

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training  
Administration****Proposed Collection; Comment  
Request**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, DOL.

**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 Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the ETA 204, Experience Rating Report. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before October 8, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Edward M. Dullaghan, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S4231, 200 Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, DC, 20210; Telephone number (202) 219-5312 (This is not a toll-free number); fax (202) 219-8506.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

The data submitted annually on the ETA 204 report enables the Employment and Training Administration to project revenues for the Unemployment Insurance program on a State by State basis and to measure the variations in assigned contribution rates which result from different experience rating systems. Used in conjunction with other data, the ETA 204 assists in determining the effects of certain factors (e.g., seasonality, stabilization, expansion, or contraction in employment, etc.) on the unemployment experience of various

groups of employers. The data also provide an early signal for potential solvency problems, are useful in analyzing factors which give rise to these potential problems and permit an evaluation of the effectiveness of the various approaches available to correct the detected problems. Further, the data are the basis for determining the Experience Rating Index; the index allows for the evaluation of the extent to which benefits in States are effectively charged, noncharged, and ineffectively charged.

**II. Review Focus**

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.

**III. Current Actions**

The extension of the Experience Rating Report will allow for the continued calculation of the Experience Rating Index and to continue experience rating analysis and research on a national, regional or state level.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Experience Rating Report.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0164.

*Affected Public:* State Government.

*Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* ETA 204.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Total Responses:* 53.

*Average Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 14.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$350.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: August 3, 1999.

**Grace A. Kilbane,**

*Director, Unemployment Insurance Service,  
Employment and Training Administration.*

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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 September 2 and 3, 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., Thursday, September 2 and from 9 a.m. to Noon, Friday, September 3, in room C-5521. ACCSH work groups will meet August 31 and September 1 and, if necessary, after Noon on September 3.

**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 needing special accommodation should contact Theresa Berry by August 25, 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/Targeting,
- Musculoskeletal Disorders,
- Subpart N-Cranes,
- Fall Protection,