

promulgation of such health and safety standards as are necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment and places of employment. The statute specifically authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents.

In 29 CFR 1910.146, Permit-Required Confined Spaces, employers are required to perform an assessment of the workplace to determine the presence of permit-required confined spaces (permit spaces). If permit spaces are present, the employer must develop and implement a written program that prevents inadvertent entry into these spaces, and details safe and effective means of entering and exiting these spaces.

Employees risk exposure to such hazards as toxic and explosive atmospheres, oxygen deficient atmospheres, electric and mechanical energy, inwardly sloping walls and immersion in flowing material. In order to protect entrants from these hazards, a pre-entry checklist or permit must be completed that certifies that all procedures necessary to protect entrants from hazards contained within the permit space, and to provide for the entrants' safe retrieval in the event of an emergency, have been taken.

Employees who must enter permit spaces, or act as attendants or rescuers, must be trained and the employer must certify that the training was completed.

II. Current Actions

This notice requests public comment on OSHA's burden hour estimates prior to OSHA seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements contained in the standard on Permit-Required Confined Spaces (29 CFR 1910.146).

Type of Review: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Permit-Required Confined Spaces (29 CFR 1910.146).

OMB Number: 1218-0203.

Agency Number: Docket No. ICR 99-1.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, local or tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 238,853.

Frequency: Varies (On occasion, daily, annually).

Average Time per Response: Varies, from 5 minutes (.08 hr.) to 16 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,634,663.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

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

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of April 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) will meet May 6 and 7, 1999, at the Frances Perkins Department of Labor Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. This meeting is open to the public.

TIMES, DATES, ROOMS: ACCSH will meet from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6 and from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7 in rooms N-4437 A, B, C and D.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information contact Theresa Berry, Office of Public Affairs, Room N-3647, telephone (202) 693-1999 at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20210.

An official record of the meeting will be available for public inspection at the OSHA Docket Office, Room N-2625, telephone 202-693-2350. All ACCSH meetings and those of its work groups are open to the public. Individuals with disabilities needing accommodation should contact Theresa Berry no later than April 30, 1999, at the above address. ACCSH was established under section 107(e)(1) of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333) and section 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656).

The agenda items include:

- Remarks by the Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Charles N. Jeffress.
- ACCSH Work Group Updates, including:

- Data Collection,
- Musculoskeletal Disorders,
- Multi-Employer Citation Policy,
- OSHA Form 170,
- Fall Protection, and
- Subpart N, Cranes.
- Reports on construction standards development,
- Policy updates, and
- Special presentations including:
- Crane Operator Certification, and
- Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP)—Short Term Construction Demonstration Programs.

The following ACCSH Work Groups are scheduled to meet in the Francis Perkins Building:

Data Collection—1-5 p.m., Tuesday, May 4, in room N-3437 A.

OSHA Form 170—9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, in room N-3437 B.

Musculoskeletal Disorders—9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, in room N-4437 D.

Fall Protection—1 p.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, in room N-3437 D.

Multi-Employer Citation Policy—9 a.m. to Noon, Wednesday, May 5, in room N-3437 D.

Cranes, Subpart N—1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, in room N-5437 D. Other workgroups may meet after the adjournment of the ACCSH meeting on May 7, 1999.

Interested persons may submit written data, view or comments, preferably with 20 copies, to Theresa Berry, at the address above. Those submissions received prior to the meeting will be provided to ACCSH and will be included in the record of the meeting.

Interested persons may also request to make an oral presentation by notifying Theresa Berry before the meeting. The request must state the amount of time desired, the interest that the person represents, a brief outline of the presentation. ACCSH may grant requests, as time permits, at the discretion of the Chair of ACCSH.

Signed at Washington, DC this 12th day of April, 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL-3-93]

Factory Mutual Research Corporation, Application for Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.