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III. Current Actions

MSHA uses the information to issue a permanent MSHA identification number to the independent contractor. This number allows MSHA to keep track of a contractor's violation history so that appropriate civil penalties can be assessed for violations of the Mine Act or its accompanying mandatory health and safety standards.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Identification of Independent Contractors.

OMB Number: 1219-0043.

Recordkeeping: § 45.3 states that independent contractors may voluntarily obtain a permanent MSHA identification number by submitting to MSHA their trade name and business address, a telephone number, an estimate of the annual hours worked by the contractor on mine property for the previous calendar year, and the address of record for service of documents upon the contractor.

Independent contractors performing services or construction at mines are subject to the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) and are responsible for violations of the Mine Act committed by them or their employees.

Although Independent Contractors are not required to apply for the identification number, they will be assigned one by MSHA the first time they are cited for a violation of the Mine Act. MSHA uses the information to issue a permanent MSHA identification number to the independent contractor.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Respondents: 2,229.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 7.2 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 275 hours.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$601.

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; the comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated at Arlington, VA, this third day of March, 2003.

Lynnette Haywood,

Deputy Director, Office of Administration and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0170(2003)]

Standard on 1,3-Butadiene; 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 comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits comments concerning its proposal to decrease the existing burden-hour estimates, and to extend OMB approval of the information-collection requirements of the 1,3-Butadiene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1051)¹ The standard protects employees from adverse health effects from occupational exposure to 1,3-Butadiene.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

Hard Copy. Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or sent) by May 12, 2003. *Facsimile and electronic transmission:* Your comments must be sent by May 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES:

I. Submission of Comments

Regular mail, express delivery, hand-delivery, and messenger service: Submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. ICR 1218-0170(2003), Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. OSHA Docket Office, and Department of Labor hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. EST.

Facsimile: If your comments, including any attachments, are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648. You must include the docket number of this document, Docket No. ICR 1218-0170(2003), in your comments.

¹ Based on its assessment of the paperwork requirements contained in this standard, the Agency estimates that the total burden hours decreased compared to its previous burden-hour estimate. Under this notice, OSHA is *not* proposing to revise the Standard's paperwork requirements, only to decrease the burden hours estimates imposed by the existing paperwork requirements.

Electronic: You may submit comments, but not attachments, through the Internet at <http://ecomments.osha.gov/>.

(Please see the Supplementary Information below for additional information on submitting comments.)

II. Obtaining Copies of Supporting Statement for the Information Collection

The Supporting Statement for the Information Collection is available for downloading from OSHA's Web site at www.osha.gov. The supporting statement is available for inspection and copying in the OSHA Docket Office, at the address listed above. A printed copy of the supporting statement can be obtained by contacting Todd Owen at (202) 693-2222.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Submission of Comments on this Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document by (1) Hard copy, (2) FAX transmission (facsimile), or (3) electronically through the OSHA website. Please note you cannot attach materials such as studies or journal articles to electronic comments. If you have additional materials, you must submit three copies of them to the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by name, date, subject and docket number so we can attach them to your comments. Because of security-related problems there may be a significant delay in the receipt of comments by regular mail. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by express delivery, hand delivery and messenger service.

II. 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 accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden