

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review:
Comment Request**

October 26, 2005.

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Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), 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: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Type of Review: New collection of information.

Title: CPS Disability Questions Test.

OMB Number: 1220-ONEW.

Frequency: One time.

Type of Response: Reporting.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 21,000.

Number of Annual Responses: 21,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 700.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

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

Description: The Current Population Survey (CPS) Disability Questions Test will gather information on the disability status of CPS respondents. The BLS will use the data to assess the effectiveness of new questions designed to identify persons with disabilities within the context of the CPS. Additionally, the BLS will be able to evaluate the effect that adding these questions to the CPS on a monthly basis will have on that survey's response rates. Other groups who may find these data to be of interest include veterans groups, educational associations, and disability advocacy groups.

Because the Disability Questions Test is part of the CPS, the same detailed demographic information collected in the CPS will be available on respondents to the Test. Data concerning disabled persons will be possible across characteristics such as sex, race, age, and educational attainment of the respondent.

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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: Furnishing Documents to the Secretary of Labor on Request under ERISA section 104(a)(6).

OMB Number: 1210-0112.

Frequency: On occasion.

Type of Response: Reporting.

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

Number of Respondents: 500.

Number of Annual Responses: 500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes for timely paper submissions; 2 minutes for electronic submission; and 30 minutes for untimely submissions.

Total Burden Hours: 44.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$1,800.

Description: The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (TRA 97) eliminated the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) requirement that employee benefit plan administrators file with the Department copies of the summary plan descriptions and summaries of material modifications that are required to be furnished to plan participants and beneficiaries. TRA 97 added paragraph (6) to section 104(a) of ERISA which provides that the administrator of any employee benefit plan subject to Part 1 of Title I of ERISA is required to furnish to the Secretary of Labor, on request, any documents related to the employee benefit plan. Prior to the TRA 97 amendments, ERISA provided that certain documents be filed with the Department of Labor to ensure that plan participants and

beneficiaries would have a means to obtain the documents without requesting them from the plan administrator. The new section 104(a)(6) authorizes the Department to request these documents on behalf of plan participants and beneficiaries.

Ira L. Mills,

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

October 31, 2005.

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 (Pub. L. 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.

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: Permit-Required Confined Spaces (29 CFR 1910.146).

OMB Number: 1218-0203.

Frequency: On occasion.

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: 238,853.

Number of Annual Responses: 9,124,977.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 1 minute to maintain a certificate to 16 hours to develop a written permit space entry program.

Total Burden Hours: 1,523,763.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

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

Description: 29 CFR 1910.146 specifies a number of collections of information requirements. The collections of information are used by employers and employees whenever entry is made into permit-required confined spaces. The following sections describe who uses the information collected under each requirement, as well as how they use it. The purpose of the information is to ensure that employers systematically evaluate the dangers in permit spaces before entry is attempted and to ensure that adequate measures are taken to make the spaces safe for entry. In addition, the information is needed to determine, during an OSHA inspection by a compliance safety and health officer, if employers are in compliance with the Standard.

Section 1910.146(c)(2) requires the employer to post danger signs to inform exposed employees of the existence and location of, and the danger posed by, permit spaces.

Section 1910.146(c)(4) requires the employer to develop and implement a written "permit space program" if the employer decides that its employees will enter permit spaces. The written program is to be made available for inspection by employees and their authorized representatives. Section 1910.146(d) provides the employer with the requirements of a permit-required confined space program ("permit space program") required under this paragraph.

Section 1910.146(c)(5)(i)(E) requires that the determinations and supporting data specified by paragraphs (c)(5)(i)(A),

(c)(5)(i)(B), and (c)(5)(i)(C) of this section are documented by the employer and are made available to each employee who enters a permit space or to that employee's authorized representative.

Under paragraph (c)(5)(ii)(H) of § 1910.146, the employer is required to verify that the space is safe for entry and that the pre-entry measures required by paragraph (c)(5)(ii) of this section have been taken, using a written certification that contains the date, the location of the space, and the signature of the person providing the certification. The certification is to be made before entry and is required to be made available to each employee entering the space or to that employee's authorized representative.

Section 1910.146(c)(7)(iii) requires the employer to document the basis for determining that all hazards in a permit space have been eliminated using a certification that contains the date, the location of the space, and the signature of the person making the determination. The certification is to be made available to each employee entering the space or to that employee's authorized representative.

Section 1910.146(c)(8)(i) requires that the employer inform the contractor that the workplace contains permit spaces and that permit space entry is allowed only through compliance with a permit space program meeting the requirements of this section. Section 1910.146(c)(8)(ii) requires that the employer apprise the contractor of the elements, including the hazards identified and the host employer's experience with the space, that make the space in question a permit space. Section 1910.146(c)(8)(iii) requires that the employer apprise the contractor of any precautions or procedures that the host employer has implemented for the protection of employees in or near permit spaces where contractor personnel will be working. Section 1910.146(c)(8)(v) requires the employer to debrief the contractor at the conclusion of the entry operations regarding the permit space program followed and regarding any hazards confronted or created in permit spaces during entry operations.¹

Section 1910.146(c)(9)(iii) requires that the contractor inform the host employer of the permit space program

¹ These sections identify usual and customary communications between employers, contractors, and employees; therefore, they do not impose burden hours or costs on the employer. For example, as a matter of business practice, information about hazards and permit-required confined spaces, etc., would be conveyed to contractors during initial discussions of work to be performed.