

establishment's name; the site's address and telephone and facsimile numbers; the name and telephone number of the management official; the type of business; a description and the specific location of the hazards, including the approximate number of workers exposed or threatened by the hazards; and whether or not the worker/worker representative informed another government agency about the hazards (and the name of the agency if so informed).

Additional information on the hardcopy version of the form concerns the complainant including: whether or not the complainant wants OSHA to reveal their name to the employer; whether the complainant is a worker or a worker representative, or for information provided orally, a member of a Federal safety and health committee or another party (with space to specify the party); the complainant's name, telephone number, and address; and the complainant's signature attesting that they believe a violation of an OSHA standard exists at the named establishment; and the date of the signature. A worker representative must also provide the name of the organization they represent and their title.

The information contained in the online version of the OSHA-7 Form is similar to the hardcopy version. However, the online version requests the complainant's e-mail address, and does not ask for the site's facsimile number or the complainant's signature and signature date.

The Agency uses the information collected on the OSHA-7 Form to determine whether reasonable grounds exist to conduct an inspection of the workplace. The description of the hazards, including the number of exposed workers, allows the Agency to assess the severity of the hazards and the need to expedite the inspection. The completed form also provides the employer with notice of the complaint and may serve as the basis for obtaining a search warrant if the employer denies the Agency access to the workplace.

## 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 workers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information collection and transmission techniques.

## III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the information collection requirements relating to the OSHA-7 Form. The Agency is requesting an increase in burden hours from 12,775 to 13,414 (a total increase of 639 burden hours). The Agency 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.

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

*Title:* Notice of Alleged Safety and Health Hazards, OSHA-7 Form.

*OMB Number:* 1218-0064.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 50,715.

*Total Responses:* 50,715.

*Frequency of Recordkeeping:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from 15 minutes (.25 hour) to communicate the required information orally to the Agency to 25 minutes (.42 hour) to provide the information in writing and send it to OSHA.

*Total Burden Hours Requested:* 13,414.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$1,116.

## 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-2010-0056). 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 Web site. 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 Web site'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

David Michaels, PhD, MPH, 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. 4-2010 (75 FR 55355).

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 10, 2011.

**David Michaels,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2010-0055]

### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (1218-0176)

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA 95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of approval for the current paperwork requirements of 29 CFR part 1904, Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by March 14, 2011.

**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, Docket No. OSHA-2010-0055, 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-2010-0055). 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 Rex Tingle at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rex Tingle at Office of Statistical Analysis, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3507, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-1926, 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 OSH Act and 29 CFR part 1904 prescribe that certain employers maintain records of job-related injuries and illnesses. The injury and illness records are intended to have multiple purposes. One purpose is to provide data needed by OSHA to carry out enforcement and intervention activities to provide workers a safe and healthy work environment. The data are also needed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to report on the number and rate of occupational injuries and illnesses in the country. The data also provides information to employers and employees of the kinds of injuries and illnesses occurring in the workplace and their related hazards. Increased employer awareness should result in the identification and voluntary correction of hazardous workplace conditions. Likewise, employees who are provided information on injuries and illnesses will be more likely to follow safe work practices and report workplace hazards. This would generally raise the overall level of safety and health in the workplace. OSHA currently has approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for information collection requirements contained in 29

CFR part 1904. That approval will expire on [February 29, 2011] unless OSHA applies for an extension of the OMB approval. This notice initiates the process for OSHA to request an extension of the current OMB approval. This notice also solicits public comment on OSHA's existing paperwork burden estimates from those interested parties and seeks public responses to several questions related to the development of OSHA's estimates. Interested parties are requested to review OSHA's estimates, which are based upon the most current data available, and to comment on their accuracy or appropriateness in today's workplace situation.

**II. Current Actions**

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Standard 29 CFR part 1904, Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

The Agency is requesting to reduce its current burden hour estimate associated with this Standard from 3,072,978 to 2,967,237 hours for a total reduction of 105,741 hours. The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB.

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

*Title:* 29 CFR part 1904, Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (1218-0176).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0176.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits; farms; not-for-profit institutions; State and local government.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc.:* 29 CFR part 1904; OSHA Form 300; OSHA Form 300A; OSHA Form 301.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,585,374.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* 2 hours to complete based on the information required.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,967,237.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$136,753,120.

**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-2010-0055). 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.

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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 Web site. 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 Web site'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.

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David Michaels, PhD, MPH, 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. 4-2010 (75 FR 55355).

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 10, 2011.

#### David Michaels,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Veterans' Employment and Training Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans' Employment and Training Service.

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information Collection for Review; Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Reports VETS-100 and VETS-100A; OMB Control No. 1293-0005.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the currently approved information collection request for the "Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100" and the "Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100A." A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this Notice. There have been no changes to the current VETS-100 and the VETS-100A Reports. Each report has the same number of reporting elements.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before March 14, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to Robert Wilson, Director for the Division of Investigation and Compliance, VETS, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-1316, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Electronic transmission is the preferred method for submitting comments. E-mail may be sent to [FCP-PRA-04-VETS@dol.gov](mailto:FCP-PRA-04-VETS@dol.gov). Include "VETS-100A" in the subject line of the message. Written

comments of 10 pages or fewer also may be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 693-4755 (this is not a toll free number). Receipt of submissions, whether by U.S. Mail, e-mail or FAX transmittal, will not be acknowledged; however, the sender may request confirmation that a submission has been received, by telephoning VETS at (202) 693-4719 (VOICE) (this is not a toll-free number) or (202) 693-4753 (TTY/TDD).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 ("VEVRAA"), 38 U.S.C. 4212(d), requires Federal contractors and subcontractors subject to the Act's affirmative action provisions in 38 U.S.C. 4212(a) to track and report annually to the Secretary of Labor the number of employees in their workforces, by job category and hiring location, who belong to the specified categories of covered veterans. VETS maintains two sets of regulations to implement the reporting requirements under VEVRAA, and uses two different forms for providing the required information on the employment of covered veterans.

The regulations set forth in 41 CFR part 61-250 require contractors that have a Government contract of \$25,000 or more entered into before December 1, 2003, to use the Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100 ("VETS-100 Report") form for reporting information on the number of covered veterans in their workforces.

The regulations set forth in 41 CFR part 61-300 implement amendments to the reporting requirements under VEVRAA that were made by the Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA) (Pub. L. 107-288) enacted in 2002. The JVA amended VEVRAA by: (1) Increased from \$25,000 to \$100,000, the dollar amount of the contract that subjects a Federal contractor to the requirement to report on veterans' employment; and (2) changed the categories of covered veterans under VEVRAA, and thus the categories of veterans that contractors are required to track and report on annually.

The regulations in 41 CFR part 61-300 require contractors with a Government contract entered into or modified on or after December 1, 2003, in the amount of \$100,000 or more to use the Federal Contractor Veterans' Employment Report VETS-100A for reporting information on their employment of covered veterans under VEVRAA.

Both the VETS-100 and VETS-100A Reports are currently approved under OMB No. 1293-0005.