General Provisions (§ 1926.900)

§ 1926.900(d)—Paragraph (d) states that employers must ensure that explosives not in use are kept in a locked magazine, unavailable to persons not authorized to handle explosives. The employers must maintain an inventory and use record of all explosives—in use and not in use. In addition, the employer must notify the appropriate authorities in the event of any loss, theft, or unauthorized entry into a magazine.

§ 1926.900(k)(3)(i)—Paragraph (k)(3)(i) requires employers to display adequate signs warning against the use of mobile radio transmitters on all roads within 1,000 feet of blasting operations to prevent the accidental discharge of electric blasting caps caused by current induced by radar, radio transmitters, lighting, adjacent power lines, dust storms, or other sources of extraneous electricity. The employer must certify and maintain a record of alternative provisions made to adequately prevent any premature firing of electric blasting caps.

§ 1926.900(o)—Employers must notify the operators and/or owners of overhead power lines, communication lines, utility lines, or other services and structures when blasting operations will take place in proximity to those lines, services, or structures.

§ 1926.903(d)—The employer must notify the hoist operator prior to transporting explosives or blasting agents in a shaft conveyance.

§ 1926.903(e)—Employers must perform weekly inspections on the electrical system of trucks used for underground transportation of explosives. The weekly inspection is to detect any failure in the system which would constitute an electrical hazard. The most recent certification of inspection must be maintained and must include the date of inspection, a serial number or other identifier of the truck inspected, and the signature of the person who performed the inspection.

§ 1926.905(t)—The employer blaster must maintain an accurate and up-to-date record of explosives, blasting agents, and blasting supplies used in a blast. The employer must also maintain an accurate running inventory of all explosives and blasting agents stored on the operation.

§ 1926.909(a)—Employers must post a code of blasting agents on one or more conspicuous places at the operation. All employees also shall familiarize themselves with the code and conform to it at all times. Danger signs warning of blasting agents shall also be placed at suitable locations.

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 requirements contained in the OSHA Standard on Blasting and the Use of Explosives (29 CFR part 1926, subpart U).

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Blasting and the Use of Explosives (29 CFR part 1926, subpart U).

OMB Control Number: 1218–0217.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 193.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: Various.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,602.

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) at (202) 693–1648; 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–2012–00747).

V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Acting 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 November 2, 2021.

James S. Frederick,
Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[Docket No. 2021–5]

Publishers’ Protections Study: Request for Additional Comments

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Copyright Office seeks further comments on the
effectiveness of copyright protections for publishers, with a focus on press publishers. This request provides an opportunity for interested parties to raise new issues related to the topic of the study, amplify initial comments, present empirical studies, or to address, reply to, or expand upon any issues raised in the initial request for written comments—responses to which are due on or before November 26, 2021—or during the virtual public roundtable, which will be held on December 9, 2021. On November 29, 2021, the Office will post a link at https://copyright.gov/policy/publishersprotections/ through which parties can submit second-round comments.

DATES: Additional comments are due on or before January 5, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The Copyright Office is using the regulations.gov system for the submission and posting of public comments in this proceeding. All comments are therefore to be submitted electronically through regulations.gov. Specific instructions are available on the Copyright Office website at http://www.copyright.gov/policy/publishersprotections/. If electronic submission of comments is not feasible due to lack of access to a computer and/ or the internet, please contact the Office using the contact information below, for special instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberley Isbell, Deputy Director of Policy and International Affairs, at kisbell@copyright.gov, or Andrew Foglia, Senior Counsel for Policy and International Affairs, at afoglia@copyright.gov. Both can be reached by telephone at 202–707–8350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Copyright Office is undertaking a public study at the request of Congress to evaluate current copyright protections for publishers. Among other issues, the Office is considering the effectiveness of publishers’ existing rights in news content, including under the provisions of title 17 of the U.S. Code, as well as other federal and state laws; whether additional protections are desirable or appropriate; the possible scope of any such new protections, including how their beneficiaries could be defined; and how any such protections would interact with existing rights, exceptions and limitations, and international treaty obligations. On October 12, 2021, the Office published an initial request for comments on several questions related to these issues. It also announced that it would hold a virtual public roundtable on the same topics on December 9, 2021.

In the interests of gathering the fullest possible record on the question of copyright protections for publishers, with a focus on press publishers, the Office is now announcing an additional round of comments, responses to which are due on or before January 5, 2022. On November 29, 2021, the Office will post a link at https://copyright.gov/policy/publishersprotections/ through which parties can submit second-round comments. Comments submitted in this second round may address the same questions set forth in the October 12 notice, or any other issues related to the topic of the study. In submitting second-round comments, parties may raise new issues, amplify their initial comments, present empirical studies, or address, reply to, or expand upon any issues raised in the initial request for written comments or at the December 9, 2021 virtual public roundtable. As with the initial comments, the Office requests that parties submitting second-round comments identify their affiliation and the factual or legal basis for their responses.

Please note that the issuance of this notice does not mean that the deadline for submission of initial comments has expired. Initial comments may still be submitted through November 26, 2021. Additionally, a party does not have to have submitted initial comments or participated in the roundtable in order to submit second-round comments.

Dated: November 4, 2021.

Shira Perlmuter,
Register of Copyrights and Director of the U.S. Copyright Office.
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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
Office of Government Information Services

[NARA–2022–008]
Meeting Announcement; Chief Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officers Council

AGENCY: Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and Office of Information Policy (OIP), Department of Justice (DOJ).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: We are announcing a meeting of the Chief Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officers Council, co-chaired by the Director of OGIS and the Director of OIP.

DATES: The meeting will be on Wednesday November 17, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST. Please register for the meeting no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on Monday, November 15, 2021 (registration information is detailed below).

Location: The November 17, 2021, meeting will be a virtual meeting. We will send access instructions to those who register according to the instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha Murphy, by email at ogis@nara.gov with the subject line “Chief FOIA Officers Council,” or by telephone at 202.741.5770.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(k)). Additional details about the meeting, including the agenda, will be available on OGIS’s website at https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/chief-foia-officers-council and OIP’s website at https://www.justice.gov/oip/chief-foia-officers-council.

Procedures: This virtual meeting is open to the public. You must register through Eventbrite at https://cfo-council-meeting-nov-17-2021.eventbrite.com in advance if you wish to submit oral statements. You must include an email address so that we can provide you access information. We will also live-stream the meeting on the National Archives’ YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives, and include a captioning option. To request additional accommodations (e.g., a transcript), email ogis@nara.gov or call 202–741–5770. Members of the media who wish to register, those who are unable to register online, and those who require special accommodations, should contact Martha Murphy (contact information listed above).

Alina M. Semo,
Director, Office of Government Information Services.
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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of