

65,000 per year on the number of aliens who can be admitted to the U.S. on H-1B visas and further limits these workers to a maximum of six years duration of stay under H-1B status.

The INA requires that the Department make available for public examination in Washington, DC, a list of employers which have filed labor condition applications.

II. Current Actions

In order for the Department to meet its statutory responsibilities under the INA there is a need for an extension of an existing collection of information pertaining to employers' seeking to use H-1B nonimmigrants in specialty occupations or as fashion models of distinguished merit and ability. There is an increase in burden due to a sustained increase in the number of labor condition applications filed by employers each year.

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

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

Title: Labor Condition Applications and Requirements for Employers Using Nonimmigrants on H-1B Visas in Specialty Occupations and as Fashion Models.

OMB Number: 1205-0310.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, Local or Tribal government.

Form: Form ETA 9035.

Total Respondents: 250,000.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Total Responses: 250,050.

Average Burden Hours Per Response: 1.25.

Estimate Total Annual Burden Hours: 250,050.

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.

Signed at Washington D.C. this 15th day of May, 1998.

John R. Beverly III,

Director, U.S. Employment Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Escape and Evacuation Plan

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 Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Escape and Evacuation. MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

- * 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; 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 techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the For Further Information Contact section of this notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of

Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via E-mail to psilvey@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Silvey can be reached at (703) 235-1910 (voice) or (703) 235-5551 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theresa M. O'Malley, Program Analysis Officer, Office of Program Evaluation and Information Resources, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 719, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. O'Malley can be reached at tomalley@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Title 30, CFR § 57.11053 requires the development of an escape and evacuation plan specifically addressing the unique conditions of each underground metal and nonmetal mine. Section 57.11053 also requires that revisions be made as mining progresses. The plan must be available to the inspector and conspicuously posted for the benefit of affected miners. The plan is required to be reviewed jointly by the operator and MSHA once every 6 months.

II. Current Actions

An accurate, up-to-date plan is vital to the safety of the miners and rescue personnel in the event of an emergency. The plans are monitored by MSHA to ensure that plans are updated as mining progresses and that the escape routes are still effective.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: 30 CFR § 57.11053, *Escape and Evacuation Plans.*

OMB Number: 1219-0046.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: 30 CFR § 57.11053.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$233,280.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$2,430.

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: May 14, 1998.

George M. Fesak,

Director, Program Evaluation and Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket Number ICR 98-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Cadmium in Construction

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 Cadmium in Construction (29 CFR 1926.1127) standard. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the addresses section of this notice. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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; 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 techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 98-7, 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: Adrian Corsey, Directorate of Policy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3627, telephone (202) 219-4690. A copy of the referenced information collection request is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed immediately to persons who request copies by telephoning Adrian Corsey at (202) 219-4690 extension 144 or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076 extension 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Cadmium in Construction, contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha-slc.gov/> and click on "Information Collection Request".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Cadmium standard and its information collection requirements provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to cadmium. The standard requires that employers establish a compliance program, including exposure monitoring and medical records. These records are used by employees, physicians, employers and OSHA to determine the effectiveness of the employers' compliance efforts. Also the standard requires that OSHA have access to various records to ensure that employers are complying with the disclosure provisions.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Cadmium in Construction (29 CFR 1926.1127).

OMB Control Number: 1218-0186.

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

Total Respondents: 10,000.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 243,555.

Average Time per Response: Ranges from 5 minutes to maintain records to 1.5 hours for an employee to have a medical exam.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 34,813.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: -0-.

Total initial annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$2,232,500.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collected. The comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 18th day of May, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-98-28]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Logging Operations (29 CFR 1910.266)

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 (PRA-95) (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 impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirements contained in the standard on Logging Operations (29 CFR 1910.266). The Agency is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including