report baseline data and to submit one annual report. The average annual reporting burden for the baseline and final reports is approximately 40 hours, and the reporting burden for the annual report is approximately 24 hours. The total elements will be 4,560 burden hours for an average number of 150 respondents per year. The burden on the public is negligible because the collection is limited to project participants that have received funding from the ISE program.