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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2010-0026]

Mechanical Power Press Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget (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 the Office of Management and
Budget's (OMB) approval for the
information collection requirements
specified in its Mechanical Power Press
Standard.

DATES: Comments must be submitted
(postmarked, sent, or received) by April
15, 2024.

ADDRESSES:

Electronically: You may submit
comments and attachments
electronically at [http://
www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), which is the
Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the
instructions online for submitting
comments.

Docket: To read or download
comments or other material in the
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www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Documents in the
docket are listed in the [http://
www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index; however,
some information (*e.g.*, copyrighted
material) is not publicly available to
read or download through the website.
All submissions, including copyrighted
material, are available for inspection
through the OSHA Docket Office.
Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202)
693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for
assistance in locating docket
submissions.

Instructions: All submissions must
include the agency name and OSHA
docket number OSHA-2010-0026 for
the Information Collection Request
(ICR). OSHA will place all comments,
including any personal information, in
the public docket, which may be made
available online. Therefore, OSHA

cautions interested parties about
submitting personal information such as
social security numbers and birthdates.

For further information on submitting
comments, see the "Public
Participation" heading in the section of
this notice titled **SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Seleda Perryman, Directorate of
Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S.
Department of Labor; telephone (202)
693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of
the 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 (PRA)
(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, the collection
instruments are clearly understood, and
OSHA's estimate of the information
collection burden is accurate. The
Occupational Safety and Health Act of
1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*)
authorizes information collection by
employers as necessary or appropriate
for enforcement of the OSH 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).

The following sections describe who
use the information collected under
each requirement, as well as how they
use it. The purposes of these
requirements are to address the burden
hours associated with gathering
information on inspection,
maintenance, and modification of
presses. Employers are expected to
establish and follow an inspection
program and conduct regular and
periodic inspections of each power
press. Additionally, employers are to
maintain records of certification.

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 to protect workers,
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
the approval of the information
collection requirements contained in the
Mechanical Power Press Standard. The
agency is requesting that there is no
change in burden hours in the
information collection requirements of
this standard. The costs are adjusted
due to updated calculations.

OSHA 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: Mechanical Power Press
Standard.

OMB Control Number: 1218-0229.

Affected Public: Business or other for-
profits.

Number of Respondents: 104,035.

Frequency of Responses: Monthly.

Total Responses: 62,421.

Average Time per Response: 20
minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:
20,807.

*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](http://www.regulations.gov), which is the
Federal eRulemaking Portal; or (2) by
facsimile (fax); if your comments,
including attachments, are not longer
than 10 pages you may fax them to the
OSHA Docket Office at 202-693-1648.
All comments, attachments, and other
material must identify the agency name
and the OSHA docket number for the
ICR (OSHA-2010-0026). You may
supplement electronic submissions by
uploading document files electronically.

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 dates 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 from 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> website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, (TTY) (877) 889-5627) for information about materials not available from the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy 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. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393).

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 9, 2024.

James S. Frederick,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Update of Statistical Policy Directive No. 3: Compilation, Release, and Evaluation of Principal Federal Economic Indicators—Changing Timing of Public Comments by Employees of the Executive Branch

AGENCY: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of adoption of a revised Statistical Policy Directive No. 3.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announces the adoption of a revised Statistical Policy Directive No. 3: Compilation, Release, and Evaluation of Principal Federal Economic Indicators (Directive No. 3). The procedures in Directive No. 3, published in 1985, were designed to ensure equitable, policy-neutral, and

timely release and dissemination of Principal Federal Economic Indicators. The goals of Directive No. 3 remain sound; this Notice announces the adoption of procedures consistent with these goals to reflect advances in communication technologies and methods. OMB has solely modified the provision, "employees of the Executive Branch shall not comment publicly on the data until at least one hour after the official release time," by replacing "one hour" with "thirty minutes." This change reduces the delay after official release time before commentary from employees of the Executive Branch, while retaining a necessary time delay between policy-neutral release of the official statistics and subsequent Executive Branch interpretations of this statistical data.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The effective date of this Directive is February 19, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Please send correspondence about OMB's decision to Dominic Mancini, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or email Statistical_Directives@omb.eop.gov with the subject "More Info: Directive No. 3."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karin Orvis, Office of Management and Budget, telephone 202-395-5989, email Statistical_Directives@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary: Under the Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950 (31 U.S.C. 1104(d)) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3504(e)) (the PRA), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announces a change of one provision within Statistical Policy Directive No. 3: Compilation, Release, and Evaluation of Principal Federal Economic Indicators (50 FR 38932, Sept. 25, 1985) (Directive No. 3). In particular, OMB modifies the provision in Directive No. 3, "employees of the Executive Branch shall not comment publicly on the data until at least one hour after the official release time," by replacing "one hour" with "thirty minutes."

Background: Directive No. 3's purposes are "to preserve the time value" of the Principal Federal Economic Indicators (PFEIs), "strike a balance between timeliness and accuracy," "prevent early access to information that may affect financial and commodity markets," and "preserve the distinction between the policy-neutral release of data by statistical agencies and their interpretation by policy officials." Directive No. 3 also provides for the periodic evaluation of each indicator. Directive No. 3 remains a robust, comprehensive source of

guidance for Federal statistical agencies and recognized statistical units producing PFEIs. The government and private sector widely watch and heavily rely upon these statistical series as indicators of the current condition and direction of the economy.

The procedures in Directive No. 3, published in 1985, were designed to ensure equitable, policy-neutral, and timely release and dissemination of PFEIs. The goals of Directive No. 3 remain sound, and OMB has not changed them. In furtherance of these goals, OMB retains a minimum time period that Executive Branch employees must wait after the policy-neutral release of the data before Executive Branch employees can comment on those data.

In April 2019, OMB published in the **Federal Register** a request for comments on a proposal to reduce the duration of the prohibition of commentary by employees of the Executive Branch following the PFEI release from one hour to something shorter, including the consideration of the option of having no delay at all (84 FR 14682, Apr. 11, 2019). OMB received sixteen in-scope comments in response to that Notice. All in-scope commenters strongly supported either a retention of the one-hour delay, or a delay of some duration, after official release time before employees of the Executive Branch could comment on the PFEI releases, with no commenters in support of removing the delay entirely.¹

In August 2023, OMB published in the **Federal Register** a request for public comments on an updated proposal to reduce the duration of the prohibition of commentary by employees of the Executive Branch following the PFEI release from one hour to 30 minutes. OMB noted that it agreed with the previous comments on this issue submitted in 2019 and understood that maintaining some delay as part of Directive No. 3 continues to be important to maintain the bright line between the release of data and any commentary on such data by Executive Branch officials. OMB noted that it was considering this updated proposal because, while the delay is important to ensuring a bright line between the data release and the Executive Branch's policy interpretation, since 1985 there have been many changes in the way the public communicates, as well as in how the relevant statistical agencies disseminate information. For example,

¹ Public comments received in response to the April 2019 FRN are available at www.regulations.gov/document/OMB-2019-0001-0001/comment.