

lower rates of injuries and fatalities for workers.

NIOSH expects to complete data collection no later than May 2012. There

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ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
SCBs .....	30	1	1.5	45
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	45

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-5960 or send an e-mail to *omb@cdc.gov*. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Respiratory Protective Devices—42 CFR part 84—Regulation 0920-0109-Extension—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

This data collection was formerly named Respiratory Protective Devices 30 CFR part 11 but in 1995, the respirator standard was moved to 42 CFR part 84. The regulatory authority for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) certification program for respiratory protective devices is found in the Mine Safety and Health Amendments Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C.

577a, 651 *et seq.*, and 657(g)) and the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 3, 5, 7, 811, 842(h), 844). These regulations have as their basis the performance tests and criteria for approval of respirators used by millions of American construction workers, miners, painters, asbestos removal workers, fabric mill workers, and fire fighters. Regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) also require the use of NIOSH-approved respirators. These regulations also establish methods for respirator manufacturers to submit respirators for testing under the regulation and have them certified as NIOSH-approved if they meet the criteria given in the above regulation. NIOSH, in accordance with 42 CFR Part 84: (1) Issues certificates of approval for respirators which have met specified construction, performance, and protection requirements; (2) establishes procedures and requirements to be met in filing applications for approval; (3) specifies minimum requirements and methods to be employed by NIOSH and by applicants in conducting inspections, examinations, and tests to determine effectiveness of respirators; (4) establishes a schedule of fees to be charged applicants for testing and certification, and (5) establishes approval labeling requirements. Information is collected from those who request services under 42 CFR part 84 in order to properly establish the scope and intent of request. Information collected from requests for respirator approval functions includes contact information and information about factors likely to affect respirator performance and use. Such information includes, but is not necessarily limited to, respirator design, manufacturing methods and materials, quality assurance plans and procedures, and user instruction and draft labels, as specified in the regulation.

The main instrument for data collection for respirator approval

functions is the SAF, Standard Application for the Approval of Respirators, currently Version 7. A replacement instrument, SAF V.8, which collects the same information is available for applicants without the requisite software environment for V.7. Respirator manufacturers are the respondents (estimated to average 75 each year over the years 2011–2013) and upon completion of the SAF their requests for approval are evaluated. Although there is no cost to respondents to submit an application other than their time to participate, respondents requesting respirator approval are required to submit fees for necessary testing as specified in 42 CFR 84.20–22, 84.66, 84.258 and 84.1102. In calendar year 2010 \$395,564.00 was accepted. Applicants are required to provide test data that shows that the respirator is capable of meeting the specified requirements in 42 CFR part 84. The requirement for submitted test data is likely to be satisfied by standard testing performed by the manufacturer, and no extra burden is expected.

42 CFR part 84 approvals offer corroboration that approved respirators are produced to certain quality standards. Although 42 CFR part 84 Subpart E prescribes certain quality standards, it is not expected that requiring approved quality standards will impose an additional cost burden over similarly effective quality standards that are not approved under 42 CFR Part 84. Manufacturers with current approvals are subject to site audits by the Institute or its agents. There is no fee associated with audits. Audits may occur periodically or as a result of a reported issue. An average of 61 site audits were conducted annually over the calendar years 2008–2010, and this rate is expected to continue.

There are no costs to the respondents other than their time. The total estimated annual burden hours are 138,840.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hrs)	Total burden (in hrs)
Standard Application for the Approval of Respirators .....	75	8	229	137,400
Audit .....	60	1	24	1,440

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**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-5960 and send comments to Daniel Holcomb, CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Musculoskeletal Disorder (MSD) Intervention Effectiveness in Wholesale/Retail Trade Operations—New—National Institute for Occupational

Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

The mission of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is to promote safety and health at work for all people through research and prevention. Under Public Law 91-596, sections 20 and 22 (Section 20-22, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970), NIOSH has the responsibility to conduct research to advance the health and safety of workers. In this capacity, NIOSH proposes to conduct a study to assess the effectiveness and cost-benefit of occupational safety and health (OSH) interventions for musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) among wholesale/retail trade (WRT) workers.

In 2008, MSDs accounted for \$15.2 billion or 28% of total direct workers compensation costs of illnesses or injuries in private industry. The WRT industry sector employs over 21 million workers or 19% of the workforce in private industry. MSDs accounted for 28% of the total non-fatal injuries and illnesses involving days away from work (DAW) in the WRT sector in 2008. The majority (91%) of these severe MSD cases were associated with overexertion during material handling. Identifying effective controls to reduce overexertion MSDs is a key step in reducing the overall injury/illness burden in the WRT sector. It follows that major NIOSH strategic goals in the WRT sector are to reduce MSDs in part, by assessing the effectiveness and cost-benefit of interventions. Most prior MSD intervention effectiveness studies have been quasi-experimental designs focused on short term workload assessments as outcomes. The studies have also been mixed in quality and findings. There is a clear need to conduct rigorous experimental research to define further the effectiveness and cost-benefit of MSD control interventions. A renewed partnership between NIOSH and the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (OBWC) provides a timely opportunity to conduct such research in a relevant and efficient manner.

For the current study, NIOSH and the OBWC will collaborate on a multi-site intervention study at OBWC-insured

WRT companies from 2011-2014. In overview, MSD engineering control interventions [stair-climbing, powered hand trucks (PHT) and powered truck lift gates (TLG)] will be tested for effectiveness in reducing self-reported back and upper extremity pain among 960 employees performing delivery operations in 72 WRT establishments using a prospective experimental design (multiple baselines across groups with randomization). These interventions were chosen because prior OBWC pilot studies indicated the interventions had a high level of acceptability to target employees and initial high effectiveness in reducing MSD risk factors and potential future MSDs. The costs of the interventions will be funded through existing OBWC funds and participating establishments. This study will provide important information that is not currently available elsewhere on the effectiveness of OSH interventions for WRT workers. This project fits the mission of CDC-NIOSH to conduct scientific intervention effectiveness research to support the evidenced based prevention of occupational injuries and illnesses.

For this study, the target population (people, groups or workplaces which might benefit from the MSD interventions being tested) includes United States WRT establishments (North American Industry Classification System codes 42-45) performing delivery operations. The sampling frame (segment of the target population) includes OBWC-insured WRT establishments performing delivery operations. The study sample (people, work groups or workplaces chosen from the sampling frame) includes OBWC-insured WRT establishments who volunteer to participate in the OBWC-NIOSH collaboration research project.

Twenty-four OBWC-insured WRT establishments will be recruited from each of three total employee categories (<20 employees, 20-99 employees, and 100+ employees) for a total of 72 establishments with 3,240 employees. The study sub-sample (people, work groups or workplaces chosen from the sampling frame) will be volunteer employees at OBWC-insured WRT establishments who perform material handling tasks related to the delivery