

review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before October 23, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202–693–0213, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 26, 2023 (88 FR 34186).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL–OSHA.

Title of Collection: Construction Fall Protection Systems Criteria, Practices, and Training Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 1218–0197.

Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 406,714.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 6,072,808.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 506,903 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

[OMB Control No. 1219–0007]

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Mine Accident, Injury, and Illness Report and Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce

paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection regarding Mine Accident, Injury, and Illness Report and Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report.

DATES: All comments must be received on or before November 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered.

- *Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA–2023–0044.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* DOL–MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202–5452. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202–693–9455 to make an appointment, in keeping with the Department of Labor’s COVID–19 policy. Special health precautions may be required.

- MSHA will post all comments as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Aromie Noe, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov (email); (202) 693–9440 (voice); or (202) 693–9441 (facsimile). These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), Public Law 95–164 as amended, 30 U.S.C. 813(h), authorizes the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Further, section 101(a) of the

Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 811(a), authorizes the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to develop, promulgate, and revise as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal and metal and nonmetal mines.

The reporting and recordkeeping provisions in 30 CFR 50, Notification, Investigation, Reports and Records of Accidents, Injuries and Illnesses, Employment and Coal Production in Mines, are essential elements in MSHA's statutory mandate to reduce work-related injuries and illnesses among the nation's miners (30 U.S.C. 801). Part 50 of 30 CFR applies to operators of coal, metal, and nonmetal mines. It requires operators to immediately notify MSHA of accidents, investigate accidents and restrict disturbance of accident-related areas. This part also requires operators to file reports with MSHA pertaining to accidents, occupational injuries, and occupational illnesses, as well as employment and coal production data. This part also requires operators to maintain copies of reports at mine offices.

30 CFR 50.2 defines operators as (1) any owner, lessee, or other person who operates, controls, or supervises a coal mine; or (2) the person, partnership, association, or corporation, or subsidiary of a corporation operating a metal or nonmetal mine, and owning the right to do so, and includes any agent thereof charged with responsibility for the operation of such mine.

1. Notification, Investigation, Preservation of Evidence

Section 103(j) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 813(j), requires operators to notify MSHA of the occurrence of an accident and to take appropriate measures to preserve any evidence that would assist in the investigation into the causes of the accident. 30 CFR 50.10 requires mine operators and independent contractors to immediately notify MSHA in the event of an accident. This immediate notification is critical to MSHA's timely investigation and assessment of the cause of the accident.

Section 103(d) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 813(d), mandates that each accident must be investigated by the operator to determine the cause and means of preventing a recurrence. 30 CFR 50.11 requires the mine operator or independent contractor to investigate each accident and occupational injury and prepare a report. The mine operator or independent contractor may not use

MSHA Form 7000-1 as the investigation report, except if the operator or independent contractor employs fewer than 20 miners and the injury is not related to an accident.

2. Reporting of Accidents, Injuries, and Illnesses

30 CFR 50.20 requires mine operators and independent contractors to report each accident, injury, and illness to MSHA on MSHA Form 7000-1 within 10 working days after an accident or injury has occurred or an occupational illness has been diagnosed. The use of MSHA Form 7000-1 provides for uniform information gathering across the mining industry, with specific criteria and instructions defined in 30 CFR 50.20-2 through 50.20-7.

3. Quarterly Employment and Coal Production Report

30 CFR 50.30 requires that all mine operators and independent contractors working on mine property report employment to MSHA quarterly on MSHA Form 7000-2 within 15 days after the end of each calendar quarter. Each coal mine operators or independent contractor is also required to report coal production on MSHA Form 7000-2. 30 CFR 50.30-1 provides instructions for completing MSHA Form 7000-2.

4. Record Maintenance

Section 103(h) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 813(h), requires operators to keep any records and make any reports that are reasonably necessary for MSHA to perform its duties under the Mine Act. Operators must keep records of such accidents and investigations and make them available to the Secretary or the Secretary's authorized representative and the appropriate State agency. 30 CFR 50.40 requires each mine operator or independent contractor to maintain a copy of each investigation report prepared under section 50.11 or 50.20 or 50.30 at the mine office for five years.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to Mine Accident, Injury, and Illness Report and Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the collection

of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 submission of responses.

The information collection request will be available on <http://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions the commenter against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on www.regulations.gov and www.reginfo.gov.

The public may also examine publicly available documents at DOL-MSHA, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Sign in at the receptionist's desk on the 4th floor via the East elevator. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9455 to make an appointment, in keeping with the Department of Labor's COVID-19 policy. Special health precautions may be required.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns provisions for Mine Accident, Injury, and Illness Report and Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

OMB Number: 1219-0007.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Annual Respondents: 20,953.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Annual Responses: 98,389.

Annual Burden Hours: 117,903 hours.

Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost: \$3,009.

MSHA Forms: MSHA Form 7000-1, Mine Accident, Injury, and Illness

Report; MSHA Form 7000–2, Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and will be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2007–0043]

TUV SUD America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for TUV SUD America, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

DATES: The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on September 21, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, phone: (202) 693–2300 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition for TUV SUD America, Inc. (TUVAM) as a NRTL. TUVAM’s expansion covers the addition of nine test sites to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition. Each NRTL’s scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the applicable test standard and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL’s scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition, as well as for an expansion or renewal of recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides the preliminary finding. In the second notice, the agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL’s scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL, including TUVAM, which details that NRTL’s scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

TUVAM submitted an application, dated January 24, 2021 (OSHA–2007–0043–0045), requesting the conversion of ten existing Satellite Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) sites to recognized sites under the NRTL Policy for Transitioning to Satellite Notification and Acceptance Program Termination (SNAP Transition Policy)

published in the **Federal Register** on November 24, 2020 (85 FR 75042), as amended by a June 22, 2022 Memorandum from James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, to Regional Administrators and Executive Staff, titled “Second Revision to the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) Policy for Transitioning to Satellite Notification and Acceptance Program (SNAP) Termination.” TUVAM amended their application on December 10, 2021 (OSHA–2007–0043–0046), to remove one site from the original request, leaving nine sites to be considered in the expansion request.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing TUVAM’s expansion application in the **Federal Register** on August 15, 2023 (88 FR 55478). The agency requested comments by August 30, 2023, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA is now proceeding with this final grant of expansion of TUVAM’s NRTL recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to the TUVAM application, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. Docket No. OSHA–2007–0043 contains all materials in the record concerning TUVAM’s recognition. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 for assistance in locating docket submissions.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined TUVAM’s expansion application, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that TUVAM meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the specified limitations and condition. OSHA limits the expansion of TUVAM’s recognition to include the nine sites listed in Table 1, below. This limitation is consistent with the recognition that OSHA grants to other NRTLs that operate multiple sites.

TABLE 1—LIST OF TEST SITES FOR INCLUSION IN TUVAM’S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

TUVAM site name	Address	Country
Shenzhen	Building 6, 12 & 13, Zhiheng Wisdomeland Business Park, Nantou Checkpoint Road 2, 518052, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province.	China.
Gormley	11 Gordon Collins Drive, Gormley, Ontario L0H 1G0	Canada.