

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

**Bureau of International Labor Affairs;
U.S. National Administrative Office;
North American Agreement on Labor
Cooperation; Notice of Request for
Comment**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Labor.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Article 10(1)(a) of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) calls for the Council for the Commission for Labor Cooperation to review the operation and effectiveness of the NAALC within four years of its entry into force. In order to undertake the review, the Council agreed to a process which includes seeking public input. A notice was issued (62 Fed. Reg. 61552). The time period within which to comment is being extended. Written comments are requested.

DATES: Written comments on the operation and effectiveness of the NAALC should be submitted by January 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the U.S. National Administrative Office, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-4327, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210 or the Secretariat, Commission for Labor Cooperation, 350 North St. Paul, Suite 2424, Dallas, Texas 75201-4240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Irasema T. Garza, Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room C-4327, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 501-6653 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) was signed by the Presidents of the United States of America, and of the United Mexican States, and the Prime Minister of Canada in September 1993 and entered into force on January 1, 1994. Article 10(1)(a) of the NAALC provides that the Council shall "oversee the implementation and develop recommendations on the further elaboration of this Agreement and, to this end, the Council shall, within four years after the date of entry into force of this Agreement, review its operation and effectiveness in light of the experience * * *." The Council agreed to a process of review that includes issuing an invitation for written public comments on the operation and effectiveness of the NAALC. Written

comments may be made to the National Administrative Office or to the international Secretariat. Any comments received by the U.S. National Administrative office will be transmitted verbatim to the Secretariat, which has been delegated the responsibility by the Council to oversee the review process.

Signed at Washington, DC on December 11, 1997.

Irasema T. Garza,

Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

**Occupational Safety and Health
Administration**

[Docket No. ICR 97-46]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request; Hazard
Communication**

ACTION: Extension of comment period; Supplemental Information.

SUMMARY: On November 21, 1997, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Hazard Communication Standard 29 CFR 1910.1200; 1915; 1918; 1926, and 1928. With this notice, OSHA is providing supplemental information and extending the close of the comment period from January 20, 1998 to February 19, 1998.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before February 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-97-46, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Ave. 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:

Adrian Corsey, Directorate of Health Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3718, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7075 extension 105. 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 Adrian Corsey (202) 219-7057 extension 105, or Barbara Bielaski on 219-8076, extension 142. For electronic copies of the Hazard Communication Information Collection Request, contact the Labor News Bulletin Board (202) 219-4784; or OSHA's WebPage on Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/> and click on standards.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OSHA requested public comment on the proposed extension of the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) Information Collection Request on November 21, 1997 (92 FR 62355). The deadline for submitting comments was January 20, 1998. The November 21, 1997, **Federal Register** notice estimated the total burden hours for hazard communication to be 7,301,762 hours. This notice provides additional information regarding the burden hour estimate. Specifically, the Agency is proposing to reduce the burden hours for HCS from 13,198,751 to 7,301,762 hours, a burden reduction of 5,896,991 hours. The majority of this burden reduction resulted when the Agency eliminated the burden it had assigned to the task of affixing labels to certain containers. Under the implementing rules and regulations of the Paperwork Reduction Act, activities that are normal and customary are not counted when assessing the burden associated with a collection of information. The Agency believes that placing labels on containers is a normal and customary business practice for manufacturers and importers of hazardous chemicals. OSHA's revised estimates include only the burden to develop (i.e., determine) the specific information required by OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard that is beyond normal and customary business practices. To support the Agency's belief that affixing labels in normal and customary, OSHA points out that the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Food and Drug Administration require labeling. In addition, international standards require labeling. OSHA also believes that manufacturers normally affix labels to identify and promote their products.

In the November 21, 1997 **Federal Register** Notice on this collection of information, OSHA did not fully explain how it arrived at its estimated reduction. For this reason OSHA believes it is reasonable and appropriate to provide this supplemental information and to give commenters an additional 30 days to comment on the

Information Collection Request [paperwork package]. 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: December 9, 1997.

Adam M. Finkel,

Director, Directorate of Health Standards Programs.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Public Evaluation of NARA Archival Information Locator (NAIL)

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is inviting the public to participate in an evaluation of its prototype online information system, the NARA Archival Information Locator (NAIL).

As part of its Electronic Access Project, NARA is constructing a nationwide, integrated online information delivery system. The project, a priority under the agency's Strategic Plan, will eventually result in a virtual card catalog of all NARA holdings nationwide, including those in the Presidential libraries and regional archives. In addition, copies of some of NARA's most popular and significant manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings, maps, drawings and other documents will be digitized and available for researchers to view online through the catalog.

To complete the final functional requirements for the catalog, NARA is undertaking an evaluation of its prototype, the NARA Archival Information Locator (NAIL). All members of the public are invited to use NAIL and to comment on its ease of use, functionality, and terminology.

NAIL can be accessed on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html>.

DATES: Comments should be received by January 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments can be sent through the online comments link in NAIL or by e-mail to nail.mailbox@arch2.nara.gov.

Dated: December 10, 1997.

L. Reynolds Cahoon,

Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from November 21, 1997, through December 5, 1997. The last biweekly notice was published on December 3, 1997 (62 FR 63970).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed

determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By January 16, 1998, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC and at the local public