• 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: Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Petition for Finding under Section 3(40) of ERISA.


Affected Public: Business or other non-profit; individual or household; for-profit institutions.

Type of Response: Reporting.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 45.

Annual Responses: 45.

Total Burden: 1.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: $0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): $104,000.

Description: This collection of information is used by the Department of Labor in preparation for proceedings to determine whether a plan or other arrangement is established or maintained pursuant to one or more agreements which the Secretary finds to be a collective bargaining agreement under section 3(40) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Ira L. Mills, 
Departmental Clearance Officer. 
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

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

ACTION: Notice, Announcement of OMB approval of information collection requirements.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has extended its approval for a number of information collection requirements found in certain sections of 29 CFR parts 1910 and 1926. OSHA sought approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA–95), and, as required by that Act, is announcing the approval numbers and expiration dates for those requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective February 5, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd Owen or Theda Kenney, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693–2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a series of Federal Register notices, the Agency announced its requests to OMB to renew its current extensions of approvals for various information collection (paperwork) requirements in its safety and health standards for General and Construction Industries. In these Federal Register announcements, the Agency provided 60-day comment periods for the public to respond to OSHA’s burden hour and cost estimates.

In accordance with PRA–95 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), OMB renewed its approval for these information collection requirements and assigned OMB control numbers to these requirements. The table below provides the following information for each of these OMB-approved requirements: The title of the collection; the date of the Federal Register notice; the Federal Register Reference (date, volume, and leading page); OMB’s control number; and the new expiration date.

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In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an agency cannot conduct, sponsor, or require a response to a collection of information unless: the collection displays a valid OMB control number; and the Agency informs respondents that they are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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. 5–2002 (67 FR 65008).


John L. Henshaw, 
Assistant Secretary of Labor 
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR–1218–0133(2004)]

Asbestos in General Industry Standard (29 CFR 1910.1001); 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 solicits comments concerning its request for an extension of the information-collection requirements contained in its Asbestos in General Industry Standard (29 CFR 1910.1001 (the “Standard’’)). The standard protects employees from adverse health effects from occupational exposure to Asbestos in General Industry, including asbestosis, an emphysema-like condition; lung cancer; mesothelioma; and gastrointestinal cancer.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

Hard Copy: Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or received) by April 5, 2004.

Facsimile and electronic transmission: Your comments must be received by April 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES:

I. Submission of Comments

Regular mail, express delivery, hand-delivery, and messenger service: Submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. ICR–1218–0133(2004), Room N–2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. OSHA Docket Office and Department of Labor hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., EST.

Facsimile: If your comments, including any attachments, are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648. You must include the docket number, ICR 1218–0133(2004), in your comments.

Electronic: You may submit comments, but not attachments, through the Internet at http://ecomments.osha.gov.

II. Obtaining Copies of the Supporting Statement for the Information Collection Request

The Supporting Statement for the Information Collection Request is available for downloading from OSHA’s Web site at http://www.osha.gov. The supporting statement is available for inspection and copying in the OSHA Docket Office, at the address listed above. A printed copy of the supporting statement can be obtained by contacting Todd Owen at (202) 693–2222.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document by (1) hard copy, (2) FAX transmission (facsimile), or (3) electronically through the OSHA webpage. Please note you cannot attach materials such as studies or journal articles to electronic comments. If you have additional materials, you must submit three copies of them to the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by name, date, subject and docket number so we can attach them to your comments. Because of security-related problems there may be a significant delay in the receipt of comments by regular mail. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of material by express delivery, hand delivery and messenger service.

II. 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 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 of 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 basic purpose of the information-collection requirements in the Standard is to document that employers in general industry are providing their employees with protection from hazardous asbestos exposure. Asbestos exposure results in asbestos, an emphysema-like condition; lung cancer; mesothelioma; and gastrointestinal cancer.

Several provisions of the Standard specify paperwork requirements, including: Implementing an exposure monitoring program that notifies employees of their exposure-monitoring results; establishing a written compliance program; and informing laundry personnel of the requirement to prevent release of airborne asbestos above the time-weighted average and excursion limit. Other provisions associated with paperwork requirements include: Maintaining records of information obtained concerning the presence, location, and quantity of asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) and/or presumed asbestos-containing materials (PACMs) in a building/facility; notifying housekeeping employees of the presence and location of ACMs and PACMs in areas they may contact during their work; posting warning signs demarcating regulated areas; posting signs in mechanical rooms/areas that employees may enter and that contain ACMs and PACMs, informing them of the identify and location of these materials and work practices that prevent disturbing the materials; and affixing warning labels to asbestos-containing products and to containers holding such products. Additional provisions that contain paperwork requirements include: Developing specific information and training programs for employees; using information, data, and analyses to demonstrate that PACM does not contain asbestos; providing medical surveillance for employees potentially exposed to ACMs and/or PACM’s, including administering an employee medical questionnaire, providing information to the examining physician, and providing the physician’s written opinion to the employer; maintaining exposure-monitoring records, objective data used for exposure determinations, and medical-surveillance; making specified record (e.g., exposure-monitoring and medical-surveillance records) available to designated parties; and transferring exposure-monitoring and medical-surveillance records to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health on cessation of business.

These paperwork requirements permit employers, employees and their designated representatives, OSHA, and other specified parties to determine the effectiveness of an employer’s asbestos-control program. Accordingly, the requirements ensure that employees exposed to asbestos receive all of the protection afforded by the Standard.

III. 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 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 or other technological information-collection and -transmission techniques.

IV. Proposed Actions

OSHA is proposing to extend the information-collection requirements in the Asbestos in General Industry (29 CFR 1910.1001).

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 to the Asbestos in General Industry (29 CFR 1910.1001).

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


OMB Number: 1218–0133.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Federal, State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 243.

Frequency: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: Varies from 5 minutes to maintain records to 1.5 hours for employees to receive training or medical evaluation.

Responses: 65,893.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 23,849.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): 1,625,143.

V. 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. 5–2002 (67 FR 65008).


John L. Henshaw.
Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 04–021]

Notice of Information Collection Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of information collection.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: All comments should be submitted within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Desk Officer for NASA; Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Office of Management and Budget; Room 10236; New Executive Building; Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, (202) 358–1372.

Title: Locator and Information Services Tracking System (LISTS) Form.

OMB Number: 2700–0064.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: Information collected is used primarily to support Goddard Space Flight Center services that are dependent upon accurate locator-type information.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 8,455.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 8,455.

Hours Per Request: 5 minutes per response.

Annual Burden Hours: 702.

Frequency of Report: Other (as required).

Patricia L. Dunnington,
Chief Information Officer, Office of the Administrator.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (04–022)]

President’s Commission on Implementation of United States Space Exploration Policy; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the President’s Commission on Implementation of United States Space Exploration Policy.

DATES: Wednesday, February 11, 2004, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Transportation Safety Board, Conference Center, 429 L’Enfant Plaza, Washington, DC 20594.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Schmidt, Office of the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC, (202) 358–1808.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

— Welcoming remarks by Chairman Pete Aldridge
— Introduction of Commission Members
— Overview of Commission Charter and Goals
— Review of accomplishments of previous commissions, such as Pioneering the Space Frontier (Augustine) and America’s Space Exploration Initiative (Stafford)
— Testimony by Federal agencies associated with space exploration
— Comments and discussion
— Closing comments

The reason for the late notice is that the arrangements for the meeting were made in anticipation of the short time frame in which the Commission is expected to finish its work. However, due to unanticipated delays in getting the charter finalized, and the difficulty of changing meeting arrangements at this time, it is not possible to accommodate the full notice period.

Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor’s register.

Michael F. O’Brien,
Assistant Administrator for External Relations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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