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Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Income and Eligibility Verification.

OMB Number: 1205-0238.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Affected public: State, local, or tribal government.

Respondents: 53.

Responses: 212.

Total Burden Hours: 27,766.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): \$0.

Description: The Secretary has interpreted applicable sections of Federal law to require States to identify claimants who are most likely to exhaust their UI benefits and to provide reemployment services to expedite their return to suitable work. The ETA 9048 report provides a count of the claimants who were referred to Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services (WPRS) and a count of those who completed the services. A second report provides the subsequent collection of wage records which is a useful management tool for monitoring the success of the WPRS program in the state.

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Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Type of Review: New collection.

Title: Employer, Customer and Employment Comparison Surveys.

OMB Number: 1205-0NEW.

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Individual or household.

Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Number of Annual Responses: 12,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 to 20 minutes.

Burden Hours Total: 3,387.

Total annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: Data will be collected from employers and other customers of one-stop centers about their use of self-directed services provided under the Workforce Investment and Wagner-Peyser Acts. The data will be used to estimate the effectiveness of self-directed services provided in a one-stop environment.

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contact Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: king.darrin@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

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Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Occupational Noise Exposure (29 CFR 1910.95).

OMB Number: 1218-0048.

Frequency: On occasion.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping; reporting; and third party disclosure.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; and State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 379,512.

Number of Annual Responses: 25,082,463.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 2 minutes to notify employees when noise exposure exceeds the 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 decibels to 16 hours for firms with 250 or more employees to conduct area monitoring.

Total Burden Hours: 5,175,645.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): \$98,814,861.

Description: The information collection requirements specified in 29

CFR 1910.95 (the Noise Standard) protect employees from suffering material hearing impairment. The information collection requirements of the Noise Standard include conducting noise monitoring; notifying employees when they are exposed at or above an 8-hour time-weighted average of 85 decibels; providing employees with initial and annual audiograms; notifying employees of a loss in hearing based on comparing audiograms; training employees on the effects of noise exposure and employee audiometric examinations, maintaining records of workplace noise exposure and employee audiograms; and allowing employees and OSHA to access to materials and records required by the Standard.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Construction Fall Protection Plans and Training Requirements (29 CFR 1926.502 and 1926.503).

OMB Number: 1218-0197.

Frequency: On occasion.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; and State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 250,000.

Number of Annual Responses: 8,304,931.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 5 minutes for a qualified person to certify safety nets and safety-net installations to 1 hour to develop a fall protection plan.

Total Burden Hours: 894,394.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): \$0.

Description: 29 CFR 1926.502 and 1926.503 allow employers to develop alternative procedures to the use of conventional fall protection systems when the systems are infeasible or create a greater hazard. The alternative procedures (plan) must be written. Also, employers who use safety net systems may certify that the installation meets the standard's criteria in lieu of performing a drop-test on the net. In addition, employers are required to prepare training certification records for their employees. The plan and certification records ensure that employers comply with the requirements to protect workers from falls, which account for the largest number of fatalities among construction workers.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Derricks (29 CFR 1910.181).

OMB Number: 1218-0222.

Frequency: On occasion; semi-annually; monthly; and annually.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping and third party disclosure.

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

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Number of Annual Responses: 115,140.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 1 minute to maintain rated load charts to 10 minutes to inspect rope on derricks.

Total Burden Hours: 25,104.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): \$0.

Description: 29 CFR 1910.181 specifies several paperwork requirements. The following sections describe who uses the information collected under each requirement, as well as how they use it. The purpose of these requirements is to prevent death and serious injuries among employees by ensuring that the derrick is not used to lift loads beyond its rated capacity and that all the ropes are inspected for wear and tear.

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 the derricks are used as designed and not overloaded or used beyond the range specified in the charts.

Paragraph (g)(1) requires employers to thoroughly inspect all running rope in use, and 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 inspection was done.

The certification records must include the inspection date, the signature of the person conducting the inspection, and the identifier of the rope inspected. Employers must keep the certification records on file and available for

inspection. The certification records provide employers, employees, and OSHA compliance officers with assurance that the ropes are in good condition.

Paragraphs (c) and (g) require the disclosure of charts and inspection certification records if requested during an OSHA inspection.

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Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

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Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 92-6: Sale of Individual Life Insurance or Annuity Contracts by a Plan.

OMB Number: 1210-0063.

Frequency: On occasion.

Type of Response: Third party disclosure.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 8,360.

Number of Annual Responses: 8,360.

Estimated Time Per Response: 12 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 1,671.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$3,093.

Description: Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 92-6 exempts from the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) the sale of individual life insurance or annuity contracts by a plan to participants, relatives of participants, employers any of whose employees are covered by the plan, other employee benefit plans, owner-employees or shareholder-employees. In the absence of this exemption, certain aspects of these transactions might be prohibited by section 406 of ERISA.

The disclosure requirements protect plan participants by putting them on notice of the plan's intention to sell insurance or annuity contracts under which they are insured, and by giving the participants the right of first refusal to purchase such contracts.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 91-55: Transactions between Individual Retirement Accounts and Authorized Purchases of American Eagle Coins.

OMB Number: 1210-0079.

Frequency: On occasion.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping and Third party disclosure.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2.

Number of Annual Responses: 12,800.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 minute for recordkeeping and 16 minutes to compose and distribute the disclosure document.

Total Burden Hours: 554.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

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

Description: Prohibited Transaction Exemption 91-55 permits purchases and sales by certain "individual retirement accounts," as defined in Internal Revenue Code section 408 (IRAs) of American Eagle bullion coins ("Coins") in principal transactions from or to broker-dealers in Coins that are "authorized purchasers" of Coins in bulk quantities from the United States Mint and which are also "disqualified persons," within the meaning of Code section 4975(e)(2), with respect to IRAs. The exemption also describes the circumstances under which an interest-free extension of credit in connection with such sales and purchases is permitted. In the absence of an exemption, such purchases and sales and extensions of credit would be impermissible under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The information collection request for this exemption includes three requirements. First, certain information related to covered transactions in Coins must be disclosed by the authorized purchaser to persons who direct the transaction for the IRA. Currently, it is standard industry practice that most of this information is provided to persons directing investments in an IRA when transactions in Coins occur. The exemption also requires that the disqualified person maintain for a period of at least six years such records as are necessary to allow accredited persons, as defined in the exemption, to determine whether the conditions of the transaction have been met. Finally, an authorized purchaser must provide a confirmation statement with respect to each covered transaction to the person who directs the transaction for the IRA.

The recordkeeping requirement facilitates the Department's ability to make findings under section 408 of ERISA and section 4975(c) of the Code. The confirmation and disclosure requirements protect a participant or beneficiary who invests in IRAs and transacts in Coins with authorized purchasers by providing the investor or the person directing his or her investments with timely information about the market in Coins and about the individual's account in particular.