

employers to offer their U.S., H-2A, and H-2 logging workers are three meals a day or free and convenient cooking and kitchen facilities. 20 CFR 655.102(b)(4) and 655.202(b)(4). Where the employer provides meals, the job offer must state the charge, if any, to the worker for meals.

DOL has published at 20 CFR 655.102(b)(4) and 655.111(a) the methodology for determining the maximum amounts that covered H-2A agricultural employers may charge their U.S. and foreign workers for meals. The same methodology is applied at 20 CFR 655.202(b)(4) and 655.211(a) to covered H-2 logging employers. These rules provide for annual adjustments of the previous year's allowable charges based upon Consumer Price Index (CPI) data.

Each year the maximum charges allowed by 20 CFR 655.102(b)(4) and 655.202(b)(4) are adjusted by the same percentage as the twelve-month percent change in the CPI for all Urban Consumers for Food (CPI-U for Food) between December of the year just concluded and December of the year prior to that. ETA may permit an employer to charge workers no more than the higher maximum amount set forth in 20 CFR 655.111(a) and 655.211(a), as applicable, for providing them with three meals a day, if justified and sufficiently documented. Each year, the higher maximum amounts permitted by 20 CFR 655.111(a) and 655.211(a) are changed by the same percentage as the twelve-month percent change in the CPI-U for Food between December of the year just concluded and December of the year prior to that. The program's regulations require DOL to make the annual adjustments and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** each calendar year, announcing annual adjustments in allowable charges that may be made by covered agricultural and logging employers for providing three meals daily to their U.S. and alien workers. The 2004 rates were published in the **Federal Register** notice, 69 FR 10063, (March 3, 2004).

DOL has determined the percentage change between December of 2003 and December of 2004 for the CPI-U for Food was 3.4 percent. Accordingly, the maximum allowable charges under 20 CFR 655.102(b)(4), 655.202(b)(4), 655.111, and 655.211 were adjusted using this percentage change, and the new permissible charges for 2005 are as follows: (1) Charges under 20 CFR 655.102(b)(4) and 655.202(b)(4) shall be no more than \$9.08 per day, unless ETA has approved a higher charge pursuant to 20 CFR 655.111 or 655.211; (2) charges under 20 CFR 655.111 and 655.211 shall be no more than \$11.25

per day, if the employer justifies the charge and submits to ETA the documentation required to support the higher charge.

C. Maximum Travel Subsistence Expense

The regulations at 20 CFR 655.102(b)(5) establish that the minimum daily subsistence expense related to travel expenses, for which a worker is entitled to reimbursement, is equivalent to the employer's daily charge for three meals or, if the employer makes no charge, the amount permitted under 20 CFR 655.104(b)(4). The regulation is silent about the maximum amount to which a qualifying worker is entitled.

The Department, in Field Memorandum 42-94, established the maximum meals component of the standard continental United States (CONUS) per diem rate established by the General Services Administration (GSA) and published at 41 CFR part 301. The CONUS meal component is now \$31.00 per day. Workers who qualify for travel reimbursement are entitled to reimbursement up to the CONUS meal rate for related subsistence when they provide receipts. In determining the appropriate amount of subsistence reimbursement, the employer may use the GSA system under which a traveler qualifies for meal expense reimbursement per quarter of a day. Thus, a worker whose travel occurred during two quarters of a day is entitled, with receipts, to a maximum reimbursement of \$15.50. If a worker has no receipts, the employer is not obligated to reimburse above the minimum stated at 20 CFR 655.102(b)(4) as specified above.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of February, 2005.

Emily Stover DeRocco,
Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Meeting

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

ACTION: Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH) was established to advise the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA on issues relating to occupational safety and health in the maritime industries. The purpose of this Federal Register notice is to announce the March 2005 meeting of the committee.

DATES: The full committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2005. The MACOSH work groups (shipyard, longshoring, container safety, traffic safety, safety culture and health) will meet from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on March 30, 2005.

ADDRESSES: MACOSH will meet at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; phone: (202) 693-2086; fax: (202) 693-1663. Mail comments, views, or statements in response to this notice to Jim Maddux, Director, Office of Maritime, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; phone (202) 693-2086; FAX: (202) 693-1663.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about MACOSH and this meeting: Jim Maddux, Director, Office of Maritime, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; phone: (202) 693-2086. For information about the submission of comments and requests to speak: Vanessa L. Welch, Office of Maritime, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; Phone: (202) 693-2086. Individuals with disabilities wishing to attend the meeting should contact Vanessa L. Welch at (202) 693-2086 no later than March 15, 2005 to obtain appropriate accommodations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All MACOSH meetings, including work group meetings, are open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend MACOSH at the times and place listed above. The MACOSH meeting on March 31, 2005 will include discussions of MACOSH work group reports. Specific topics will include exposure monitoring information on beryllium and silica, shipyard practices on the control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout), and analyses of accident causation data. MACOSH has several active work groups. The container safety, longshoring, and shipyard work groups will meet on the morning of March 30. The work groups dealing with health issues, traffic safety, and safety culture will meet on the afternoon of March 30.

Public Participation: Written data, views or comments for consideration by MACOSH on the various agenda items listed above should be submitted to Vanessa L. Welch at the address listed above. Submissions received by March 15, 2005, will be provided to committee members and will be included in the record of the meeting. Requests to make oral presentations to the Committee may be granted as time permits. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Committee on any of the agenda items listed above should notify Vanessa L. Welch by March 15, 2005. The request should state the amount of time desired, the capacity in which the person will appear, and a brief outline of the content of the presentation.

Authority: Jonathan L. Snare, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by 6(b)(1) and 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655, 656, the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), and 29 CFR part 1912.

Signed at Washington, DC this 24th day of February, 2005.

Jonathan L. Snare,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (05-033)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Every Little Bit, Inc., 1638 South Main, Tulsa, OK 74119, has applied for a Exclusive license to practice the inventions described in NASA Case Number LAR-16324-1 for which a U. S. Patent has issued and LAR-16324-2 for which a Patent Application was filed, both entitled "Self-Activating System And Method For Alerting When An Object Or A Person Is Left Unattended" and assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Langley Research Center.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by March 17, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kurt G. Hammerle, Patent Attorney, Langley

Research Center, Mail Stop 141, Hampton, VA 23681-2199. Telephone 757-864-2470; Fax 757-864-9190.

Dated: February 17, 2005.

Keith T. Sefton,

Deputy General Counsel, Administration and Management.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Foundation National Science Board and its Subdivisions.

DATE AND TIME: March 1, 2005 11 a.m.–12 Noon.

PLACE: Room 545, Stafford II, The National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Michael P. Crosby, Executive Officer, NSB (703) 292-7000.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

- General discussion: Charge to the Task Force on Transformative Research
- Initial ideas to implement Charge

Michael P. Crosby,

Executive Officer, NSB.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The Title of the Information Collection:* 10 CFR part 20—Standards for Protection Against Radiation.

2. *Current OMB Approval Number:* 3150-0014.

3. How Often the Collection is Required: Annually for most reports and at license termination for reports dealing with decommissioning.

4. Who is Required or Asked to Report: NRC licensees, including those requesting license termination.

5. The Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 4,512.

6. The Number of Hours Needed Annually to Complete the Requirement or Request: 128,669 hours (4,909 hours for reporting [9.68 hours per response] plus 123,760 hours for recordkeeping [27.43 hours per recordkeeper]).

7. Abstract: 10 CFR part 20 establishes standards for protection against ionizing radiation resulting from activities conducted under licenses issued by the NRC. These standards require the establishment of radiation protection programs, maintenance of radiation records, recording of radiation received by workers, reporting of incidents which could cause exposure to radiation, submittal of an annual report to NRC of the results of individual monitoring, and submittal of license termination information. These mandatory requirements are needed to protect occupationally exposed individuals from undue risks of excessive exposure to ionizing radiation and to protect the health and safety of the public.

Submit, by May 2, 2005, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by