

is to provide advice to the National Invasive Species Council, as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. The Council is Co-chaired by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Commerce. The duty of the Council is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues. The purpose of a meeting on June 25–26, 2002 is to convene the full Advisory Committee (appointed by Secretary Norton on April 1, 2002); and to discuss implementation of action items outlined in the National Invasive Species Management Plan, which was finalized on January 18, 2001.

DATES: Meeting of Invasive Species Advisory Committee: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 25, 2002 and 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Chico Hot Springs Resort, 1 Chico Road, Pray MT 59065.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelsey Passé, National Invasive Species Council Program Analyst; Phone: (202) 208–6336; Fax: (202) 208–1526.

Dated: May 30, 2002.

Lori Williams,
Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Nominations for Vacancy of Unexpired Term of Employer Organization (Multiemployer Plan) Member

Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 88 Stat. 895, 29 U.S.C. 1142, provides for the establishment of an “Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans” (the Council), which is to consist of 15 members to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary) as follows: Three representatives of employee organizations (at least one of whom shall be representative of an organization whose members are participants in a multi employer plan); three representatives of employers (at least one of whom shall be representative of employers maintaining or contributing to multi employer

plans); one representative each from the fields of insurance, corporate trust, actuarial counseling, investment counseling, investment management and accounting; and three representatives from the general public (one of whom shall be a person representing those receiving benefits from a pension plan). No more than eight members of the Council shall be members of the same political party.

Members shall be persons qualified to appraise the programs instituted under ERISA. Appointments are for terms of three years. The prescribed duties of the Council are to advise the Secretary with respect to the carrying out of his or her functions under ERISA, and to submit to the Secretary, or his or her designee, recommendations with respect thereto. The Council will meet at least four times each year, and recommendations of the Council to the Secretary will be included in the Secretary’s annual report to the Congress on ERISA.

Thomas McMahon, who had been serving as the employer organization (multiemployer plan) representative, recently passed away and nominations for the remaining two years of the term are being sought. The Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse ERISA Advisory Council membership.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that any person or organization desiring to recommend one or more individuals for appointment to the ERISA Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to represent the field specified in the preceding paragraph, may submit recommendations to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., suite N–5677, Washington, DC 20210. Recommendations must be delivered or mailed on or before June 28, 2002. Recommendations may be in the form of a letter, resolution or petition, signed by the person making the recommendation or, in the case of a recommendation by an organization, by an authorized representative of the organization.

Signed at Washington, DC this 30th day of May, 2002.

Ann L. Combs,

Assistant Secretary of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR–1218–0217]

Blasting Operations; 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: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comment concerning its request to extend OMB approval of the information-collection requirement specified in paragraph (k)(3)(i) of the Blasting Operations Standard for Construction (29 CFR 1926.900); this paragraph requires employers to post signs warning against the use of mobile radio transmitters near blasting operations or to certify and maintain records of alternative means developed to prevent the premature detonation of electric blasting caps by mobile radio transmitters.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before August 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR–1218–0217(2002), 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:

Kathleen M. Martinez, Directorate of Policy, Office of Regulatory Analysis, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3627, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–1953. A copy of the Agency’s Information-Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collections specified by the Blasting Operation 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 clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information-collection burden is correct.

Paragraph (k)(3)(i) of this Standard requires a prominent display of adequate warning signs against the use of mobile transmitters. If the signs are infeasible, an alternative method needs to be developed to prevent premature detonation.

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 proposes to extend OMB's previous approval of the recordkeeping (paperwork) requirement specified in paragraphs (k)(3)(i) of the Blasting Operation Standard for Construction (29 CFR 1926.900). 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 this information-collection requirement.

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

Title: Blasting Operations.

OMB Number: 1218-0217.

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

Number of Respondents: 160.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Total Responses: 160.

Average Time per Response: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,280.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$1,704,000.

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 May 30, 2002.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0222(2002)]

Derricks 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: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits comment concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information-collection requirements specified by its general industry Derricks Standard (29 CFR 110.181). The paperwork provisions of this Standard specify requirements for maintaining or posting load and capacity information and for developing, maintaining, and disclosing inspection records for ropes used on derricks. The purpose of each of these requirements is to prevent employees from using derricks beyond their rated load and capacity and from using unsafe ropes, thereby, reducing their risk of death or serious injury caused by a derrick component or rope failure.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before August 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0222(2002), 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 Derricks 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."

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The Derricks Standard specifies two paperwork requirements. The following sections describe who uses the information collected under each requirements, as well as how they use it. The purpose of these requirements is to prevent death and serious injuries to employees by ensuring that the derrick is not used to lift loads its rated capacity and that all the ropes are inspected for wear and tear.

- *Marking the Rated Load (paragraph (c)).* Paragraph (c)(1) requires that for permanently installed derricks a clearly legible rating chart be provided with each derrick and securely affixed to the derrick. Paragraph (c)(2) requires that for non-permanent installations, the manufacturer provide sufficient information from which capacity charts can be prepared by the employer for the particular installation. The capacity charts must be located at the derrick or at the jobsite office. The data on the capacity charts provide information to the employees to assure that the derricks are used as designed and not overloaded or used beyond the range specified in the charts.

- *Certification Records of Rope Inspections (paragraph (g)).* Paragraph (g)(1) requires employers to thoroughly inspect all running rope in use, and to do so at least once a month. In addition, before using rope which has been idle for at least a month, it must be inspected as prescribed by paragraph (g)(3) and a record prepared to certify that the