

Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until January 25, 2008. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact John Paul Jones, (202) 307-5715, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

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.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Survey of Law Enforcement's Forensic Backlogs.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* None. National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* State and local law enforcement officials.

The National Institute of Justice will use this survey to determine the size and nature of forensic evidence backlogs in state and local law enforcement

agencies. For the purposes of this survey, these forensic backlogs are defined as the number of homicide, rape, and property crime cases that contain forensic evidence but that have not been submitted to forensic crime laboratories for analysis. The 2005 Census of Crime Laboratories conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics details the size of forensic evidence backlogs in the nation's crime laboratory system. In order to develop a complete picture of forensic backlogs across the criminal justice system, the Survey of Law Enforcement's Forensic Backlogs will provide much needed information on forensic evidence backlogs in state and local law enforcement agencies.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* An estimated 2,975 respondents with an average burden time of 30 minutes—1,488 hours total.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated public burden associated with this collection is 1,488 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Lynn Bryant, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 16, 2007.

**Lynn Bryant,**

*Department Clearance Officer, PRA,  
Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

November 19, 2007.

The Department of Labor (DOL) hereby announces the submission of the following public information collection requests (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; including among other things a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is

not a toll-free number)/e-mail: [king.darrin@dol.gov](mailto:king.darrin@dol.gov).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: John Kraemer, OMB Desk Officer for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-7316/Fax: 202-395-6974 (these are not toll-free numbers), E-mail: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov) within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. In order to ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference the OMB Control Number (see below).

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 without change of a previously approved collection.

*Title:* Ionizing Radiation (29 CFR 1910.1096).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0103.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector: Business or other for-profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,719.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 39,531.

*Estimated Total Annual Costs Burden:* \$2,341,440.

*Description:* The purpose of the information collection requirements contained in the Ionizing Radiation Standard (29 CFR 1910.1096) is to document that employers are providing their employees with protection from hazardous ionizing radiation exposure.

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

*Title:* Material Hoists, Personnel Hoists, and Elevators; Posting Requirements (29 CFR 1926.552).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0231.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector; Business or other for-profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 26,547.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 30,282.

*Estimated Total Annual Costs Burden:* \$0.

*Description:* The information collection requirements contained in the Standard on Material Hoists, Personnel Hoists, and Elevators (29 CFR 1926.552), are designed to protect employees who operate and work around personnel hoists.

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

*Title:* Regulations Containing Procedures for Handling of Discrimination Complaints.

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0236.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 390.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 390.

*Estimated Total Annual Costs Burden:* \$0.

*Description:* The Department of Labor, through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), is responsible for investigating alleged violations of whistleblower provisions contained in certain Federal laws that prohibit retaliatory action by employers against employees who report unsafe or unlawful practices. These whistleblower protections prohibit an employer from discharging or otherwise retaliating against an employee with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because the employee engages in any of the activities specified in the particular statute as a protected activity. This information collection covers the whistleblower protection provisions under the following statutes: (1) Safe Water Drinking Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-9(l); (2) Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1367; (3) Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. 2622; (4) Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 7001; (5) Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7622; (6) Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5851, (7) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation

and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9610, (8) Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century, 49 U.S.C. 42121 (AIR 21), (9) Sarbanes-Oxley Act, 18 U.S.C. 1514A, and (10) Pipeline Safety Improvement Act, 49 U.S.C. 60129.

Regulations at 29 CFR part 24, 29 CFR part 1979, 29 CFR part 1980, and 29 CFR part 1981 set forth the procedures for the handling of retaliation complaints under these Federal employee protection statutes. Employees who believe that they have been discriminated against by employers, in violation of whistleblower provisions in certain law, for reporting unlawful practices that adversely affect occupational safety and health, and the environment, are required to place their allegations in writing so they may, where appropriate, be investigated by the Department of Labor.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2007-0013]

#### National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH); Announcement of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) will meet December 12, 2007, in Washington, DC.

**DATES:** *NACOSH meeting:* NACOSH will meet from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 12, 2007.

*Submission of comments and requests to speak:* Comments and requests to speak at the NACOSH meeting must be received by December 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** *NACOSH meeting:* NACOSH will meet in Room N-3437 A/B/C, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

*Submission of comments and requests to speak:* Comments and requests to speak at the NACOSH meeting, identified by docket number for this **Federal Register** notice (Docket No. OSHA-2007-0013), may be submitted by any of the following methods:

*Electronically:* You may submit materials, including attachments,

electronically at: <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for making submissions.

*Facsimile:* If your submission, including attachments, does not exceed 10 pages, you may fax it to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

*Mail, express delivery, hand delivery, messenger or courier service:* Submit three copies of your submissions to the OSHA Docket Office, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627). Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor's and OSHA Docket Office's normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., e.t.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** notice (Docket No. OSHA-2007-0013). Submissions in response to this notice, including personal information provided, will be posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birth dates. Because of security-related procedures, submissions by regular mail may result in a significant delay in their receipt. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office, at the address above, for information about security procedures submitting materials by hand delivery, express delivery, and messenger or courier service. For additional information on submitting comments and requests to speak, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

*Docket:* To read or download submission, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although listed in the index, some documents (e.g., copyrighted material) are not publicly available to read or download through <http://www.regulations.gov>. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For general information:* Deborah Crawford, OSHA, Directorate of Evaluation and Analysis, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3641, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-1932; fax (202) 693-1641; e-mail [Crawford.deborah@dol.gov](mailto:Crawford.deborah@dol.gov).

*For special accommodations for the NACOSH meeting:* Veneta Chatmon, OSHA, Office of Communications, Room N-3647, U.S. Department of