

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

[Docket No. ICR-97-36]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Certification Records for Slings (29 CFR 1910.184)****ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance 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 (PRA 95) (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 impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed approval of the information collection requirements contained at 29 CFR 1910.184. The Agency 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
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-97-36, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S.

Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Sauger, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7202, ext. 137. 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 Theda Kenney at (202) 219-8061, ext. 100, or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076, ext. 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on the certification provisions in Slings, contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/> and click on "standards."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes the promulgation of such health and safety standards as are necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment and places of employment. The statute specifically authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents.

The sling proof test and repair certification records required in 29 CFR 1910.184 are necessary to assure compliance with the requirements for slings in general industry. Included in this standard are the requirements for: the proof testing of all new, repaired, or reconditioned alloy steel chain slings and the certification of that proof testing; the proof testing of all wire rope slings with welded end attachments and the certification of that proof testing; and the marking, tagging or certification of repair of metal mesh slings.

**II. Current Actions**

This notice requests an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the certification requirements contained in 29 CFR 1910.184.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Certification Records for Slings (29 CFR 1910.184).

*OMB Number:* 1218-

*Agency Number:* ICR-97-36.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments; Business or other for-profit.

*OMB Number:* 1218-

*Agency Number:* ICR-97-28.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments; Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 975,000.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,071.

*Average Time per Response:* 0.11 hours.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 8th day of July 1997.

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

[Docket Number ICR-97-43]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Lead in Construction**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance 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 is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Lead in Construction 29 CFR