

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0104(2005)]

Inorganic Arsenic Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.**ACTION:** Request for public comment.**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits public comment concerning its request for an extension of the information collection requirements contained in the Inorganic Arsenic Standard.**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by the following dates:*Hard copy:* Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or received) by September 20, 2005.*Facsimile and electronic**transmission:* Your comments must be received by September 20, 2005.**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OSHA Docket No. ICR-1218-0104(2005), by any of the following methods:*Regular mail, express delivery, hand delivery, and messenger service:* Submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350 (OSHA's TTY number is (877) 889-5627). OSHA Docket Office and Department of Labor hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., ET.*Facsimile:* If your comments are 10 pages or fewer in length, including attachments, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.*Electronic:* You may submit comments through the Internet at <http://ecomments.osha.gov>. Follow instructions on the OSHA Web page for submitting comments.*Docket:* For access to the docket to read or download comments or background materials, such as the complete Information Collection Request (ICR) (containing the Supporting Statement, OMB-83-I Form, and attachments), go to OSHA's Web page at <http://www.OSHA.gov>. In addition, the ICR, comments and submissions are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. You may also contact Todd Owen at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR. For additional information on submittingcomments, please see the "Public Participation" heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. 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 public 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 accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or 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).

On January 5, 2005, OSHA published the Standards Improvement Project—Phase II, Final rule (70 FR 1112). The final rule removed and revised provisions of standards that were outdated, duplicative, unnecessary, or inconsistent and clarified or simplified regulatory language. The final rule contained several revisions to collections of information contained in the Inorganic Arsenic (IA) Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1018. These revisions included: reducing the frequency of medical examinations and updating compliance plans; allowing employers the option to post employee exposure-monitoring results instead of requiring individual notification; and eliminating the need for employers to report emergencies to OSHA and to notify OSHA when establishing a regulated area. Those changes reduced paperwork burden hours while maintaining worker protection and improving consistency among standards. This burden reduction was taken on an earlier ICR.

The information collection requirements remaining in the IA Standard protect employees from the adverse health effects that may result

from their exposure to IA. The IA Standard requires employers to: monitor employees' exposure to inorganic arsenic; monitor employee health; develop and maintain employee exposure-monitoring and medical records; and provide employees with information about their exposures and the adverse health effects of exposure to inorganic arsenic.

II. 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 OSHA'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.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of these collections of information (paperwork) requirements necessitated by the IA Standard. The Agency will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of these collections of information requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information collection requirements.*Title:* Inorganic Arsenic Standard.*OMB Number:* 1218-0104.*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.*Frequency:* On occasion.*Average Time Per Response:* Varies from 5 minutes (.08 hour) to maintain records to 1.67 hours to complete a medical examination.*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 4,861.*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$396,322.**IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions**

You may submit comments and supporting materials in response to this notice by (1) hard copy, (2) FAX transmission (facsimile), or (3) electronically through the OSHA Web page. 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 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of submissions by express delivery, hand delivery and courier service.

All comments, submissions and background documents are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. Comments and submissions posted on OSHA's Web page are available at <http://www.OSHA.gov>. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the OSHA Web page and for assistance using the Web page to locate docket submissions.

Electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice as well as other relevant documents are available on OSHA's Web page. Since all submissions become public, private information such as social security numbers should not be submitted.

V. Authority and Signature

Jonathan L. Snare, Acting Assistant Secretary 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 *et seq.*), and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2002 (67 FR 65008).

Signed at Washington, DC, on July 19, 2005.

Jonathan L. Snare,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0220(2005)]

Shipyard Employment Standards; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

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

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comment concerning its request for an extension of the information collection requirements contained in its Shipyard Employment Standards (29 CFR 1915.113(b)(1) and 29 CFR 1915.172(d)).

DATES: Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

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Facsimile and electronic transmission: Your comments must be received by September 20, 2005.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theda Kenney or Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-2222.

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The Standard specifies two 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 reduce employees' risk of death or serious injury by ensuring that equipment has been tested and is in safe operating condition.

- **Test Records for Hooks** (*paragraph 1915.113(b)(1)*). This paragraph requires that the manufacturer's recommendations be followed in determining the safe working loads of the various sizes and types of hooks. If the manufacturer's recommendations are not available, the hook must be tested to twice the intended safe working load before it is initially put into use. The employer must maintain and keep readily available a certification record which includes the date the such test, the signature of the person who performed the test, and the identifier for the hook which was tested.

- **Examination and Test Records for Unfired Pressure Vessels** (*paragraph 1915.172(d)*).

This paragraph requires that portable, unfired pressure vessels not built to the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VII, Rules for Construction of Unfired Pressure Vessels, 1963, be examined quarterly by a competent person and subjected to a *yearly* hydrostatic pressure test. A certification record of such examinations and tests shall be maintained.

The records were used to assure that equipment has been properly tested. The records also provided the most efficient means for the compliance officers to determine that an employer is complying with the Standard. However, based on information provided to the Agency, OSHA does not believe that there are any unfired pressure vessels not built to the requirements of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, Rules for