

Database of Manned Oxygen Test Dives. *Enriched Air Resource Guide*. PADI, Santa Ana, California.

E. Hornsby, A. (1996). Response to OSHA Draft Variance Application. Cited on p. 2 of a facsimile dated October 11, 1996 to Mr. Bill Ford of Patton Boggs, L.L.P., from PADI, Santa Ana, California.

F. See Reference E, p. 3.

#### V. Additional Information

Copies of this variance application are available from OSHA's Office of Variance Determination or the Regional and Area Offices listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, or through the Labor News Bulletin Board at (202) 219-4748 or OSHA's web page on the Internet at <http://www.OSHA.gov>.

All interested parties, including the employers and employees, who believe they may be affected by the approval or denial of the variance application are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments relating to this application no later than December 30, 1997.

Under 29 CFR 1905.15, interested parties, including the employers and employees, who believe they may be affected by the grant or denial of this variance may request a hearing on the variance application no later than December 30, 1997. The original and four copies of written comments and requests for a hearing must be addressed to OSHA's Office of Variance Determination; for further information on submitting comments and requests for a hearing, see **ADDRESSES** above.

#### VI. Issues

In submitting comments on the variance application, OSHA invites the public to submit information (e.g., reports, case histories, statistical analyses, data) and specific comments and rationale on the following issues:

A. Differences between recreational diving instructors and diving guides in the underwater tasks and type of diving they perform, and the relationship of such differences to an increased probability of experiencing diving-related medical problems;

B. In general, the health and safety effectiveness of closed-circuit and semi-closed-circuit SCUBA if used under the conditions specified in the variance application;

C. In general, the health and safety protection afforded by high-oxygen breathing-gas mixtures, if used under the conditions specified in the variance application;

D. The health and safety protection provided to divers using the carbon-

dioxide scrubber, sensor, and other control measures described in Conditions A.1 and A.2 of the variance application;

E. The adequacy of the "bail-out" provisions specified in Condition A.4 of the variance application;

F. The engineering and maintenance reliability of closed-circuit and semi-closed-circuit SCUBA, including the features specified in Conditions A and B of the variance application;

G. The adequacy of the methods used to obtain and analyze high-oxygen breathing-gas mixtures, especially the semi-permeable-membrane method, described in Condition G of the variance application;

H. The extent to which the conditions specified in the variance application will protect employees who are engaged in repetitive diving, including the use of (1) available decompression tables, formulas, and principles to prevent DCS, and (2) oxygen-exposure limits from the 1991 NOAA Diving Manual, DSAT Table, or other equivalent limits to protect divers from oxygen toxicity; and

I. The provision specified in Condition O of the variance application regarding the use of "a training agency recognized by the recreational-diving industry" to certify the applicant's employees.

#### VII. Authority and Signature

This document was prepared under the direction of Gregory R. Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, pursuant to Section 6(d) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655); Secretary of Labor's orders 12-71 (36 FR 8754), 8-76 (41 FR 25059), 9-83 (48 FR 35736), 1-90 (55 FR 9033), or 6-96 (62 FR 111), as applicable; and 29 CFR Part 1905.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 24th day of October 1997.

**Gregory R. Watchman,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-97-1]

##### Reports of Injuries to Employees Operating Mechanical Power Presses (§ 1910.217(g); Announcement to OMB Approval of Information Collection Requirements

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice, Announcement of the OMB Approval of Information Collection Requirements.

**SUMMARY:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is announcing that the collections of information on the reporting of injuries to employees operating mechanical power presses, § 1910.217(g), has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This document announces the OMB approval number and expiration date.

**DATES:** Effective October 31, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Bielaski, Directorate of Policy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3627, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 219-8076, ext. 142.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of March 7, 1997 (62 FR 10592), the Agency announced its intent to request renewal of its current OMB approval for 29 CFR 1910.217(g), Reports of Injuries to Employees Operating Mechanical Power Presses. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), OMB has renewed its approval for the information collection and assigned OMB control number 1218-0070. The approval expires on May 31, 2000. Under 5 CFR 1320.5(b), and Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 23rd day of October 1997.

**John F. Martonik,**

*Acting Director, Directorate of Safety Standards Program.*

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