

and continuing information collection requirements in accord 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).

In this regard, the 1,3-Butadiene Standard requires employers to monitor employee exposure to 1,3-Butadiene; develop and maintain compliance and exposure goal programs if employee exposures to 1,3-Butadiene are above the Standard's permissible exposure limits or action level; label respirator filter elements to indicate the date and time it is first installed on the respirator; establish medical surveillance programs to monitor employee health; and to provide employees with information about their exposures and the health effects of exposure to 1,3-Butadiene.

## 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

The Agency is requesting a 36 hour burden hour adjustment decrease (from 952 to 916 hours). The adjustment is a result of a 25% decline in the number of butadiene monomer facilities from 12

to 9. Also, the Agency is increasing the cost from \$95,248 to \$105,912, a total cost increase of \$10,664. The cost increase is due to a 12.8% increase in the price of professional medical services from 2008 to 2011.

The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Standard.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 1,3-Butadiene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1051).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0170.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits; Not-for-profit organizations; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 86.

*Total Responses:* 3,650.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* Time per response ranges from 15 seconds (.004 hour) to write the date and time on each new cartridge label to 2 hours to complete a referral medical examination.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 916.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$105,912.

## 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 eRulemaking 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-2012-0027). 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 dates 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 at 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

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, 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. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 29, 2012.

**David Michaels,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2012-0024]

### Rollins College; T.A. Loving Co.; US Ecology Idaho, Inc.; and West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.: Technical Amendment to, and Revocation of, Permanent Variances

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

**ACTION:** Notice of technical amendment to, and revocation of, permanent variances.

**SUMMARY:** With this notice, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA" or "the Agency") is making a technical amendment to an existing permanent variance, and revoking several others. The technical amendment and revocations result from an OSHA review

to identify variances that are outdated, unnecessary, or otherwise defective.

**DATES:** The effective date of the technical correction and revocation of the permanent variances is July 6, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*General information and press inquiries.* Contact Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, Room N-3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-1999. Email: [meilinger.francis2@dol.gov](mailto:meilinger.francis2@dol.gov).

*Technical information.* Contact Stefan Weisz, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Room N-3655, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2110; fax: (202) 693-1644. Email: [weisz.stefan@dol.gov](mailto:weisz.stefan@dol.gov).

*Copies of this Federal Register notice.* Electronic copies of this notice are available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Electronic copies of this notice, as well as news releases and other relevant information, are available on OSHA's Web site at <http://www.osha.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

OSHA reviewed variances currently in effect to identify variances that are outdated, unnecessary, or otherwise defective; as part of this review, OSHA contacted by telephone every employer having a variance to ask them if they still needed the variance. Based on this review, OSHA identified four defective variances. The first of these variances requires a technical correction because OSHA, after granting the variance, renumbered the standard from which it granted the variance. The Agency also determined that the remaining three variances are no longer necessary because the employers that received the variances indicated that the requirement for the variances no longer exists, and that they now can comply with the standard from which OSHA granted the variance. With this notice, the Agency is correcting these problems. OSHA believes this notice will ensure that the first variance is consistent with the standard's existing enumeration and, for the revoked variances, this notice will notify employers and employees that the variances no longer cover the employers, and that the employers must

comply with the appropriate OSHA standard.

The technical amendment implemented by this notice does not alter the substantive requirements of the first variance, which still remains in effect, so this corrected variance will continue to provide employees with the safety and health protection afforded to them by the original variance. For the variances revoked by this notice, existing OSHA standards will provide employees with the necessary protection.

With this notice, the Agency is making only a technical correction to an existing variance, and revoking variances that employers no longer need for employee protection. Accordingly, this notice will not have a substantive effect on employers or employees; OSHA, therefore, finds that public notice-and-comment procedures specified under Section 6(d) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655), and by 29 CFR 1905.11 or 1905.13, are unnecessary.

The following table provides details about the variances addressed by this notice:

Name of employer (company) affected	Variance No.	Date granted	Federal Register cite	OSHA standards
Rollins College .....	V-74-16	03/28/1974	39 FR 11481	1910.37(i).
T.A. Loving Co .....	V-74-43	04/13/1976	41 FR 15483	1918.66(f)(1)(i).
US Ecology Idaho, Inc. (formerly EnviroSAFE Services, Inc.) ..	V-93-1	06/07/1994	59 FR 29440	1910.106(b)(2)(viii)(f).
West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. (formerly The West Co.)	V-77-9	01/20/1978	43 FR 2945	1910.217(c)(3)(i)(e) and 1910.217(c)(3)(ii).

**II. Technical Amendment to, and Revocation of, Permanent Variances**

*A. Technical Amendment of the Permanent Variance Granted to Rollins College*

OSHA granted Rollins College a variance from 29 CFR 1910.37(i), which governed ceiling height for means of egress (see table above for details). The Agency renumbered this provision (to 29 CFR 1910.36(g)(1)) in a subsequent rulemaking that revised its means-of-egress standards to improve the clarity and comprehensibility of these standards (see 67 FR 67962, November 7, 2002). While this rulemaking renumbered 29 CFR 1910.37(i) as 29 CFR 1910.36(g)(1), it did not revise the substantive requirements of the provision.

*B. Revoking Permanent Variances*

1. *T. A. Loving Co.* The Agency granted T. A. Loving Co. a variance permitting it to use dynamometers

instead of load-indicating devices on mobile cranes (see the table above for details). In response to OSHA's telephone call, T. A. Loving's representative indicated that the variance is no longer needed. T. A. Loving requested in a subsequent letter that OSHA revoke the variance (Ex. 1—OSHA-2012-0024).

2. *US Ecology Idaho, Inc.* The Agency granted EnviroSAFE Services, Inc. (now US Ecology Idaho, Inc.), a variance to make and break filling and emptying connections inside, instead of outside, a building during the transfer of flammable/combustible liquids as required by the OSHA standard (see the table above for details). In response to OSHA's telephone call, US Ecology Idaho's representative indicated that the variance is no longer necessary. Later, US Ecology Idaho requested in a letter that OSHA revoke the variance (Ex. 2—OSHA-2012-0024).

3. *West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.* The Agency granted The West Co. (now West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.) a variance to use power presses with safety blocks and a sliding barrier that did not conform to OSHA's distance and guarding requirements (see the table above for details). In response to OSHA's telephone call, West Pharmaceutical Services' representative indicated that the company no longer needed the variance. West Pharmaceutical Services then requested in a letter that OSHA revoke the variance (Ex. 3—OSHA-2012-0024).

**III. Decision**

Based on the information described herein, including the finding that this notice will not alter the substantive requirements of the variance and will maintain the protection afforded to employees by the variances, the Agency is taking the following actions:

A. Correcting the Rollins College variance by updating the designation of

the provision from which OSHA granted the variance from 29 CFR 1910.37(i) to 29 CFR 1910.36(g)(1).

B. Revoking the variances granted to T. A. Loving Co., US Ecology Idaho, Inc., and West Pharmaceutical Services. The variances granted to T. A. Loving Co. and West Pharmaceutical Services included facilities in North Carolina, a state with an OSHA-approved State Plan under Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (29 U.S.C. 667). OSHA will notify North Carolina of the revocation of these variances.

#### IV. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, authorized the preparation of this notice. OSHA is issuing this notice under the authority specified by Section 6(d) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (76 FR 3912), and 29 CFR part 1905.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 29, 2012.

**David Michaels,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposed Collection of Information; Comment Request: Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to renew clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by September 4, 2012 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rm. 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* "Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form."  
*OMB Approval Number:* 3145-0203.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* September 30, 2012.

*Type of Request:* Intent to seek approval to renew an information collection for three years.

*Proposed Project:* Five organizational units within the Directorate of Biological Sciences of the National Science Foundation will use the Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form. They are the Division of Biological Infrastructure (DBI), the Division of Environmental Biology (DEB), the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB), the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS) and Emerging Frontiers (EF). All scientists submitting proposals to these units will be asked to complete an electronic version of the Proposal Classification Form. The form consists of brief questions about the substance of the research and the investigator's previous federal support. Each division will have a slightly different version of the form. In this way, submitters will only confront response choices that are relevant to their discipline.

*Use of the Information:* The information gathered with the Biological Sciences Proposal Classification Form serves two main purposes. The first is

facilitation of the proposal review process. Since peer review is a key component of NSF's grant-making process, it is imperative that proposals are reviewed by scientists with appropriate expertise. The information collected with the Proposal Classification Form helps ensure that the proposals are evaluated by specialists who are well versed in appropriate subject matter. This helps maintain a fair and equitable review process.

The second use of the information is program evaluation. The Directorate is committed to investing in a range of substantive areas. With data from this collection, the Directorate can calculate submission rates and funding rates in specific areas of research. Similarly, the information can be used to identify emerging areas of research, evaluate changing infrastructure needs in the research community, and track the amount of international research. As the National Science Foundation is committed to funding cutting-edge science, these factors all have implications for program management.

The Directorate of Biological Sciences has a continuing commitment to monitor its information collection in order to preserve its applicability and necessity. Through periodic updates and revisions, the Directorate ensures that only useful, non-redundant information is collected. These efforts will reduce excessive reporting burdens.

*Burden on the Public:* The Directorate estimates that an average of five minutes is expended for each proposal submitted. An estimated 6,500 responses are expected during the course of one year for a total of 542 public burden hours annually.

*Expected Respondents:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 6,500.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,500.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 542 hours.

*Frequency of Responses:* On occasion.

Dated: July 2, 2012.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### National Science Board; Sunshine Act Meetings; Notice

#### Correction

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614),