

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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of "General Inquiries to State Agency Contacts." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before February 12, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Erin Good, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by fax to 202-691-5111 (this is not a toll free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Good, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7763 (this is not a toll free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) awards funds to State agencies in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands, hereinafter referred to as the "States") in order to jointly conduct BLS/State Labor Market Information and Occupational Safety and Health Statistics cooperative statistical programs, which themselves have been approved by OMB separately, as follows:

Current Employment Statistics	1220-0011
Local Area Unemployment Statistics	1220-0017
Occupational Employment Statistics	1220-0042
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Report	1220-0012
Annual Refiling Survey	1220-0032
Labor Market Information Cooperative Agreement	1220-0079
Multiple Worksites Report	1220-0134
Annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses	1220-0045
Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries	1220-0133
BLS/OSHS Federal State Cooperative Agreement	1220-0149

To ensure the timely flow of information and to be able to evaluate and improve the BLS/State cooperative programs' management and operations, it is necessary to conduct ongoing communications between the BLS and its State partners. Whether information

requests deal with program deliverables, program enhancements, operations, or administrative issues, questions and dialogue are crucial to the successful implementation of these programs.

II. Current Action

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the General Inquiries to State Agency Contacts. Information collected under this clearance is used to support the administrative and programmatic needs of jointly conducted BLS/State Labor Market Information and Occupational Safety and Health Statistics cooperative statistical programs.

III. Desired Focus of Comments

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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.
- 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.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: General Inquiries to State Agency Contacts.

OMB Number: 1220-0168.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Total Respondents: 54.

Frequency: As needed.

Total Responses: 23,890.

Average Time per Response: 40 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 15,927.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of December 2017.

Kimberley D. Hill,

Chief, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

[FR Doc. 2017-26737 Filed 12-11-17; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-24-P

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2017-0013]

Safe + Sound Campaign; Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements specified in the Safe + Sound Campaign.

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by February 12, 2018.

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 a copy of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2017-0013, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3653, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier services) are accepted during the Docket Office's normal business hours, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., ET.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number (OSHA-2017-0013) for the Information Collection Request (ICR). 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 materials 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 from the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact Theda Kenney at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theda Kenney or Charles McCormick, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor; 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 accord with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (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 2016, OSHA established the Safe + Sound Campaign, a voluntary effort to support the implementation of safety and health programs in businesses throughout the United States. Outside stakeholders, including safety and health professional organizations, trade and industry associations, academic

institutions, and state and federal government agencies, collaborate with the Agency on the Campaign. The Campaign includes periodic activities and events, ranging from regular email updates to quarterly national webinars to local meetings to an annual national stand down (i.e., Safe + Sound Week), designed to increase overall employer and employee awareness and understanding of safety and health programs and promote employer adoption of these programs. OSHA believes widespread implementation of such programs will substantially improve overall workplace safety and health conditions.

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 approve the information collection associated with Safe + Sound Campaign activities. This voluntary information collection will include event registration and customer feedback surveys for activities throughout the year (e.g., national webinars, local events, a national stand down event), outreach phone calls to recruit partners for the Campaign, and in-depth follow-up and case study interviews of event participants. OSHA is proposing burden hour estimate of seven hundred thirty-nine (739) hours. 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: New.
Title: Safe + Sound Campaign.
OMB Control Number: 1218-ONEW.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 10,500.
Frequency of Responses: Annually.
Average Time per Response: Time varies per response.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 739.
Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$35,857.

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 materials must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2017-0013). 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 comments 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 website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website’s “User Tips” link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Deputy 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 December 6, 2017.

Loren Sweatt,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

[FR Doc. 2017-26719 Filed 12-11-17; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-26-P

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2017-0011]

Minnesota State Plan; Changes in Level of Federal Enforcement; Employment on Indian Reservations and Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, and Coverage Clarifications

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document gives notice of OSHA's approval of changes to the State of Minnesota's Occupational Safety and Health State Plan that specify that non-Indian private-sector employment within an Indian reservation or on lands held in trust by the Federal Government, and employment on land formerly occupied by the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, are included in its State Plan, and that make other minor coverage clarifications.

DATES: Applicable Date: December 12, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For press inquiries, contact Francis Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693-1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

For general and technical information, contact Douglas J. Kalinowski, Director, OSHA Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693-2200; email: kalinowski.doug@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. 667 (OSH Act), provides that States that wish to assume responsibility for developing and enforcing their own occupational safety and health standards may do so by submitting and obtaining federal approval of a State Plan. State Plan approval occurs in stages that include initial approval under Section 18(c) of the Act and, ultimately, final approval under Section 18(e).

The Minnesota State Plan was initially approved under Section 18(b) of the OSHA Act. 38 FR 15077 (June 8, 1973). The State Plan later received final approval. 50 FR 30832 (July 30, 1985). The Minnesota State Plan is administered by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MNOSHA). Under the Plan, MNOSHA covers state and local government employers and private-sector employers with certain exceptions. Originally, one of the exceptions was employment at the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, which Federal OSHA covered because the United States had exclusive federal jurisdiction over the site. 50 FR 30832 (July 30, 1985). Later, another exception was added for tribal and private-sector employment within any Indian reservation in the State, which Federal OSHA also covered. 61 FR 36824 (July 15, 1996).

With the decommissioning and removal of the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, MNOSHA requested that the exception to the State Plan's coverage for the plant be eliminated. The land on which the plant stood was transferred to the county and as such, private-sector employment on this land would fall under the State Plan's area of coverage. However, Federal OSHA continues to cover employment on land adjacent to the land transferred to the county because that adjacent land continues to be under exclusive federal jurisdiction. Federal OSHA granted this request.

MNOSHA also requested that the exception to the State Plan for tribal and private-sector employment on Indian reservations and lands held in trust by the Federal Government be changed so that MNOSHA could cover non-Indian private-sector employment in these areas. Federal OSHA continues to cover establishments owned or operated by Indian tribes or by enrolled members of Indian tribes. This approach to coverage is consistent with case law on federal and state authority over Indian lands. Federal OSHA granted this request.

These changes are reflected on the Federal OSHA web page for MNOSHA, <http://www.osha.gov/dcs/osp/stateprogs/minnesota.html>. In addition, that web page was updated to include two longstanding coverage features of the Minnesota State Plan which are also common to other State Plans. 50 FR 30832 (July 30, 1985). Federal OSHA covers any hazard, industry, geographical area, operation or facility over which the State is unable to effectively exercise jurisdiction for reasons unrelated to the required

performance or structure of the plan. Federal OSHA also covers Federal Government employers. Additionally, Federal OSHA covers the United States Postal Service (USPS). 65 FR 36622 (June 9, 2000).

Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, authorized the preparation of this notice. OSHA is issuing this notice under the authority specified by section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 667), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912), and 29 CFR parts 1902 and 1953.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 1, 2017.

Loren Sweatt,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

[FR Doc. 2017-26676 Filed 12-11-17; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-26-P

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2011-0057]

Excavations (Design of Cave-in Protection Systems); 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 Standard on Excavations (Design of Cave-in Protection Systems).

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by February 12, 2018.

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