

hazard assessment verifies that the employer conducted the hazard assessment. The training certification verifies that employees received the necessary training involving the use of PPE. OSHA compliance officers may require employers to disclose the certification records during an Agency inspection.

II. Proposed Actions

OSHA estimates that employers will expand 608,871 hours yearly to comply with the information collection requirements in the PPE Standard (29 CFR 1910.132). This is an increase of 151,656 burden hours over the previous estimate of 457,215 burden hours.

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 above standard.

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

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Personal Protective Equipment for General Industry (29 CFR 1910.132).

OMB Number: 1218-0205.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 2,340,000.

Frequency: Varies (on occasion, annually).

Average Time per Response: Varies from five minutes (0.08 hour) to 29 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 608,871.

III. Authority and Signature

Charles N. Jeffress, 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. 6-96 (62 FR 111).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of October 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Permit-Required Confined Spaces for General Industry; Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice; Announcement of OMB approval of information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is announcing that OMB approved the collections of information found in the standard on Permit-Required Confined Spaces for General Industry (29 CFR 1910.146) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95). This document announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.

DATES: October 22, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of April 16, 1999 (64 FR 18938), the Agency announced its intent to request approval from OMB for information collection requirements contained in the standard on Permit-Required Confined Spaces for General Industry (29 CFR 1910.146). OSHA made this request in response to 5 CFR 1320.5(b), which states that the Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to comply with, a collection of information requirement unless OMB approves the information collection requirement and assigns a control number to the approved requirement. In accordance with PRA-95 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), OMB approved the information collection requirements and assigned OMB control number 1228-0203 to the approved requirements. The approval expires on August 31, 2002.

Authority and Signature

Charles N. Jeffress, 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. 6-96 (62 FR 111).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of October 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Meeting

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

ACTION: Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH), established under Section 7 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to advise the Secretary of Labor on issues relating to occupational safety and health programs, policies, and standards in the maritime industries in the United States, will meet in Annapolis, Maryland.

DATES: The Committee will meet:

- On November 17, 1999, from 9 A.M. until approximately 5 P.M.; and
- On November 18, 1999, from 8:30 A.M. until approximately 5 P.M.

ADDRESSES: The Committee will meet at the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 80 Compromise Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; telephone (410) 268-7555. Mail comments, views, or statements in response to this notice to Chap Pierce, Director of Fire Protection Engineering and Systems Safety Standards, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Phone: (202) 693-2255; fax: (202) 693-1663.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bonnie Friedman, Director, Office of Public Affairs, OSHA; Phone (202) 693-1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All interested persons are invited to attend the public meetings of MACOSH at the time and place indicated above. Individuals with disabilities wishing to attend should contact Theda Kenney at (202) 693-2222 no later than November 10, 1999, to obtain appropriate accommodations.

Meeting Agenda

This meeting will include discussion of the following subjects: OSHA

Strategic Plan initiatives; vertical tandem lifts in the marine cargo handling environment; ship scrapping; training partnerships; an update on ergonomics projects; a general OSHA standards update; and an OSHA compliance update. MACOSH subgroups will also present overviews of their activities, products, and future goals/initiatives.

Public Participation

Written data, views, or comments for consideration by MACOSH on the various agenda items listed above may be submitted, preferably with copies, to Chap Pierce at the address listed above. Submissions received by November 5, 1999 will be provided to the members of the committee and will be included in the record of the meeting. Requests to make oral presentations to the Committee may be granted if time permits. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Committee on any of the agenda items noted above should notify Chap Pierce by November 10, 1999. The request should state the amount of time desired, the capacity in which the person will appear, and a brief outline of the content of the presentation.

Authority: This notice is issued under the authority of sections 6(b)(1) and 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655, 656), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), and 29 CFR part 1912.

Signed at Washington, DC this 18th day of October 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D-10706 et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; Allfirst Bank, et al.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

Unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments, and with respect to exemptions involving the fiduciary prohibitions of section 406(b) of the Act, requests for hearing within 45 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request; and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Attention: Application No. stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5507, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Notice to Interested Persons

Notice of the proposed exemptions will be provided to all interested persons in the manner agreed upon by the applicant and the Department within 15 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Such notice shall include a copy of the notice of proposed exemption as published in the **Federal Register** and shall inform interested persons of their right to comment and to request a hearing (where appropriate).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exemptions were requested in applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested to the Secretary of Labor. Therefore, these notices of

proposed exemption are issued solely by the Department.

The applications contain representations with regard to the proposed exemptions which are summarized below. Interested persons are referred to the applications on file with the Department for a complete statement of the facts and representations.

Allfirst Bank, Located in Baltimore, Maryland

[Application No. D-10706]

Proposed Exemption

The Department is considering granting an exemption under the authority of section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, August 10, 1990).

Section I—Proposed Exemption for Receipt of Fees

If the exemption is granted, the restrictions of section 406(a) and 406(b) of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1)(A) through (F) of the Code, shall not apply as of November 13, 1998, to the proposed receipt of fees by Allfirst from the ARK Funds, an open-end investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act), for acting as an investment adviser for such Funds, as well as for providing other services to the ARK Funds which are "Secondary Services" as defined in Section III(i), in connection with the investment by plans for which Allfirst serves as a fiduciary (the Client Plans) in shares of the ARK Funds, provided that the following conditions and the general conditions of Section II are met:

(a) Each Client Plan satisfies either (but not both) of the following:

(1) The Client Plan receives a cash credit of such Plan's proportionate share of all fees charged to the Funds by Allfirst for investment advisory services, including any investment advisory fees paid by Allfirst to third party sub-advisers, no later than the same day as the receipt of such fees by Allfirst. The crediting of all such fees to the Client Plans by Allfirst is audited by an independent accounting firm on at least an annual basis to verify the proper crediting of the fees to each Plan.

(2) The Client Plan does not pay any Plan-level investment management fees, investment advisory fees, or similar fees to Allfirst with respect to any of the assets of such Plan which are invested in shares of any of the ARK Funds. This