

*Title:* Methylene Chloride Standard (29 CFR 1910.1052).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0179.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 78,770.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually; semi-annually; quarterly; on occasion.

*Total Responses:* 214,575.

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from 1 hour for administering a medical examination to 5 minutes (.08 hour) to maintain a worker's medical or exposure record.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 54,481.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$19,381,635.

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

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#### V. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., 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. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 1, 2014.

**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-2011-0196]

##### The Vinyl Chloride Standard; 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 the Vinyl Chloride Standard (29 CFR 1910.1017).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by February 2, 2015.

#### 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, Docket No. OSHA-2011-0196, 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 the OSHA docket number (OSHA-2011-0196) for the Information Collection Request (ICR). 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 from 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 accord with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (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 Standard specifies a number of paperwork requirements. The following is a brief description of the collection of information requirements contained in the Vinyl Chloride (VC) Standard.

*(A) Exposure Monitoring (§ 1910.1017(d) and (§ 1910.1017(n))*

Paragraph 1910.1017(d)(2) requires employers to conduct exposure monitoring at least quarterly if the results show that worker exposures are above the permissible exposure limit (PEL), while those exposed at or above the Action Level (AL) must be monitored no less than semiannually. Paragraph (d)(3) requires that employers perform additional monitoring whenever there has been a change in VC production, process or control that may result in an increase in the release of VC.

Paragraph 1910.1017(n) requires employers to inform each worker of their exposure monitoring results within 15 working days after receiving these results. Employers may notify workers either individually in writing or by posting the monitoring results in an appropriate location that is accessible to the workers. In addition, if the exposure monitoring results show that a worker's exposure exceeds the PEL, the employer must inform the exposed worker of the corrective action the employer is taking to prevent such overexposure.

*(B) Written Compliance Plan (§§ 1910.1017(f)(2) and (f)(3))*

Paragraph (f)(2) requires employers whose engineering and work practice controls cannot sufficiently reduce worker VC exposures to a level at or below the PEL to develop and implement a plan for doing so. Paragraph (f)(3) requires employers to develop this written plan and provide it upon request to OSHA for examination and copying. These plans must be updated annually.

*(C) Respirator Program (§ 1910.1017(g)(2))*

When respirators are required, the employer must establish a respiratory protection program in accord with 1910.134, paragraphs (b) through (d) (except (d)(1)(iii) and (d)(3)(iii)(B)(1) and (2)) and (f) through (m). Paragraph 1910.134(c) requires the employer to develop and implement a written respiratory protection program with worksite-specific procedures and elements for required respirator use. The purpose of these requirements is to ensure that employers establish a standardized procedure for selecting, using, and maintaining respirators for each workplace where respirators will be used. Developing written procedures ensures that employers develop a respirator program that meets the needs of their workers.

*(D) Emergency Plan (§ 1910.1017(i))*

Employers must develop a written operational plan for dealing with emergencies; the plan must address the storage, handling, and use of VC as a liquid or compressed gas. In the event of an emergency, appropriate elements of the plan must be implemented. Emergency plans must maximize workers' personal protection and minimize the hazards of an emergency.

*(E) Medical Surveillance (§ 1910.1017(k))*

Paragraph (k) requires employers to develop a medical surveillance program for workers exposed to VC in excess of the action level. Examinations must be provided in accord with this paragraph at least annually. Employers must also obtain, and provide to each worker, a copy of a physician's statement regarding the worker's suitability for continued exposure to VC, including use of protective equipment and respirators, if appropriate.

*(F) Communication of VC Hazards (§ 1910.1017(l))*

Under paragraph 1910.1017(l)(2), the employer shall include vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) in the program established to comply with the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) (§ 1910.1200). The employer shall ensure that each employee has access to labels on containers of chemicals and substances associated with vinyl and polyvinyl chloride and to safety data sheets, and is trained in accord with the provisions of HCS and paragraph (l) of this section. The employer shall ensure that at least the following hazard is addressed: Cancer.

*(G) Recordkeeping (§ 1910.1017(m))*

Employers must maintain worker exposure and medical records. Medical and monitoring records are maintained principally for worker access, but are designed to provide valuable information to both workers and employers. The medical and monitoring records required by this standard will aid workers and their physicians in determining whether or not treatment or other interventions are needed for VC exposure. The information also will enable employers to ensure that workers are not being overexposed; such information may alert the employer that steps must be taken to reduce VC exposures.

Exposure records must be maintained for at least 30 years, and medical records must be kept for the duration of employment plus 20 years, or for a total of 30 years, whichever is longer. Records must be kept for extended periods because of the long latency period associated with VC-related carcinogenesis (*i.e.*, cancer). Cancer often cannot be detected until 20 or more years after the first exposure to VC.

**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**

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Vinyl Chloride Standard. The Agency is requesting an adjustment decrease in burden hours from 549 to 535 hours, a total decrease of 14 burden hours. The reduction is a result of few VC and PVC establishments identified for this ICR. The currently approved ICR estimates a total of 26 establishments, and this proposed ICR estimates a total of 24 establishments. The adjustment of the burden hours are shown in detail by provision in the supporting statement.

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

*Title:* Vinyl Chloride Standard (29 CFR 1910.1017).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0010.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 24.

*Frequency of Responses:* On occasion; annually.

*Total Responses:* 835.

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from five minutes (.08 hour) for employers to maintain records to 12 hours for employers to update their compliance plans.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 535.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$43,320.

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#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-2015-014]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to reinstate the information collection described in this notice, which is used in the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant program. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before February 2, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (ISSD), Room 4400, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-7409; or electronically mailed to [tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov](mailto:tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm

at telephone number 301-837-1694, or fax number 301-713-7409.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (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 the use of information technology; and (e) whether small businesses are affected by this collection. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collections:

*Title:* National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) Grant Program, Budget Form and Instructions.

*OMB number:* 3095-0013.

*Agency form number:* NA Form 17001.

*Type of review:* Reinstatement of a previously cleared information collection.

*Affected public:* Nonprofit organizations and institutions, state and local government agencies, Federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups, and individuals who apply for NHPRC grants for support of historical documentary editions, archival preservation and planning projects, and other records projects.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 144 per year submit applications; approximately 100 grantees among the applicant respondents also submit semiannual narrative performance reports.

*Estimated time per response:* 10 hours per application; 2 hours per narrative report.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion for the application; semiannually for the narrative report. Currently, the NHPRC considers grant applications 2 times per year; respondents usually submit no more than one application per year.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 1,440 hours.