

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

[Docket No. ICR-97-23]

**Construction Records for Tests and Inspections for Personnel Hoists**

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed certification record requests; submitted for public comment and recommendations.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, is conducting 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 extension of approval for the paperwork requirements contained in 29 CFR 1926.552(c)(15) that addresses inspections and tests of functions and safety devices of personnel hoists used in the construction industry. 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;
  - 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 12, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-97-23, 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:**

Mr. Laurence Davey, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3621, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone: (202) 219-7207. 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 Mr. Davey at (202) 219-7207, ext. 132, or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076, ext. 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on the certification provisions of Personnel Hoists, 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 certification records required in 29 CFR 1926.552(c)(15) are necessary to assure compliance with the requirements for personnel hoists. They are intended to assure that the hoists have initial, periodic and regular maintenance checks.

**II. Current Actions**

This notice requests an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the inspection certification requirements for personnel hoists contained in 29 CFR 1926.552 (currently approved under OMB Control No. 1218-0210).

*Type of Review:* Extension.

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

*Title:* Personnel Hoists (29 CFR 1926.552(c)(15)—Inspection Certifications.

*OMB Number:* 1218-.

*Agency Number:* Docket Number ICR-97-23.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 14,400.

*Frequency:* Every 3 months.

*Average Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 15,840.

*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 No. ICR 97-21]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Construction Records for Rigging Equipment (29 CFR 1926.251(c)(15)(ii)—Proof-testing of Welded End Wire Rope Attachments**

**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) [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 29 CFR 1926.251(c)(15)(ii). 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