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III. Current Actions

MSHA uses the information to issue a permanent MSHA identification number to the independent contractor. This number allows MSHA to keep track of a contractor's violation history so that appropriate civil penalties can be assessed for violations of the Mine Act or its accompanying mandatory health and safety standards.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Identification of Independent Contractors.

OMB Number: 1219-0043.

Recordkeeping: § 45.3 states that independent contractors may voluntarily obtain a permanent MSHA identification number by submitting to MSHA their trade name and business address, a telephone number, an estimate of the annual hours worked by the contractor on mine property for the previous calendar year, and the address of record for service of documents upon the contractor.

Independent contractors performing services or construction at mines are subject to the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) and are responsible for violations of the Mine Act committed by them or their employees.

Although Independent Contractors are not required to apply for the identification number, they will be assigned one by MSHA the first time they are cited for a violation of the Mine Act. MSHA uses the information to issue a permanent MSHA identification number to the independent contractor.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Respondents: 2,229.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 7.2 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 275 hours.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$601.

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; the comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated at Arlington, VA, this third day of March, 2003.

Lynnette Haywood,

Deputy Director, Office of Administration and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0170(2003)]

Standard on 1,3-Butadiene; 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 comments concerning its proposal to decrease the existing burden-hour estimates, and to extend OMB approval of the information-collection requirements of the 1,3-Butadiene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1051)¹ The standard protects employees from adverse health effects from occupational exposure to 1,3-Butadiene.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

Hard Copy. Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or sent) by May 12, 2003. *Facsimile and electronic transmission:* Your comments must be sent by May 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES:

I. Submission of Comments

Regular mail, express delivery, hand-delivery, and messenger service: Submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 1218-0170(2003), Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. OSHA Docket Office, and Department of Labor hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. EST.

Facsimile: If your comments, including any attachments, are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648. You must include the docket number of this document, Docket No. ICR 1218-0170(2003), in your comments.

¹ Based on its assessment of the paperwork requirements contained in this standard, the Agency estimates that the total burden hours decreased compared to its previous burden-hour estimate. Under this notice, OSHA is *not* proposing to revise the Standard's paperwork requirements, only to decrease the burden hours estimates imposed by the existing paperwork requirements.

Electronic: You may submit comments, but not attachments, through the Internet at <http://ecomments.osha.gov/>.

(Please see the Supplementary Information below for additional information on submitting comments.)

II. Obtaining Copies of Supporting Statement for the Information Collection

The Supporting Statement for the Information Collection is available for downloading from OSHA's Web site at www.osha.gov. The supporting statement is available for inspection and copying in the OSHA Docket Office, at the address listed above. A printed copy of the supporting statement can be obtained by contacting Todd Owen at (202) 693-2222.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Submission of Comments on this Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document by (1) Hard copy, (2) FAX transmission (facsimile), or (3) electronically through the OSHA website. Please note you cannot attach materials such as studies or journal articles to electronic comments. If you have additional materials, you must submit three copies of them to the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by name, date, subject and docket number so we can attach them to your comments. Because of security-related problems there may be a significant delay in the receipt of comments by regular mail. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by express delivery, hand delivery and messenger service.

II. 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 costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information-collection burden is correct. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). In this regard, the information collection requirements in the 1,3-Butadiene Standard provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with exposure to 1,3-Butadiene.

III. 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 costs) 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.

IV. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to decrease the existing burden-hour estimates, and to extend OMB approval of the information-collection requirements of the 1,3-Butadiene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1051). The 1,959 burden hour reduction is a result of reestimating the number of respirator filter elements that must be labeled.

The 1,3-Butadiene Standard requires employers to monitor employee exposure to 1,3-Butadiene; develop and maintain compliance and exposure-goal programs if employee exposures to 1,3-Butadiene are above the Standard's permissible exposure limits or action level; label respirator filter elements to indicate the date and time it is first installed on the respirator; establish medical surveillance programs to monitor employee health, and to provide employees with information about their exposures and the health effects of exposure to 1,3-Butadiene.

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection

requirements contained in the 1,3-Butadiene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1051).

Type of Review: Extension of a currently-approved information-collection requirement.

Title: 1,3 Butadiene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1051).

OMB Number: 1218-0170.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 115.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 3,532.

Average Time per Response: Time per response ranges from 5 minutes to maintain records to 2 hours to complete a referral medical examination.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 950.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$82,010.

III. 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 5-2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC on March 5, 2003.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (03-030)]

Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel.

DATES: Tuesday, March 25, 2003, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, Room 6H46, overflow room 3H46, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Leonard B. Sirota, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel Executive Director, Code Q-1, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-0914.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel will

present its annual report to the NASA Administrator. This presentation is pursuant to carrying out its statutory duties for which the Panel reviews, identifies, evaluates, and advises on those program activities, systems, procedures, and management activities that can contribute to program risk. Priority is given to those programs that involve the safety of human flight. The major subjects covered will be: Space Shuttle Program, International Space Station Program, Aviation Safety Program, and Cross-Program Areas. The Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel is currently chaired by Ms. Shirley C. McCarty and is composed of nine members and seven consultants.

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room, 6H46. Since there will only be 20 seats available in that room, these seats will be assigned to the first 10 members of the public and 10 members of the press to call Ms. Michele Dodson on (202) 358-0914. Those calling after room 6H46 capacity is reached will be seated in room 3H46 where the proceedings will be shown live via video feed. Questions or comments will only be accepted from those seated in the primary room, 6H46. Photograph's will only be permitted during the first 10 minutes of the meeting.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register and asked to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID before receiving an access badge. Foreign Nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide the following information: full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; Greencard/visa information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, phone); title/position of visitor.

June W. Edwards,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.