

Signed at Washington, DC, this 27th day of August, 1999.

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*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-99-21]

#### Manlifts (Inspection Certifications) Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of an Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits comments concerning the proposed decrease in estimated burden hours, and the extension of the inspection certification records contained in the Manlift Standard, 29 CFR 1910.68(e)(3).

#### Request for Comment

The Agency seeks comments on the following issues:

- Whether the information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated, electronic, mechanical, and other technological information and transmission collection techniques.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before November 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-99-21, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational

Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2222. A copy of the Agency's Information Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collection requirements in 29 CFR 1910.68(e)(3) (inspection certification records) is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or mailed on request by telephoning Theda Kenney at (202) 693-2222 or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR, contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/comp-links.html>, and click on "Information Collection Requests."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

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 continuing information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is correct.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents. (29 U.S.C. 657.) In this regard, the information collection requirements contained in 29 CFR 1910.68(e)(3) (inspection certification records) will ensure that manlifts are in safe operating condition, and all safety devices, such as belt switches, are working properly. The failure of belts or switches could cause serious injury or death to an employee.

##### II. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes a minimal decrease in its earlier estimate of burden hours from 51,005 to 51,000 for the information collection requirements in 29 CFR 1910.68(e)(3) (inspection certification records).

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection

requirements contained in the above provision.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved information collection requirement.

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Manlifts (Inspection Certifications) (29 CFR 1910.68(e)(3)).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0226.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

*Frequency:* Varies (monthly, daily).

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from 5 minutes (0.08 hour) to 69 minutes (1.15 hours).

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 51,000.

##### III. Authority and Signature

Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 6-96 (62 FR 111), and 29 CFR part 1911.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-99-22]

#### Forging Machines (Inspection Certification Records); Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of an Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an opportunity for public comment

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirements (inspection certification records) contained in the standard on Forging Machines, 29 CFR 1910.218(a)(2)(i) and (a)(2)(ii).

#### REQUEST FOR COMMENT

The Agency seeks comments on the following issues:

- Whether the information collection requirements are necessary for the