

of Indian Women Living in Tribal Communities Study.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: American Indian and Alaska Native women living on tribal reservations and in Alaska Native communities who are 18 years or older.

*Abstract:* Violence Against Women Act of 2005, Public Law 109-162, Title IX, Section 904(a) mandates that the United States Department of Justice conduct a comprehensive study of violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women living on tribal reservations and in Alaska Native villages. As part of that program of research, NIJ is undertaking a preliminary study known as the Violence Against Indian Women (VAIW) prevalence study, with the following objectives:

(a) Create and pilot test a survey instrument that captures valid, reliable data on the nature and extent of intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and stalking committed against American Indian and Alaska Native women; and

(b) Develop a study methodology, including sampling strategy and data collection approach that enables the safe collection of meaningful, standardized data.

This will be a one-time information collection and is expected to take approximately two months from the time the first participant is enrolled until the last survey is administered. At the end of this project, NIJ will have the knowledge, tools, experience, and methods to coordinate and field a larger study as mandated by Congress. The VAIW prevalence project will ensure that the survey instrument and approach used for NIJ's planned data collection are methodologically rigorous and fully responsive to Congressional mandate and to the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: It is estimated that 225 respondents will complete the survey within 1 hour.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: There are an estimated 225 total annual burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Department Clearance Officer

for PRA, Lynn Murray, Justice Management Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street, NE., Suite 2E-502, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 15, 2011.

**Lynn Murray,**

*Department Clearance Officer, PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 (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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension without change of a currently approved collection for the "Producer Price Index" survey. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before April 25, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by fax to 202-691-5111 (this is not a toll free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, at 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

The Producer Price Index (PPI), one of the Nation's leading economic indicators, is used as a measure of price movements, as an indicator of inflationary trends, for inventory valuation, and as a measure of purchasing power of the dollar at the primary-market level. It also is used for market and economic research and as a basis for escalation in long-term contracts and purchase agreements.

Producer Price Index data provide a description of the magnitude and composition of price change within the economy, and serve a wide range of governmental needs. This family of indexes are closely followed, monthly statistics which are viewed as sensitive indicators of the economic environment. Price data are vital in helping both the President and Congress set fiscal-spending targets. Producer prices are monitored by the Federal Reserve Board Open Market Committee to help decide monetary policy. Federal policy-makers at the Department of Treasury and the Council of Economic Advisors utilize these statistics to help form and evaluate monetary and fiscal measures and to help interpret the general business environment. In addition, it is common to find one or more PPIs, alone or in combination with other measures, used to escalate the delivered price of goods for government purchases.

In addition to governmental uses, PPI data are regularly put to use by the private sector. Private industry uses PPI data for contract escalation. For one particular method of tax-related Last-In-First-Out (LIFO) inventory accounting, the Internal Revenue Service suggests that firms use PPI data for making calculations. Private businesses make extensive use of industrial-price data for planning and operations. Price trends are used to assess the condition of markets. Firms commonly compare the prices they pay for material inputs as well as prices they receive for products that they make and sell with changes in similar PPIs.

Economic researchers and forecasters also put the PPI to regular use. PPIs are widely used to probe and measure the interaction of market forces. Some examples of research topics that require extensive price data include: The identification of varying price elasticities and the degree of cost pass-through in the economy, the identification of potential lead and lag structures among price changes, and the identification of prices which exert major impacts throughout market structures.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the Producer Price Index survey.

The PPI collection is not a one-time project with an end date. The purpose of the PPI collection is to accumulate data for the ongoing, monthly publication of the PPI family of indexes. The Bureau of Labor Statistics must continue collecting data for the PPI since both policy and business planning are affected by the completeness of the description of price trends. Dollar-denominated measures of economic performance, such as Gross Domestic Product, require accurate price data in order to convert nominal to constant-dollar values. Inflation-free national income accounting figures are vital to fiscal and monetary policy-makers when

setting objectives and targets. It is conservatively estimated that hundreds-of-billions of dollars worth of contracts and purchase agreements employ PPIs as part of price-adjustment clauses. Failure to calculate data would tend to extend the time frame required for accurate recognition of and appropriate adaptation to economic events.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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.
- 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 submissions of responses.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.  
*Title:* Producer Price Index Survey.  
*OMB Number:* 1220-0008.  
*Affected Public:* Private Sector.

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (min)	Estimated total burden (hrs)
BLS 1810A, A1, B, C, C1, and E .....	6,582	once	6,582	120	13,164
BLS 473P .....	26,250	monthly	*1,260,000	18	378,000
Totals .....	32,832	.....	1,266,582	.....	391,164

\*For monthly repricing, an average of 4 forms are sent to each respondent or on average PPI requests repricing of 105,000 items each month.

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 10th day of February 2011.

**Kimberley D. Hill,**

Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. OSHA-2011-0028]

**Grain Handling Facilities; 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 comments.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements specified in its Standard on Grain Handling Facilities (29 CFR 1910.272).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by April 25, 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 a copy of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, OSHA Docket No. OSHA-2011-0028, 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 Information Collection Request (ICR) (OSHA-2011-0028). 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,