

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR-98-16]

**Crane- or Derrick-Suspended Personnel Platforms Used in Construction****AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection; opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and information collection burdens, is conducting a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on both current and proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection materials are clearly understood, impact of collection requirements on respondents can be accurately assessed, and requested data can be provided in the desired format. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirement contained in 29 CFR 1926.550(g)(4)(ii)(I) (Crane- or derrick-suspended personnel platforms). The Agency is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSHA's responsibilities, 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 (for example, permitting electronic submissions of responses).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 18, 1998.**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket

No. ICR-98-16, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3621, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (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:** Mr. Laurence Davey, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3621, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7207 ext. 131. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Laurence Davey at (202) 219-7207 ext. 131 or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076, ext. 142. For electronic copies of the information collection request, contact OSHA's Web Page on the Internet at <http://www.osha-slc.gov> (click on *Information Collection Requests*).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) currently has approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection (record) requirements contained in 20 CFR 1926.550(g)(4)(ii)(I). That approval will expire on September 30, 1998, unless OSHA applies for an extension of the OMB approval. This notice initiates the process for OSHA to request an extension of the current OMB approval.

Section 1926.550(g)(4)(ii)(I) requires that personnel platforms suspended from cranes or derricks have information posted on plates or other permanent markings indicating the weight of the platform and its rated load capacity or maximum intended load.

*Type of Review:* Extension.*Agency:* U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.*Title:* Crane- or Derrick-Suspended Personnel Platforms Used in Construction.*OMB Number:* 1218-0151.*Agency Number:* ICR-98-16.*Frequency:* On Occasion.*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.*Number of Respondents:* 2,750.*Average time per Response:* 5 minutes.*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 229.*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of June, 1998.

**Charles N. Jeffress,***Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR-98-15]

**Construction Oxygen and Toxic Gas Test; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request****AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection; opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and information collection burdens, is conducting a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on both current and proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection materials are clearly understood, impact of collection requirements on respondents can be accurately assessed, and requested data can be provided in the desired format. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments on the collection of information requirements contained in 29 CFR 1926.550(a)(11). Under that provision, records of oxygen and toxic gas tests must be made whenever internal combustion engines of construction cranes or derricks exhaust into enclosed workspaces.

The Agency is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSHA's responsibilities, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information,