

Collection of information	Number of respondents	Average response time (hours)	Annual burden hours
Data and Information Collection and Maintenance .....	34,884,387	0.006	193,802
Compliant Log .....	1,200	0.050	60
Methods of Administration: .....			
Periodic Updates .....	26	6	156
Biennial Updates .....	39	3	117
Compliant Information and Privacy Act Form .....	900	0.25	225
Written Justifications .....	20	2.00	40
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>34,886,572</b>		<b>194,400</b>

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services):* \$125,200.

*Description:* The Compliance Information Report and the information collection requirements at 29 CFR part 37 are designed to ensure that programs or activities funded in whole or in part by the Department of Labor operate in a nondiscriminatory manner. The Report requires such programs and activities to collect, maintain and report upon request from the Department, race, ethnicity, sex, age and disability data for program applicants, eligible applicants, participants, terminatees, applicants for employment and employees. The Form DL-1-2014A is used for filing a complaint of alleged discrimination.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request**

December 22, 2004.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of each ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: [king.darrin@dol.gov](mailto: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**.

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.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Title:* Notice of Alleged Safety and Health Hazards, OSHA-7 Form.

*OMB Number:* 1218-0064.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Type of Response:* Reporting.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 50,955.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 50,955.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 17 minutes for electronic submission; 15 minutes for oral complaints; and 25 minutes for written complaints.

*Total Burden Hours:* 13,611.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services):* \$692.

*Description:* Under paragraphs (a) and (c) of 29 CFR 1903.11 ("Complaints by employers") employees and their representatives may notify the OSHA

area director or an OSHA compliance officer of safety and health hazards regulated by the Agency that they believe exist in their workplaces at any time. These provisions state further that this notification must be in writing and "shall set forth with reasonable particularity the grounds for the notice, and shall be signed by the employee or representatives of the employee." Along with providing specific hazard information to the Agency, paragraph (a) permits employees/employee representatives to request an inspection of the workplace. Paragraph (c) also addresses situations in which employees/employee representatives may provide the information directly to the OSHA compliance officer during an inspection. An employer's former employees may also submit complaints to the Agency.

To address the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (c), especially the requirement that the information be in writing, the Agency developed the OSHA-7 Form; this form standardized and simplified the hazard-reporting process. For paragraph (a), they may complete an OSHA-7 Form obtained from the Agency's Web site and then send it to OSHA on-line, or deliver a hardcopy of the form to the OSHA area office by mail or facsimile, or by hand. They may also write a letter containing the information and hand-deliver it to the area office, or send it by mail or facsimile. In addition, they may provide the information orally to the OSHA area office or another party (e.g., a Federal safety and health committee for Federal employees), in which case the area office or other party completes the hardcopy version of the form. For the typical situation addressed by paragraph (c), an employee/employee representation informs an OSHA compliance officer orally of the alleged hazard during an inspection, and the compliance officer then completes the hardcopy version of the OSHA-7 Form; occasionally, the employee/employee representative provides the compliance

officer with the information on the hardcopy version of the OSHA-7 Form.

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Title:* Respiratory Protection (29 CFR 1910.134).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0099.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Type of Response:* Recordkeeping; Reporting; 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:* 619,430.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 19,136,624.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Varies from 5 minutes to mark a storage compartment or protective cover to 8 hours for large employers to gather and prepare information to develop a written program.

*Total Burden Hours:* 6,334,648.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services):* \$98,545,304.

*Description:* The Respiratory Protection Standard (Sec. 1910.134; hereafter, "Standard") information collection requirements require employers to: Develop a written respirator program; conduct employee medical evaluations and provide follow-up medical evaluations to determine the employee's ability to use a respirator; provide the physician or other licensed health care professional with information about the employee's respirator and the conditions under which the employee will use the respirator; and administrator fit tests for employees who will use negative- or positive-pressure, tight-fitting facepieces. In addition, employers must ensure that employees store emergency-use respirators in compartments clearly marked as containing emergency-use respirators. For respirators maintained for emergency use, employers must label or tag the respirator with a certificate stating the date of inspection, the name of the individual who made the inspection, the findings of the inspection, required remedial action, and the identity of the respirator.

The Standard also requires employers to ensure that cylinders used to supply breathing air to respirators have a certificate of analysis from the supplier stating that the breathing air meets the requirements for Type 1—Grade D breathing air; such certification assures employers that the purchased breathing air is safe. Compressors used to supply

breathing air to respirators must have a tag containing the most recent change date and the signature of the individual authorized by the employer to perform the change. Employers must maintain this tag at the compressor. These tags provide assurance that the compressors are functioning properly.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 28, 2004.

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 each ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor (DOL). To obtain documentation, contact Ira Mills on (202) 693-4122 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: [mills.ira@dol.gov](mailto:mills.ira@dol.gov).

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e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Interstate Arrangement for Combining Employment and Wages.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0029.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Number of Annual Responses:* 212.

*Total Burden Hours:* 848.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 4 hours.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$0.

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

*Description:* This report provides data necessary to measure the scope and effect of the program for combining employment and wages covered under difference States' laws of a single State and to monitor States' payment and wage transfer performance.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Announcement of Public Briefings on Using the New Permanent Foreign Labor Certification (PERM) System

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The regulation to implement the re-engineered permanent foreign labor certification program (PERM) was published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2004, with an effective date of March 28, 2005. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) of the Department of Labor (Department or DOL) is issuing this notice to announce DOL will offer four public briefings to educate the public on using the new permanent foreign labor certification system. The four briefings will take place in early 2005 in Chicago, Atlanta, Costa Mesa (California) and Washington, DC. During the briefings, the Department will also provide an update on backlog reduction efforts. This notice provides the public with locations, dates, and registration information regarding these four briefings.