

Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-7316/Fax: 202-395-7245 (these are not toll-free numbers), E-mail: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be received 5 days prior to the requested OMB approval date.

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 submissions of responses.

Agency: Division of Federal Employment Compensation.

Title of Collection: Death Gratuity Benefit.

OMB Control Number: 1215-AB66.

Frequency of Collection: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Federal Government.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,635.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 659.

Total Estimated Annual Costs Burden (excluding hour costs): \$0.

Description: The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, Public Law 110-181, was enacted on January 28, 2008. Section 1105 of Public Law 110-181 amended the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) creating a new section 8102a effective upon enactment. This section will establish a new FECA death gratuity benefit for eligible beneficiaries of federal employees and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentality (NAFI) employees who die from injuries incurred in connection with service with an Armed Force in a contingency operation. Section 8102a also permits agencies to authorize retroactive payment of the death gratuity for employees who died on or after October

7, 2001, in service with an Armed Force in the theater of operations of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. To help it exercise its responsibility to administer this benefit, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) has promulgated an interim final rule. The statute and regulations allow for employees to vary the statutory order of precedence for beneficiaries and to designate alternative recipients of this benefit. Form CA-40 requests the information necessary from the employee to accomplish this variance. Form CA-41 provides the means for those named beneficiaries and possible recipients to file claims for those benefits and requests information from such claimants so that OWCP may determine their eligibility for payment. Furthermore, the statute and regulations require agencies to notify OWCP immediately upon the death of a covered employee. CA-42 provides the means to accomplish this notification and requests information necessary to administer any claim for benefits resulting from such a death.

Why are we requesting Emergency Processing? In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.13, emergency processing of this collection is essential to the mission of the agency, and the agency cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this Part because the use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information or is reasonably likely to cause a statutory deadline to be missed. The agency has taken all practicable steps to consult with interested agencies and members of the public to minimize the burden of the collection of this information.

Under 5 CFR 1320.13, it is requested that this collection be submitted and approved on an emergency basis. Under the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2008, an amendment to the FECA allows for immediate death gratuity payments to eligible survivors of Federal employees and employees of nonappropriated funded instrumentalities (NAFI) who die of injuries sustained in connection with the employee's service with an Armed Force serving in a contingency operation. While the Public Law became effective January 28, 2008, it also provides a provision in which a death gratuity may also be paid to eligible survivors of employees from certain agencies who died on or after October 7, 2001, due to injuries incurred in connection with the service of an Armed Force in the theatre of operations

of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The OWCP FECA has been delegated the authority to administer the adjudication of claims and payment of the death gratuity under new section 5 U.S.C. 8102a, and has initiated a new collection with 3 distinct forms to meet stature requirements. Because of the immediate and retroactive provisions of this Law, the Agency requests that an immediate review and authorization of this collection be approved for 180 days to implement section 8102a. The agency will subsequently follow up with normal processing procedures to allow for the routine three-year extension of this collection.

Darrin A. King,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2009-0029]

OSHA Data Initiative; 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 comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements for OSHA's Data Initiative program.

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by November 3, 2009.

ADDRESSES: *Electronically:* You may submit comments and attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

Facsimile: If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: When using this method, you must submit three copies of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2009-0029, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor's and 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 OSHA docket number for the Information Collection Request (ICR) (OSHA-2009-0029). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. For further information on submitting comments see the "Public Participation" heading in the section of this notice titled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact Rex Tingle at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rex Tingle at Office of Statistical Analysis, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3507, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-1926, or Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, 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 (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 OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

To meet many of OSHA's program needs, OSHA is proposing to continue its collection of occupational injury and illness data and information on the number of workers employed and the number of hours worked from establishments in portions of the private sector and from some state and local government agencies. OSHA will collect the data on an annual basis from up to 100,000 employers already required to create and maintain records pursuant to 29 CFR Part 1904. These data will allow OSHA to calculate occupational injury and illness rates and to focus its efforts on individual workplaces with ongoing serious safety and health problems. Successful implementation of this data collection is critical to OSHA's outreach and enforcement efforts and the data requirements tied to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

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

This notice requests public comments on an extension of the current OMB approval of the paperwork requirements for the OSHA Data Initiative program.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information collection requirements.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: OSHA Data Initiative.

OMB Number: 1218-0209.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits, Farms, and State, Local and Tribal Government.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc.: OSHA Form 196A and OSHA Form 196B.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 16,667 hours.

Total Estimated Cost: \$399,008.

IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows:

(1) electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (FAX); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2009-0029). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled **ADDRESSES**). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the Agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627).

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and date of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g. copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through this Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> web-site to submit

comments and access the docket is available through the Web site's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the Web site, and for assistance in using the Internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

Jordan Barab, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor 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. 5-2007 (72 FR 31160).

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 28th, 2009.

Jordan Barab,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2009-0017]

The Standard on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Shipyard Employment; 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 comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements specified in the Standard on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Shipyard Employment (29 CFR part 1915, subpart I).

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by November 3, 2009.

ADDRESSES:

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using this method, you must submit three copies of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2009-0017, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor's and Docket Office's normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., *et.*

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number for the Information Collection Request (ICR) (OSHA-2009-0017). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. For further information on submitting comments see the "Public Participation" heading in the section of this notice titled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

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instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

Subpart I specifies several paperwork requirements, which are described below.

(A) *Hazard Assessment and Verification* (§ 1915.152(b)). Section 1915.152(b) requires the employer to assess work activities to determine whether there are hazards present, or likely to be present, which necessitate the worker's use of PPE. If such hazards are present, or likely to be present, the employer must: (1) Select the type of PPE that will protect the affected workers from the hazards identified in the occupational hazard assessment; (2) communicate selection decisions to affected workers; (3) select PPE that properly fits each affected worker; and (4) verify that the required occupational hazard assessment has been performed. The verification must contain the following information: Occupation or trade assessed, the date(s) of the hazard assessment, and the name of the person performing the hazard assessment.

(B) *Training and Verification* (§ 1915.152(e)). Section 1910.152(e) requires that employers provide training for each worker who is required to wear PPE (§ 1915.152(e)(1)). Paragraph (e)(3) requires that employers also provide retraining when there are certain changes in workplace conditions or there is reason to believe that any previously trained worker does not have the understanding or skill to use PPE properly. Circumstances where such retraining is required include changes in the workplace that render prior training obsolete, certain changes in the types of PPE used, and inadequacies in the worker's knowledge or use of PPE that indicate the worker had not retained the requisite understanding or skill.

Paragraph (e)(4) requires that the employer verify that each affected worker has received the required PPE training. The verification must contain the following information: Name of each worker trained, the date(s) of training,