

headquarters located at: TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., 295 Foster Street, Suite 100, Littleton, Massachusetts 01460. A complete list of TUVRNA sites recognized by OSHA is available at <https://www.osha.gov/nationally-recognized-testing-laboratory-program/tuv>.

II. General Background on the Application

TUVRNA submitted an application, dated June 7, 2023 (OSHA–2007–0042–0072), to expand recognition as a NRTL to include two additional test standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed

analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application. Table 1 shows the test standards found in TUVRNA’s application for expansion for testing and certification of products under the NRTL Program.

TABLE 1—PROPOSED APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN TUVRNA’S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 61010–2–051	Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use—Part 2–051: Particular Requirements for Laboratory Equipment for Mixing and Stirring.
UL 61010–2–061	Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use—Part 2–061: Particular Requirements for Laboratory Atomic Spectrometers with Thermal Atomization and Ionization.

III. Preliminary Finding on the Application

TUVRNA submitted an acceptable application for expansion of the scope of recognition. OSHA’s review of the application file and pertinent documentation preliminarily indicates that TUVRNA can meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expanding its recognition to include the addition of the two test standards shown in Table 1, above, for NRTL testing and certification. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of TUVRNA’s application.

OSHA seeks public comment on this preliminary determination.

IV. Public Participation

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether TUVRNA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition as a NRTL. Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits.

Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 10 days unless the requester justifies a longer time period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if it is not adequately justified.

To review copies of the exhibits identified in this notice, as well as comments submitted to the docket, contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. These materials also are generally available online at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. OSHA–2007–0042 (for further information, see the “Docket” heading in the section of this notice titled ADDRESSES).

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner. After addressing the issues

raised by these comments, staff will make a recommendation to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health on whether to grant TUVRNA’s application for expansion of the scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application. In making this decision, the Assistant Secretary may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA will publish a public notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**.

VI. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 8–2020 (85 FR 58393; Sept. 18, 2020), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 19, 2024.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2010–0040]

Concrete and Masonry Construction 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 Concrete and Masonry Construction Standard.

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by May 24, 2024.

ADDRESSES:
Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Documents in the docket are listed in the <https://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the websites. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350, (TTY) (877) 889–5627 for assistance in locating docket submissions.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and OSHA docket number (OSHA–2010–0040) for the Information Collection Request (ICR). OSHA will place all comments, including any personal information, in the public docket, which may be made available online. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and birthdates.

For further information on submitting comments, see the “Public Participation” heading in the section of

this notice titled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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 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, the collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (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 effort in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

The following sections describe who uses the information collected under each requirement, as well as how they use it. The purpose of these requirements, the warning signs and barriers required by § 1926.701(c)(2) reduce exposure for non-essential workers to the hazards of post-tensioning operations. The principal hazards originate with failure of wire strands or metal rod tendons under tens of thousands of pounds tension. When strands or tendons fail and contract, they strike with catastrophic force against structures, materials, tools, and workers causing damage, serious injury, or death. The requirements to lock-out and tag-out bulk-storage ejection systems and other hazardous equipment (*e.g.*, compressors, mixers, screens, or pumps used for concrete and masonry construction) as specified by §§ 1926.702(a)(2) and (j)(1) and (2) prevent equipment from being unexpectedly operated and warn

workers that others are on/in the equipment or facility performing tasks (*e.g.*, cleaning, inspecting, maintaining, repairing), where unexpected operation could cause serious injury or death.

Construction contractors and workers use the drawings, plans, and designs required by § 1926.703(a)(2) to provide specific instructions on how to construct, erect, brace, maintain, and remove shores and formwork if they pour concrete at the job site. Section 1926.705(b) requires employers to mark the rated capacity of jacks and lifting units. This requirement prevents overloading and subsequent collapse of jacks and lifting units, as well as their loads, thereby sparing exposed workers from serious injury or death.

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 to protect workers, 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, and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in Concrete and Masonry Construction Standard. The agency is requesting an adjustment increase of 815 hours (from 22,968 to 23,783 hours). The increase in burden is due an increase in the total number of active construction sites for residential housing going from 1,378,095 to 1,427,000.

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Concrete and Masonry Construction Standard.

OMB Control Number: 1218-0095.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 285,400.

Number of Responses: 285,400.

Frequency of Responses: Once.
Average Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 23,783.

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 <https://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; or (2) by facsimile (fax), if your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at 202-693-1648. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR Docket No. OSHA-2010-0040). You may supplement electronic submission by uploading document files electronically.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <https://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 from this website. All submission, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <https://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's "User Tips" link.

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V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, 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. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393).

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 18, 2024.

James S. Frederick,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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