

II. Current Actions

This notice requests an extension of the current OMB approval of the paperwork requirements in the Asbestos Standard. Extension is necessary to provide continued protection to employees from the health hazards associated with occupational exposure to asbestos.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Asbestos in General Industry.

OMB Number: 1218-0133.

Agency Number: Docket Number ICR 97-13.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit, Federal and State government, Local or Tribal governments.

Total Respondents: 233.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Total Responses: 85,306.

Average Time per Response: Time per response ranges from 5 minutes to maintain records to 1.5 hours to train employees.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 24,234.

Estimated Capital, Operation/Maintenance Burden Cost: \$1,578,743. 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 8, 1997.

Adam M. Finkel,

Director, Directorate of Health Standards Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR 97-15]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Asbestos in Shipyards

ACTION: Notice.

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 Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Asbestos Standard 29 CFR 1915.1001. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the addressee section of this notice. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information 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; and
 - 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 technique or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by September 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 97-15, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd Owen, Directorate of Health Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3718, telephone (202) 219-7075. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Barbara

Bielaski at (202) 219-8076 or Todd Owen at (202) 219-7075. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Asbestos in Shipyards contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at [Http://www.osha.gov/](http://www.osha.gov/) and click on standards.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Asbestos standard and its information collection is designed to provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to asbestos. The standard requires employers to monitor employee exposure to asbestos, to monitor employee health and to provide employees with information about their exposures and the health effects of injuries.

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Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Asbestos in Shipyards.

OMB Number: 1218-0195.

Agency Number: Docket Number ICR 97-15.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit, Federal and State government, Local or Tribal governments.

Total Respondents: 89.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Total Responses: 2,468.

Average Time per Response: Time per response ranges from 5 minutes to maintain records to 40 hours to train qualified persons.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,093.

Estimated Capital, Operation/Maintenance Burden Cost: \$34,861.

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 10, 1997.

Ruth McCully,

Acting Deputy Director, Directorate of Health Standards Programs.

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