

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.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.  
*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).  
*Title:* Benzene.  
*OMB Number:* 1218-0129.  
*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Type of Response:* Recordkeeping and third party disclosure.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Federal government; and State, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 13,498.

Information collection requirement	Annual responses	Average response time (hours)	Annual burden hours
Exposure Monitoring:			
Initial, Periodic, and Additional Monitoring .....	0	0.00	0
Initial Exposure-Monitoring Results .....	0	0.00	0
Periodic Exposure-Monitoring Results .....	20,247	0.08	1,620
Additional Exposure-Monitoring Results .....	1,350	0.08	108
Written Compliance Plan .....	6,749	0.50	3,375
Respiratory Protection (Fit Testing) .....	0	0.00	0
Medical Surveillance:			
Medical Examinations:			
Initial Medical Examinations .....	10,800	2.00	21,600
Periodic Examinations .....	41,647	2.00	83,294
Additional Examinations and Referrals .....	109	4.00	436
Information Provided to Physician .....	52,556	0.08	4,204
Provide Physician's Written Opinion to employee .....	52,556	0.08	4,204
Communication of Benzene Hazards:			
Signs and Labels .....	0	0.00	0
Material Safety Data Sheets .....	0	0.00	0
Employee Information and Training .....	0	0.00	0
Record keeping:			
Exposure Monitoring Results:			
Periodic Monitoring Records .....	20,247	0.08	1,620
Additional Monitoring Records .....	1,350	0.08	108
Medical Records .....	52,556	0.08	4,204
Records Availability .....	5,256	0.08	420
Federal Access .....	4	0.08	1
Records Transfer .....	3	1.00	3
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>265,428</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>125,197</b>

*Total Annualized capital/startup:* \$0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$8,179,958.

*Description:* OSHA is proposing to extend the information-collection requirements specified in the Benzene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1028). The information-collection requirements specified in the Benzene Standard protect employees from the adverse health effects that may result from occupational exposure to benzene. The major information-collection requirements in the Standard include conducting employee exposure monitoring, notifying employees of their benzene exposures, implementing a written compliance program, implementing medical surveillance of employees, providing examining physicians with specific information, ensuring that employees receive a copy of their medical-surveillance results, maintaining employees' exposure-monitoring and medical-surveillance records for specific periods, and providing access to these records by OSHA, the National Institute for

Occupational Safety and Health, the employee who is the subject of the records, the employee's representative, and other designated parties.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Labor Research Advisory Council; Reestablishment

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and after consultation with General Services Administration, I have determined that reestablishment of the Labor Research Advisory Council is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Labor.

The Council will advise the Commissioner of Labor Statistics regarding the statistical and analytical work of the Bureau of Labor Statistics,

providing perspectives on these programs in relation to the needs of the labor unions and their members.

Council membership and participation in the Council and its subcommittees are broadly representative of union organizations of all sizes of membership, with national coverage that reflects the geographical, industrial, and occupational sectors of the economy.

The Council will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Charter will be filed with the Library of Congress and the appropriate congressional committees.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding reestablishment of the Labor Research Advisory Council. Such comments should be addressed to: Deborah P. Klein, Associate Commissioner, Office of Publications and Special Studies, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE.,