

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0145 (2004)]

Formaldehyde Standard (29 CFR 1910.1048); 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 comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits comments concerning its proposal to decrease the existing burden hour estimates, and to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements of the Formaldehyde Standard (29 CFR 1910.1048). The standard protects employees from adverse health effects from occupational exposure to Formaldehyde.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

Hard Copy: Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or received) by February 10, 2004.

Facsimile and electronic transmission: Your comments must be sent by February 10, 2004.

ADDRESSES:**I. Submission of Comments**

Regular mail, express delivery, hand-delivery, and messenger service: Submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0145 (2004), Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. OSHA Docket Office and Department of Labor hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.s.t.

Facsimile: If your comments, including any attachments, are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648. You must include the docket number, ICR-1218-0145 (2004), in your comments.

Electronic: You may submit comments, but not attachments, through the Internet at <http://ecomments.osha.gov>. (Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below for additional information on submitting comments.)

You may submit comments in response to this document by (1) Hard copy, (2) FAX transmission (facsimile), or (3) electronically through the OSHA Web page. Please note you cannot attach materials such as studies or journal articles to electronic comments. If you have additional materials, you must

submit three copies of them to the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by name, date, subject and docket number so we can attach them to your comments. 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 for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by express delivery, hand delivery and messenger service.

II. Obtaining Copies of the Supporting Statement for the Information Collection Request

The Supporting Statement for the Information Collection Request (ICR) is available for downloading from OSHA's Web site at <http://www.osha.gov>. The complete ICR, containing the OMB-83-I Form, Supporting Statement, and attachments, is available for inspection and copying in the OSHA Docket Office, at the address listed above. A printed copy of the ICR can be obtained by contacting Todd Owen at (202) 693-2222.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, 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 correct. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) 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 information collection requirements specified in the Formaldehyde Standard protect employees from the adverse health

effects that may result from their exposure to Formaldehyde. The major information collection requirements of the Formaldehyde Standard require employers to perform exposure monitoring to determine employees exposure to Formaldehyde, notifying employees of their Formaldehyde exposures, providing examining physicians with specific information, ensuring that employees receive a copy of their medical examination results, training, 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 affected employees, and their authorized representatives.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments of the following issues:

—Whether the information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;

—The accuracy of the Agency'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 proposes to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the collection of information requirements specified by the Standard on Formaldehyde (29 CFR 1910.1048). OSHA is lowering its burden hour estimate by 100.597 hours mainly as a result of lowering the estimated number of employee medical examinations. 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 these information collection requirements.

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

Title: Formaldehyde Standard (29 CFR 1910.1048).

OMB Number: 1218-0145.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Federal government; State, local, or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 133,196.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 1,794,628.

Average Time per Response: Varies from 5 minutes for employers to maintain exposure monitoring and medical records for each employee to 1 hour for employees to receive a medical examination.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 490,482 hours.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$52,058,424.

IV. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, 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) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 4, 2003.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

December 5, 2003.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 17, 2003.

PLACE: Hearing Room, 9th Floor, 601 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will consider and act upon the following in open session:

Secretary of Labor v. Cannelton Industries, Inc., Docket Nos. WEVA 2002-111-R and WEVA 2002-112-R. (Issues include whether the judge erred by permitting a "pumpers" examination" to be substituted for a preshift examination under 30 CFR 75.360.)

Any person attending this meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and § 2706.160(d).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Ellen, (202) 434-9950/(202) 708-9300

for TDD Relay/1-800-877-8339 for toll free.

Jean H. Ellen,

Chief Docket Clerk.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Community Development Revolving Loan Fund for Credit Unions

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration.

ACTION: Notice of application period.

SUMMARY: The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) will accept applications for participation in the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund's Loan Program throughout calendar year 2004, subject to availability of funds. Application procedures for qualified low-income credit unions are in NCUA Rules and Regulations.

ADDRESSES: Applications for participation may be obtained from and should be submitted to: NCUA, Office of Credit Union Development, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

Applications may be submitted throughout calendar year 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony LaCreta, Director, Office of Credit Union Development at the above address or telephone (703s) 518-6610.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Part 705 of the NCUA Rules and Regulations implements the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund) for Credit Unions. The purpose of the Fund is to assist officially designated "low-income" credit unions in providing basic financial services to residents in their communities that result in increased income, ownership and employment. The Fund makes available low interest loans in amounts up to \$300,000 in the aggregate to qualified participating "low-income" designated credit unions. Interest rates are currently set at one percent. Fund participation is limited to existing credit unions with an official "low-income" designation. Student credit unions are not eligible to participate in this program.

This notice is published pursuant to Section 705.9 of the NCUA Rules and Regulations that states NCUA will provide notice in the **Federal Register** when funds in the program are available.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on December 4, 2003.

Becky Baker,

Secretary, NCUA Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-007]

Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Notice of Hearing and Opportunity To Petition for Leave To Intervene Early Site Permit for the Clinton ESP Site

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the regulations in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50, Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities, Part 52, Early Site Permits, Standard Design Certifications, and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants, and Part 2, Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders, notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held, at a time and place to be set in the future by the Commission or designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board). The hearing will consider the application dated September 25, 2003 filed by Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) pursuant to Subpart A of 10 CFR Part 52 for an early site permit (ESP). The application requests approval of a site owned by AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen is a joint venture of Exelon and British Energy), in DeWitt County, Illinois, approximately 6 miles east of Clinton, Illinois, between the cities of Bloomington and Decatur to the north and south, respectively, and Lincoln and Champaign-Urbana to the west and east, respectively, as a location for one or more new nuclear reactors that would, if authorized for construction and operation in a separate licensing proceeding under Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 52 or under 10 CFR Part 50, have a capacity of no more than 6800 Megawatts (thermal) additional for the site. The docket number established for this application is 52-007.

The hearing will be conducted by a Board which will be designated by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel or by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission). Notice as to the membership of the Board will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

The NRC staff will complete a detailed technical review of the