

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

November 19, 1999.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of the ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation, contact Darrin King at (202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or E-Mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

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

*Title:* Mechanical Power Presses, Inspection Certification Records.

*OMB Number:* 1218-0229.

*Frequency:* Monthly; Weekly.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 191,750.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:*

Varies from 5 minutes (0.08 hour) to 20 minutes (0.33 hour).

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,372,930.  
*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$0.

*Description:* The purpose of the information requirements (inspection certification records) is to provide information which can be used to properly maintain mechanical power presses and to ensure safe operating conditions for employees. If this information is not provided, maintenance programs could become deficient through inadequate monitoring and not contribute to the safe use of mechanical power presses. In addition, OSHA compliance officers may require employers to disclose the required certification records at the time of an inspection.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Bureau of Labor Statistics****Labor Research Advisory Council;  
Notice of Meetings and Agenda**

The Fall meetings of committees of the Labor Research Advisory Council will be held on December 7 and 8. The Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Statistics will not meet this Fall. All of the meetings will be held in Rooms 8/10 of the Conference Center, in the Postal Square Building (PSB), 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC.

The Labor Research Advisory Council and its committees advise the Bureau of Labor Statistics with respect to technical matters associated with the Bureau's programs. Membership consists of union research directors and staff members. The schedule and agenda of the meetings are as follows:

**Tuesday, December 7, 1999**

*9:30 a.m.—Committee on Employment and Unemployment Statistics*

1. Current Employment Statistics (CES)—
  - a. Impact of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) implementation on CES
  - b. Discussion of time series breaks
2. Current Population Survey (CPS)—
  - a. Impact of new race/ethnic and industry and occupation classification on CPS
  - b. Discussion of time series breaks

3. Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey—

- a. Discussion of definitions for job openings, hires, and separations and availability of these data
  - b. Discussion of upcoming Response Analysis Survey
4. Mass Layoff Statistics—Discussion of program review
  5. Discussion of proposed metropolitan area standards
  6. Ideas for the agenda of the next meeting

*1:30 p.m.—Committee on Compensation and Working Conditions*

1. Overview of union/non-union wage and benefit trends.
2. Discussion of stock options data collection test.
  - a. Phase 1 results.
  - b. Plans for Phase 2 incidence collection.
  - c. Types of data on options of interest to Committee members.
3. Ideas for the agenda of the next meeting.

**Wednesday, December 8, 1999**

*9:30 a.m.—Committee on Productivity, Technology and Growth/Office of Employment Projections*

1. New employment projections (Employment Outlook 1998-2008).
2. Activities of the Division of International Technical Cooperation.
3. Report on the new set of measures of unit labor costs.
4. Ideas for the agenda of the next meeting.

*Committee on Foreign Labor Statistics*

1. Report on compendium of comparative labor force statistics.
2. Report on unemployment rate comparisons.
3. Ideas for the agenda of the next meeting.

*1:30 p.m.—Committee on Prices and Living Conditions*

1. Consumer Price Index.
  - a. Quality adjustment and new goods.
  - b. Report on Consumer Price Index (CPI) research series.
2. International Prices—proposed program improvements.
3. Producer Price Index (PPI).
  - a. Effects on the PPI of deregulation in the utilities industries.
  - b. Efforts to minimize new product bias in the PPI.
4. Ideas for the agenda of the next meeting.

The meetings are open to the public. Persons planning to attend these meetings as observers may want to contact Wilhelmina Abner on (Area Code 202) 691-5970.