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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.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL, 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: 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.