

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 Employment Standards Administration, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection entitled Representative Fee Request. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before September 16, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U. S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339, fax (202) 693-1451, EMail [pforkel@fenix2.dol-esa.gov](mailto:pforkel@fenix2.dol-esa.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or EMail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Individuals filing for compensation benefits with the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) may be represented by an attorney or other representative. The representative is entitled to request a fee for services under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) and under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LSHWC). The fee must be approved by the OWCP before any demand for payment can be made by the representative. This information collection request sets forth the criteria for the information which must be presented by the respondent in order to have the fee approved by the OWCP. The information collection does not have a particular form or format; the respondent may present the information in any format which is convenient and which meets all the required information criteria. The information collection is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through December 2002.

**II. Review Focus**

The Department of Labor 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.

**III. Current Actions**

The Department of Labor seeks an extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to approve representative fees under the two Acts. OWCP has reestimated the burden hours per response for FECA representatives only, from 90 minutes to 60 minutes. There is no change in the requirements or method of collection since the last clearance.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Titles:* Representative Fee Request.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0078.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; individuals or households.

*Total Respondents/Responses:* 10,000.

*Total Hours:* 7,850.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operation/maintenance):* \$16,427.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 11, 2002.

**Margaret J. Sherrill,**

*Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0233 (2002)]

**Construction Records for Rigging Equipment; 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 public comment concerning its request to extend OMB approval of the information-collection requirements specified in paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(6)(i), (c)(15)(iii), (e)(1)(i), (ii), (iii), and (f)(2) of the Rigging Equipment for Construction Standard (29 CFR 1926.251). These paragraphs require affixing identification tags or markings on rigging equipment, developing and maintain inspection records; and retaining proof-testing certificates.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before September 16, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0233(2002), OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less by facsimile to: (202) 693-1648.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathleen M. Martinez, Directorate of Policy, Office of Regulatory Analysis, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3627, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-1953. A copy of the Agency's Information-Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collections specified by the Rigging Equipment Standard is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or by requesting a copy from Todd Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/com-links.html> and select "Information Collection Requests."

**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 cost) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information-collection burden is correct.

The Rigging Equipment in Construction Standard (i.e., "the Standard") specifies the seven paperwork requirements. The following section describes who uses the information collected under each requirement, as well as how they use it.

• *Alloy Steel Chains, Paragraph (b)*

Paragraph (b)(1) requires that alloy steel chains have permanently affixed durable identification tags stating size, grade, rated capacity and sling manufacturer. Paragraph (b)(6)(i) requires the employer to make a thorough periodic inspection of alloy steel chain slings in use on a regular basis, but at least once a year. Paragraph (b)(6)(ii) requires the employer to make and maintain a record of the most recent month in which each alloy steel chain was inspected and make the record available for examination.

• *End Attachments, Paragraph (c)*

Paragraph (c)(15)(ii) requires that all welded end attachments of wire rope slings be proof tested by the manufacturer at twice their rated capacity prior to initial use, and that the employer retain a certificate of the proof test and make it available for examination.

• *Synthetic Webbing (Nylon, Polyester, and Polypropylene), Paragraph (e)*

Paragraphs (e)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii) requires that synthetic web slings be marked or coded to show the manufacturer's trademark, rated capacity for the type of hitch and type of synthetic web material.

• *Shackles and Hooks, Paragraph (f)*

Paragraph (f)(2) requires that all hooks for which no applicable manufacturer's recommendations are available be tested to twice the intended safe working load before they are put into use. The employer shall maintain a record of the dates and results of the tests.

## 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 cost) 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 OMB's previous approval of the recordkeeping (paperwork) requirements specified in these paragraphs of the Rigging Equipment Standard (29 CFR 1926.251). 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 this information-collection requirement.

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

*Title:* Rigging Equipment for Material Handling.

*OMB Number:* 1218-0233.

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

*Number of respondents:* 132,737.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 301,618.

*Average Time per Response:* Average 3 minutes for an employer to maintain and disclose a certificate to 30 minutes for employer to acquire information and make a tag for a sling.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 56,235.

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

## 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. 3-2000 (65 FR 50017).

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 12, 2002.

**John L. Henshaw,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

### National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

[Notice: (02-089)]

### OMB Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). NASA will utilize the information collected to determine whether the Agency's recruitment efforts are reaching all segments of the country.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to Desk Officer for NASA; Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Office of Management and Budget; Room 10236; New Executive Office Building; Washington, DC, 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, (202) 358-1372.

*Title:* NASA Voluntary On-Line Job Applicant Racial and Ethnic Data Collection.

*OMB Number:* 2700-.

*Type of review:* New collection.

*Need and Uses:* Information is used by NASA personnel staff to determine if recruitment efforts are reaching all segments of the country, as required by Federal law.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Federal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 40,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 40,000.

*Hours Per Request:* 5 min/request.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,334.

*Frequency of Report:* On occasion.

**David B. Nelson,**

*Deputy chief Information Officer, Office of the Administrator.*

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