

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

Public comment is invited on all issues raised by this **Federal Register** Notice. 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 a currently approved collection.

Title: OSHA Data Initiative (ODI).

OMB Control Number: 1218-0209.

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

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time per Response: 10 minutes (.17 hour).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 16,667.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$439,509.

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 OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2012-0037). 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 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

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. 4-2010 (72 FR 55355).

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 7, 2012.

David Michaels,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Wage and Hour Division

RIN 1235-0024

Proposed Extension of the Approval of Information Collection Requirements

AGENCY: Wage and Hour Division, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95), 44 U.S.C. 3056(c)(2)(A). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Wage and Hour Division is soliciting comments concerning its proposal to extend Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the Information Collection: Work-Study Program of the Child Labor Regulations (WSP) Regulations 29 CFR Section 570.35b. A copy of the proposed information request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before February 11, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Control Number 1235-0024, by either one of the following methods: *Email:*

WHDPRAComments@dol.gov; Mail, Hand Delivery, Courier: Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and Control Number identified above for this information collection. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ziegler, Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Wage and Hour, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-0406 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of this notice must be obtained in alternative formats (Large Print, Braille, Audio Tape, or Disc), upon request, by calling (202) 693-0023 (not a toll-free number). TTY/TTD callers may dial toll-free (877) 889-5627 to obtain information or request materials in alternative formats.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor administers the Fair Labor Standards Act. Section 3(l) of the Act establishes a minimum age of 16 years for most nonagricultural employment, but allows the employment of 14- and 15-year-olds in occupations other than manufacturing and mining if the Secretary of Labor determines such employment is confined to: (1) Periods that will not interfere with the minor's schooling; and (2) conditions that will not interfere with the minor's health and well-being. FLSA section 11(c) requires all covered

employers to make, keep, and preserve records of their employees' wages, hours, and other conditions and practices of employment. Section 11(c) authorizes the Secretary of Labor to prescribe the recordkeeping and reporting requirements for these records. The regulations set forth reporting requirements that include a Work Study Program application and written participation agreement. In order to utilize the child labor work study provisions, § 570.35(b) requires a local public or private school system to file with the Wage and Hour Division Administrator an application for approval of a Work Study Program as one that does not interfere with the schooling or health and well-being of the minors involved. The regulations also require preparation of a written participation agreement for each student participating in a Work Study Program and that the teacher-coordinator, employer and student each sign that agreement.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- 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;
- 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.

III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks an approval for the extension of this information collection that requires the submission of an application and approval of a Work Study Program and completion and submission of a written participation agreement in accordance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Wage and Hour Division.

Title: Work-Study Program of the Child Labor Regulations (WSP) Regulations 29 CFR Section 570.35b.

OMB Number: 1235-0024

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms.

Total Respondents: WSP applications: 30.

Written Participation Agreements: 1500.

Total Annual Responses: WSP Applications: 30.

Written Participation Agreements: 3000.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1586.

Estimated Time per Response: WSP application: 121 minutes.

Written Participation Agreement: 61 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$15.

Total Burden Costs (operation/maintenance): \$38,508.

Dated: December 10, 2012.

Mary Ziegler,

Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**Excepted Service**

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from October 1, 2012, to October 31, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Executive Resources Services, Executive Resources and Employee Development, Employee Services, 202-606-2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/. OPM also publishes annually a consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities current as of June 30 as a notice in the **Federal Register**.