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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Tali R. Stepp, Director of Human Resources, Room C5526, U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, Telephone: (202) 219-6551.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 15th day of September, 1999.

**Alexis M. Herman,**  
Secretary of Labor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**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 Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of: Requirements of a Bona Fide Profit Sharing Plan or Trust; and Requirements of a Bona Fide Thrift or Savings Plan. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before November 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 693-1451.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

Section 7(e)(3)(b) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) permits the exclusion from an employee's regular rate of pay, payments on behalf of an employee to a "bona fide" profit-sharing plan, and a "bona fide" thrift or savings plan. Regulations 29 CFR part 549 sets forth the requirements of a bona fide profit sharing plan or trust, and Regulations 29 CFR part 547 set forth the requirements of a bona fide thrift or savings plan. This clearance involves employer maintenance of records of such plans.

### 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 Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to determine whether a given thrift or savings plan or a profit sharing plan or trust is in compliance with section 7(e)(3). Please note that the recordkeeping requirements for the thrift or savings plans and the recordkeeping requirements for profit sharing plans are currently approved under separate OMB numbers. The requirements for thrift or savings plans are approved under OMB number 1215-0119, and the requirements for profit sharing plans are approved under OMB number 1215-0122. This information clearance request will combine the two recordkeeping requirements under OMB number 1215-0119.

*Type of review:* Extension.  
*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Requirements of a Bona Fide Thrift or Savings Plan, and Requirements of a Bona Fide Profit Sharing Plan.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0119.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Total Respondents:* 1.924 million.

*Frequency:* Recordkeeping only.

*Total Responses:* 1.924 million.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours (Recordkeeping):* 2.

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

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

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: September 21, 1999.

**Margaret J. Sherrill,**

Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-99-28]

#### Vinyl Chloride Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

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

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

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits comments concerning the extension of the information collection requirements contained in the standard on vinyl chloride, 29 CFR 1910.1017, 1915.1017, 1926.1117.

#### Request for Comment

The Agency is particularly interested in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the information collection requirement 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)