3. Only miners trained in the operation of the clothes cleaning booth will be permitted to use the booth to clean their clothes.

4. The petitioner will incorporate the NIOSH Clothes Cleaning Process and Manufacturer’s Instruction Manuals into their MSHA Part 46 Training Plan and train affected miners in the process.

5. Miners entering the booth will examine valves and nozzles for damage or malfunction and will close the door fully before opening the air valve. Any defects will be repaired prior to the booth being used.

6. Miners entering the booth will wear eye protection; ear plugs or muffs for hearing protection; and, a full-face or half-mask respirator that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements of a N95 filter to which the miner has been fit-tested. As an alternative, the use of a full-face respirator will meet the requirement for eye protection. A sign will be conspicuously posted requiring the use of personal protective equipment when entering the booth.

7. Airflow through the booth will be at least 2,000 cubic feet per minute to maintain negative pressure during use of the cleaning system to prevent contamination of the environment outside the booth. Airflow will be in a downward direction to move contaminants away from the miner’s breathing zone.

8. Air pressure through the spray manifold will be limited to 30 pounds per square inch or less. A lock box with a single key controlled by the plant manager will be used to prevent regulator tampering.

9. The air spray manifold will consist of a schedule 80 steel pipe that has a failure pressure of 1,300 pounds per square inch, be capped at the base and actuated by an electrically controlled ball valve at the top.

10. Air nozzles will not exceed 30 pounds per square inch gauge.

11. The uppermost spray of the spray manifold will be located below the breathing zone. Deflection covers will be used over the upper air nozzles if necessary to meet the specific height of the user.

12. Air nozzles will be guarded to eliminate the possibility of incidental contact that could create mechanical damage to the air nozzles during the clothes cleaning process.

13. The petitioner will conduct periodic maintenance checks of the booth according to the recommendations contained in the Manufacturer’s Instruction Manual.

14. The air receiver tank supplying air to the manifold system will be of sufficient volume to permit no less than 20 seconds of continuous clothes cleaning time.

15. An appropriate hazard warning sign will be posted on the booth to state, at a minimum, “Compressed Air” and “Respirable Dust”.

16. A pressure relief valve designed for the booth’s air reservoir will be installed.

17. The mine will exhaust dust-laden air from the booth into a local exhaust ventilation system or duct outside the facility while ensuring there is no re-entrainment back into the structure. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded by the existing standard.

Dated: September 24, 2013.

George F. Triebsch,
Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[DOCKET NO. OSHA–2010–0008]

Construction Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices, and Training Requirements; 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 comments.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Construction Standards on Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices (29 CFR 1926.502), and Training Requirements (29 CFR 1926.503).

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by November 26, 2013.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Kampert, Office of Construction Services, Directorate of Construction, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3476, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2044, to obtain a copy of the ICR.

Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: When using this method, you must submit a copy of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2010–0008, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, 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 am. to 4:45 p.m., et.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number for this Information Collection Request (ICR) (Docket No. OSHA–2010–0008). 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 titledSUPPLEMENTARY 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 Theda Kenney, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3621, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; (202) 693–2044, to obtain a copy of the ICR.

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 understandable, and OSHA’s estimate of the information collection burden is correct. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the OSH Act) 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 Standards on Construction Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices (29 CFR 1926.502) and Training Requirements (29 CFR 1926.503) ensure that employers provide the required fall protection for their workers. Accordingly, these standards have the following paperwork requirements: Paragraphs (c)(4)(ii) and (k) of 29 CFR 1926.502, which specify certification of safety nets and development of fall protection plans, respectively, and paragraph (b) of 29 CFR 1926.503, which requires employers to certify training records. The training certification requirement specified in paragraph (b) of 29 CFR 1926.503 documents the training provided to workers potentially exposed to fall hazards in construction. A competent person must train these workers to recognize fall hazards and in the use of procedures and equipment that minimize these hazards. An employer must verify compliance with this training requirement by preparing and maintaining a written certification record that contains the name or other identifier of the worker receiving the training, the date(s) of the training, and the signature of the competent person who conducted the training, or of the employer.

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

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the collection of information requirements contained in the Construction Standards on Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices (29 CFR 1926.502) and Training Requirements (29 CFR 1926.503). OSHA is requesting a 33,076 burden hour reduction, from 457,108 hours to 424,032, as a result of decreasing the number of affected workers based on more recent data. The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Construction Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices (29 CFR 1926.502) and Training Requirements (29 CFR 1926.503).

OMB Control Number: 1218–0197.

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

Number of Responses: 5,291,439.

Frequency of Recordkeeping: On occasion, annually.

Average Time per Response: Time per response ranges from 5 minutes (.08 hour) to certify a safety net to 1 hour to develop a fall protection plan.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 424,032.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): $0.

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 this ICR (Docket No. OSHA–2010–0008).

You may submit 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 full 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 September 24, 2013.

David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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September 27, 2013.

ACTION: Notice.