

N-3641, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2444. A copy of the Agency's Information-Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collections specified in the Cadmium in General Industry Standard is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office or by requesting a copy from Todd Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/comp-links.html>, and select "Information Collection Requests."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (i.e., employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public 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 cost) is minimal, collection instruments are understandable, and OSHA's estimate of the information-collection burden is correct. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of the 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).

The information-collection requirements specified in the Cadmium in General Industry Standard (§ 1910.1027; "the Standard") protect employees from the adverse health effects that may result from occupational exposure to cadmium. The major information-collection requirements in the Standard include conducting employee exposure monitoring, notifying employees of their cadmium exposures, implementing a written compliance program, implementing medical surveillance of employees, providing examining physicians with specific information, ensuring that employees receive a copy of their medical-surveillance results, maintaining employees' exposure-monitoring and medical-surveillance records for specific periods, and providing access to these records by OSHA, the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, the employee who is the subject of the

records, the employee's representative, and other designated parties.

##### II. Special Issues for Comment

- OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:
  - Whether the proposed information-collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
  - The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and cost) 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 or other technological information-collection and -transmission techniques.

##### III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting to decrease the existing burden-hour estimate for, and to extend OMB approval of, the collection-of-information requirements specified by the Standard. In this regard, the Agency is requesting to decrease the current burden-hour estimate from 148,172 hours to 120,770 hours, a total decrease of 27,402 hours. This decrease results mainly from removing the burden hours required for employers to conduct respirator fit testing; the Agency now accounts for these burden hours under the ICR for the Respiratory Protection Standard § 1910.134; OMB control number 1218-0099). OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend its approval of these information-collection requirements.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved information-collection requirements.

*Title:* Cadmium in General industry.

*OMB Number:* 1218-0185.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local, or tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 53,161.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion; semi-annually; annually.

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from five minutes (.08 hour) for several provisions (e.g., maintaining an employee's exposure-monitoring or medical-surveillance record, providing information about an employee to the physician), to 1.5 hours to review and update a compliance program or to administer an employee medical examination.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 120,770 hours.

*Estimated Cost Operation and Maintenance:* \$6,190,792.

##### IV. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, 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. 3-2000 (65 FR 50017).

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 27th, 2001.

**John L. Henshaw,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0199(2001)]

##### Standards on Walking-Working Surfaces; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's Approval of Information-Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

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

**ACTION:** Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA requests comment on its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information-collection requirements contained in the Standards on Walking-Working Surfaces (29 CFR part 1910, subpart D). These requirements prevent serious injury and death among employees by notifying them of clearance limits in passageways and aisles, floor-loading limits, defective ladders, and the proper construction and erection of outrigger scaffolds.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before December 3, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0199(2001), OSHA, 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 by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 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 collections specified by the Standards

on Walking-Working Surfaces is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or by requesting a copy from Theda Kenney at (202) 693-2222 or Todd Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR, contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov>, and select "Information Collection Requests."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (i.e., employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public 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 understandable, and OSHA's estimate of the information-collection burden is correct.

The following provisions of the Standards on Walking-Working Surfaces (29 CFR part 1910, subpart D; "the Standards") specify collection-of-information requirements:

§§ 1910.22(b)(2), 1910.22(d)(1), 1910.26(c)(2)(vii), and 1910.28(e)(3). These provisions require employers to: Permanently mark aisles and passageways in buildings; post signs in a conspicuous location that show floor-loading limits approved by the building official, and replace these signs if lost, removed, or defaced; mark defective ladders and remove them from service until repaired; and, if a registered professional engineer designs an outrigger scaffold, construct and erect it according to this design, and maintain at the jobsite a copy of the detailed drawings and specifications showing the sizes and spacing of members. These paperwork requirements prevent serious injury and death among employees by notifying them of: Clearance limits in aisles and passageways to avoid improper use (and resulting impact) by mechanical-handling equipment; maximum loadings to prevent floor collapse; defective ladders that could become unstable or collapse during use; and proper construction and erection of outrigger scaffolds to avoid instability or collapse.

##### II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information-collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the

Agency functions, including whether the information is useful;

- The accuracy of OSHA'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 or other technological information-collection and -transmission techniques.

##### III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is proposing to extend OMB approval of the information-collection requirements contained in the Standards on Walking-Working Surfaces (29 CFR part 1910, subpart D). The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of these information-collection requirements.

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

*Title:* Walking-Working Surfaces (20 CFR part 1910, subpart D).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0199.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local, or tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 60,500.

*Frequency of Recordkeeping:* Initially; on occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from one minute to maintain at the jobsite a set of drawings and specifications for outrigger scaffolds, to two hours to mark aisles and passageways.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 33,837.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$0.

##### IV. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, 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), and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 3-2000 (65 FR 50017).

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 27, 2001.

**John L. Henshaw,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education Notice of Meeting;

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (9487).

*Dates:* October 17, 2001; 11:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m., October 18, 2001; 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 1235, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Margaret Cavanaugh, Office of the Director, National Science Foundation, Suite 1205, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, Virginia 22230. Phone 703-292-8002.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.

*Agenda:*

October 17 Presentations on interdisciplinary environmental activities in Japan and England  
AC-ERE Task Group meetings

October 18 Meeting with the NSF Director

Meeting with Assistant Director for Education and Human Resources

Continuation of discussion of directions in interdisciplinary environmental research.

Dated: September 28, 2001.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324]

##### Carolina Power & Light Company; Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix G, for Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-71 and DPR-62 issued to Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L, the licensee), for operation of the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Brunswick County, North Carolina. As required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is