

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 (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 accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) 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). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

The following provisions of 29 CFR part 1926, subpart R (the "Subpart") contain paperwork requirements: §§ 1926.752(a)(1) and (a)(2); 1926.753(c)(5) and (e)(2); 1926.757(a)(7), (a)(9), and (e)(4)(i); 1926.758(g); 1926.760(e) and (e)(1); 1926.761; and paragraph (c)(4)(ii) of appendix G. These provisions ensure that:

Designated parties, especially steel erectors, receive notice that building materials, components, steel structures, and fall protection equipment are safe for specific uses; and employees exposed to fall hazards receive the required training in the recognition and control of fall hazards. These paperwork requirements provide a direct and efficient means for controlling contractors and steel erectors to inform others (e.g., employees) of steel erection hazards and their control, thereby preventing death and serious injury by ensuring that structural steel members remain stable and that employees use fall protection correctly.

## II. 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.

## III. Proposed Actions

The Agency is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the information collection requirements contained in 29 CFR part 1926, subpart R ("Steel Erection"). The Agency is proposing to retain its existing burden hour estimate of 30,339 hours for the collection of information requirements specified by the subpart.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 29 CFR part 1926, subpart R ("Steel Erection").

*OMB Number:* 1218-0241.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits.

*Number of Respondents:* 20,781.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time Per Response:* Varies from one minute (.02 hour) for a controlling contractor to inform a steel erector to leave fall protection at the jobsite to three hours for controlling contractors to obtain approval from the project structural engineer of record before modifying anchor bolts.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 30,339.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$0.

## IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows:

- (1) Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (FAX); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2008-0007). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled ADDRESSES). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the Agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of

comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627).

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and date of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through this website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the Web site, and for assistance in using the Internet to locate docket submissions.

## V. Authority and Signature

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., 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 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2007 (72 FR 31159).

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 8, 2008.

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2008-0006]

### Subpart A ("General Provisions") and Subpart B ("Confined and Enclosed Spaces and Other Dangerous Atmospheres in Shipyard Employment") (29 CFR part 1915); 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 public comment.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits public comment concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements specified in its subparts entitled Subpart A (“General Provisions”) and Subpart B (“Confined and Enclosed Spaces and Other Dangerous Atmospheres in Shipyard Employment”) (29 CFR part 1915).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by April 14, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** *Electronically:* You may submit comments and attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

*Facsimile:* If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

*Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service:* When using this method, you must submit three copies of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, OSHA Docket No. OSHA-2008-0006, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor’s and Docket Office’s normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., e.t.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number for the ICR (OSHA-2008-0006). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. For further information on submitting comments see the “Public Participation” heading in the section of this notice titled “Supplementary Information.”

*Docket:* To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact Theda Kenney at

the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Theda Kenney or 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. 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 (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 accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) 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). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of effort in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

One provision in subpart A contains paperwork requirements (§ 1915.7). Section 1915.7(b)(2) specifies that shipyard employers must maintain a roster of designated competent persons (for inspecting and testing spaces covered by subpart B), or a statement that a Marine Chemist will perform these inspections and tests. Section 1915.7(d) requires that employers: ensure that competent persons, Marine Chemists, and certified industrial hygienists (CIHs) make a record of each inspection and test they conduct, post the record near the covered space while work is in progress, and file the record for a specified period. In addition, employers must make the roster or statement and the inspection and test records available to designated parties on request.

Subpart B consists of several standards governing entry into confined and enclosed spaces and other

dangerous atmospheres in shipyard employment. These standards require that employers:

- Ensure that competent persons conduct inspections and atmospheric testing prior to employees entering a confined or enclosed space (§§ 1915.12(a)-(c));
- Warn employees not to enter hazardous spaces and other dangerous atmospheres (§ 1915.12(a)-(c), 1915.16);
- Train employees who will be entering confined or enclosed spaces and certify that such training has been provided (§ 1915.12(d));
- Establish and train shipyard rescue teams or arrange for outside rescue teams and provide them with information (§ 1915.12(e));
- Ensure that one person on each rescue team has a valid first-aid training certificate (§ 1915.12(e));
- Exchange information regarding hazards, safety rules, and emergency procedures concerning these spaces and atmospheres with other employers whose employees may enter these spaces and atmospheres (§ 1915.12(f));
- Ensure testing of certain spaces before cleaning and other cold work is started and as necessary thereafter while the operations are ongoing (§ 1915.13(b)(2) and (4));
- Post signs prohibiting ignition sources within or near a space that contains bulk quantities of flammable or combustible liquids or gases (§ 1915.13(b)(10));
- Ensure that confined and enclosed spaces are tested before employees perform hot work in these spaces (§ 1915.14(a));
- Post warnings of testing conducted by competent persons and certificates of testing conducted by a Marine Chemist or Coast Guard authorized person in the immediate vicinity of the hot work operation while the operation is in progress (§ 1915.14(a) and (b)); and
- Retain certificates of testing on file for at least three months after completing the operation (§ 1915.14(a)(2)).

**II. 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.

### III. Proposed Actions

The Agency is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the information collection requirements contained in Subpart A ("General Provisions") and Subpart B ("Confined and Enclosed Spaces and Other Dangerous Atmospheres in Shipyard Employment") (29 CFR part 1915). The Agency is proposing to decrease the existing burden hour estimate for the collection of information requirements specified by subparts A and B. In this regard, the Agency is proposing to decrease the current burden hour estimate from 348,394 hours to 312,774 hours, a total decrease of 35,620 hours. The decrease is the result of updated data indicating a decline in the number of establishments from 717 to 639.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Subpart A ("General Provisions") and Subpart B ("Confined and Enclosed Spaces and Other Dangerous Atmospheres in Shipyard Employment") (29 CFR part 1915).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0011.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits.

*Number of Respondents:* 639.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from 1 minute (.02 hour) for a secretary to maintain a training certification record to 10 minutes (.17 hour) for a supervisory shipyard production worker to update, maintain and post either the required roster or statement at each shipyard.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 312,774.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$0.

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Signed at Washington, DC, on February 8, 2008.

**Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

#### Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health ("MACOSH" or "Committee") was established to advise the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA on issues relating to occupational safety and health in the maritime industries. The purpose of this **Federal Register** notice is to announce the MACOSH and workgroup meetings scheduled for March 18 to 20, 2008.

**DATES:** On Tuesday, March 18, 2008, the Shipyards, Longshoring, and Cranes and Falls workgroups will meet during the times listed below in the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. On Wednesday, March 19, 2008, the Health, and Outreach and Safety Culture workgroups will meet during the times listed below in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. MACOSH will meet on Thursday, March 20, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Committee and workgroups will meet at the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel, 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, TX 77060. Mail comments, views, or statements in response to this notice to Vanessa L. Welch, Office of Maritime, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; phone (202) 693-2086; FAX: (202) 693-1663.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information about MACOSH and this meeting, contact: Joseph Daddura, Office of Maritime, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; phone: (202) 693-2067. Individuals with disabilities wishing to attend the meeting should contact Vanessa L. Welch at (202) 693-2086 no later than March 3, 2008, to obtain appropriate accommodations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All MACOSH meetings and workgroup meetings are open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend the MACOSH and workgroup meetings at the times and places listed above.