

the lock-up facility, internet users are not allowed to digest data 30 minutes before the official release time. Internet users are also disadvantaged relative to lock-up participants to the extent that internet postings may lag slightly behind lock-up transmissions. Developments in high-speed algorithmic trading technology have also raised concerns about the possible impact of unequal access to sensitive economic data. As discussed above, DOL's Inspector General has issued multiple reports with findings that the current press lock-up "creates an unfair competitive advantage for certain news organizations and their clients."

It was never the intent of DOL in establishing the lock-up facility to provide a financial windfall to paying clients of credentialed media organizations, or to allow credentialed media organizations to profit off of the privilege of early access to government data. DOL does not wish to facilitate those practices. Although DOL understands that certain high-frequency trading firms may retain some advantage in faster ingestion and downloading of government data even after the lock-up process is discontinued, DOL itself will no longer have any role in facilitating such an advantage.

It is no longer necessary to use the credentialed news media to help the Department disseminate DOL's statistical data widely because the internet permits the public and interested users to obtain releases for themselves. Discontinuing the lock-up will not disadvantage the lock-up participants; it will merely remove the advantage they currently enjoy. In the time since the OIG recommendations were issued, BLS and ETA have devoted significant resources to introducing improved technologies to ensure data are posted and accessible on their websites immediately following the official release time. When the COVID-19 pandemic required the closure of the media lock-up in March of 2020, these improved technologies allowed BLS and ETA to disseminate the data immediately and widely to the public without incident and without providing early access to lock-up participants. Specifically, the March Employment Situation report, released on April 3, 2020 without a lock-up, demonstrates that the BLS website can serve all interested users in the seconds after release time with little or no degradation in response time and a negligible error rate. The same holds true for the Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Reports issued since March 20, 2020. Stories in the press covering the March data were available

to the public only slightly later—and, in at least one case, actually earlier—than they were a month earlier when a lock-up was held. Given this success over the past two months, DOL now believes it can continue to disseminate the data to the public, including the media, in a timely manner. DOL will therefore discontinue the use of the lock-up facility to allow all parties, including the media, commercial entities, and the public, equitable and timely access to our most important statistical data.

#### IV. Result

By permanently discontinuing the lock-up facility as of June 3, 2020, DOL intends to protect the integrity of its data and enable dissemination of news releases in an equitable, secure, and cost-effective manner so that all information is available to the public and the media at the official release time.

The Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis and U.S. Census Bureau are also committed to the secure, timely, and equitable release of all data. As such, for the reasons stated in this notice, both Bureaus will also discontinue embargoed media lock-ups at the Department of Labor's facility and will continue to release their data securely through their websites.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19th day of May 2020.

**William W. Beach,**

*Commissioner of Labor Statistics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. MSHA-2018-0015]

#### Escapeways and Refuges in Underground Metal and Nonmetal Mines

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation; Program Policy Letter.

**SUMMARY:** The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) cancels a Program Policy Letter (PPL) that was issued on July 29, 2019 to provide guidance on escapeways and refuges used by underground metal and nonmetal miners in emergency situations.

**DATES:** Cancellation as of May 27, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Federal Register Publications:* Access rulemaking documents electronically at

<http://www.msha.gov/regsinfo.htm> or <http://www.regulations.gov> [Docket Number: MSHA-2018-0015].

**Email Notification:** To subscribe to receive email notification when MSHA publishes rulemaking documents in the **Federal Register**, go to <https://www.msha.gov/subscriptions>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Roslyn B. Fontaine, Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at [fontaine.roslyn@dol.gov](mailto:fontaine.roslyn@dol.gov) (email), 202-693-9440 (voice), or 202-693-9441 (fax). These are not toll-free numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Cancellation of Program Policy Letter**

On July 29, 2019, MSHA published in the **Federal Register** a PPL to clarify requirements in 30 CFR 57.11050, Escapeways and Refuges, together with a request for public comment (84 FR 36623). The PPL was intended to assist MNM mine operators with guidance on the placement of escapeways and refuges that underground miners need to use in emergency situations. On October 10, 2019, MSHA also held a public stakeholder meeting to ensure that the public would have additional opportunities to provide feedback. After reviewing all the comments received during both the public comment period and the stakeholder meeting, MSHA has now determined that the clarification in this PPL is not needed. Therefore, MSHA cancels the PPL.

(Authority: 30 U.S.C. 811)

**David G. Zatezalo,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2009-0035]

#### The Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Standard; 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 the proposal to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements

specified in the Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Standard.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by July 27, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Electronically:* You may submit comments and attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking 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 your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2009-0035, 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 service) 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 the OSHA docket number (OSHA-2009-0035) for the Information Collection Request (ICR). All comments, including any personal information you provide, such as social security number and date of birth, 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 above address. 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 also may contact Theda Kenney at the below phone number to obtain a copy of the ICR.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Theda Kenney or Seleda Perryman, 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 the 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 (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).

The EtO Standard (29 CFR 1910.1047) specifies a number of paperwork requirements. The following is a brief description of the collection of information requirements contained in the standard.

The information collection requirements specified in the Ethylene Oxide Standard protect workers from the adverse health effects that may result from occupational exposure to ethylene oxide. The principal information collection requirements in the EtO Standard include conducting worker exposure monitoring, notifying workers of the exposure, implementing a written compliance program, and implementing medical surveillance of workers. Also, the examining physician must provide specific information to ensure that workers receive a copy of their medical examination results. The employer must maintain exposure-monitoring and medical records for specific periods, and provide access to these records by OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the affected workers, and their authorized representatives and other designated parties.

**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 the approval of the collection of information (paperwork) requirements contained in the Ethylene Oxide Standard. There is an overall adjustment increase in burden hours for this ICR. The burden hours have increased a total of 3,377 hours (from 27,880 hours to 31,257 hours). The adjustment increase is primarily due to estimated number of establishments covered by the standard.

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

*Title:* Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Standard (29 CFR 1910.1047).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0108.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,085.

*Frequency of Response:* Initially, annually; on occasion.

*Total Responses:* 112,016.

*Average Time per Response:* Various.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 31,257.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$4,971,000.

**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; 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-2009-0035). 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 your social security number 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 from 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 from the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

## V. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Principal 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 May 19, 2020.

**Loren Sweatt,**

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

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2019-0182]

### Information Collection: License and Radiation Safety Requirements for Well-Logging

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Renewal of existing information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites public comment on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing collection of information. The information collection is entitled, "License and Radiation Safety Requirements for Well-Logging."

**DATES:** Submit comments by July 27, 2020. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2019-0182. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Mail Stop: T-6 A10M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; email: [Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

##### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2019-0182 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search

for Docket ID NRC-2019-0182. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC-2019-0182 on this website.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession ML19298C513.

- *NRC's Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting NRC's Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2084; email: [Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov).

##### B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2019-0182 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS, and the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC is requesting public comment on its intention to request the OMB's approval for the