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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

February 24, 2004.

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Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Definition and Requirements for a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory; (29 CFR 1910.147).

OMB Number: 1218-0147.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Number of Respondents: 62.

Number of Annual Responses: 62.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 160 hours for an organization to prepare initial recognition applications to 10 hours if an organization applies to use voluntary programs.

Total Burden Hours: 1260 hours.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: A number of standards issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) contain requirements for equipment, products, or materials. These standards often specify that employers use only equipment, products, or materials tested or approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL); this requirement ensures that employers use safe and efficacious equipment, products, or materials in complying with the standards. Accordingly, OSHA promulgated the regulation titled "Definition and Requirements for a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory." The Regulation specifies procedures that organizations must follow to apply for, and to maintain, OSHA's recognition to test and certify equipment, products, or material for this purpose.

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Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection

Title: Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records; (29 CFR 1910.1020).

OMB Number: 1218-0065.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; and State, local or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 717,268.

Number of Annual Responses: 4,577,613.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 5 minutes (.08 hour) to 10 minutes (.17 hour).

Total Burden Hours: 561,308 hours.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: Under the authority granted by the OSH Act, OSHA published a health regulation governing access to employee exposure-monitoring data and medical records. This regulation does not require employers to collect any information or to establish any new systems of records. Rather, it

requires that employers provide employees, their designated representatives, and OSHA with access to employee exposure-monitoring and medical records, and any analysis resulting from these records, whether or not the records are mandated by specific occupational safety and health standards. In this regard, the regulation specifies requirements for record access, record retention, employee information, trade-secret management, and record transfer. Accordingly, the Agency attributes the burden hours and costs associated with exposure monitoring and measurement, medical surveillance, and the other activities required to generate the data governed by the regulation to the health standards that specify these activities; therefore, OSHA did not include these burden hours and costs in this ICR.

Access to exposure and medical information enables employees and their designated representatives to become directly involved in identifying and controlling occupational health hazards, as well as managing and preventing occupationally-related health impairment and disease.

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Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: CPS Volunteer Supplement.

OMB Number: 1220-0176.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Type of Response: Reporting.

Frequency: Annually.

Number of Respondents: 112,000.

Annual Responses: 112,000.

Total Burden: 7,467.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The Volunteer Supplement will provide information on the total number of individuals in the U.S. involved in unpaid volunteer activities, factors that motivate volunteerism, measures of the frequency or intensity with which individuals volunteer, types of organizations that facilitate volunteerism, and activities in which volunteers participate.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Bureau of International Labor Affairs; U.S. National Administrative Office; North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation; Hearing on U.S. Submission #2003-01

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce a hearing, open to the public, on U.S. Submission #2003-01.

U.S. Submission #2003-01 was filed with the U.S. National Administrative Office (NAO) on September 30, 2003, by the U.S.-based United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), the Mexico-based Centro de Apoyo al Trabajador (CAT) and the Canada-based Maquiladora Solidarity Network. The submitters filed an amendment to the submission on November 10, 2003. The submission was accepted for review by the NAO on February 5, 2004, and a notice of acceptance for review was published in the **Federal Register**, 69 FR 6691 (February 11, 2004).

Article 16(3) of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) provides for the review of labor law matters in Canada and Mexico by the NAO in accordance with domestic procedures, and Section H of the NAO procedural guidelines, 59 FR 16660 (April 7, 1994), requires a hearing on the submission unless the Secretary determines that a hearing would not be a suitable method for carrying out the NAO's responsibilities.

DATES: The hearing will be held on April 1, 2004, commencing at 9 a.m. Persons desiring to present oral testimony at the hearing must submit a request in writing, along with a written statement or brief describing the information to be presented or the position to be taken.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held in Room N4437A-D, fourth (4th) floor, at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Written statements or briefs and requests to present oral testimony may be mailed, e-mailed (usnao@dol.gov), or hand delivered to the U.S. National Administrative Office, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-5205, Washington, DC 20210. Due to processing delays for regular mail resulting from increased security procedures, it is strongly recommended that all correspondence be submitted electronically (usnao@dol.gov) or be hand delivered. Requests to present oral testimony and written statements or briefs must be received by the NAO no later than close of business March 22, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lewis Karesh, Acting Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-5205, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-4900 (this is not a toll-free number).