implementing a written compliance program, implementing medical surveillance of workers, providing examining physicians with specific information, ensuring that workers receive a copy of their medical surveillance results, maintaining workers’ exposure monitoring and medical surveillance records for specific periods, and providing access to these records to the workers who are the subject of the records, the worker’s representative, and other designated parties.

II. Special Issues for Comment
OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed collection of information 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 collection of information 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 an adjustment decrease of 8,309 burden hours (from 84,307 to 75,998 burden hours). The reduction is primarily the result of the determination that training delivery does not constitute a collection of information under PRA–95. The Agency estimates an increase in the number of exposed workers based upon updated data. As a result, the operation and maintenance costs have increased from $4,799,475 to $5,407,985, a total increase of $608,510 due to increased cost estimates for exposure monitoring sampling and medical exams.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Cadmium in General Industry


OMB Control Number: 1218–0185.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 49,734.

Frequency of Response: On occasion; Quarterly; Biennially; Semi-annually; Annually.

Total Responses: 236,830.

Average Time per Response: Varies from 5 minutes (0.08 hour) to maintain records to 1.5 hours to complete a medical examination.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 75,998.
Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): $5,407,985.

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; or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for this ICR (Docket No. OSHA–2012–0005). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled ADDRESSES). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the Agency can attach them to your comments.

Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350, (TTY (877) 889–5627).

Comments and submissions are posted without charge at http://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as their social security number and date 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 Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the http://www.regulations.gov Web site to submit comments and access the docket is available at the Web site’s “User Tips” link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available from the Web site, and for assistance in using the Internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, 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 June 8, 2015.

David Michaels,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2011–0747]

Blasting and the Use of Explosives; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget 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 its proposal to extend the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements specified in the Standard on Blasting and the Use of Explosives (29 CFR part 1926, subpart U).

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by August 10, 2015.

ADDRESSES:

- Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.
- Facsimile: If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648. Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: When using this method, you must submit a copy of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2011–0747, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor’s and Docket Office’s normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., e.t.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and the OSHA
docket number (OSHA—2011–0747) for the Information Collection Request (ICR). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at http://www.regulations.gov. For further information on submitting comments, see the “Public Participation” heading in the section of this notice titled SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket (including this Federal Register notice) are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download from the Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact Theda Kenney at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theda Kenney or Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, Room N–3609, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693–2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. 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 accord 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 (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA’s estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the 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 efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657). The Standard on Blasting and the Use of Explosives (29 CFR part 1926, subpart U) specifies a number of paperwork requirements. The following is a brief description of the collection of information requirements contained in the Subpart.

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 employer must maintain an inventory and use record for 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, lightening, adjacent power lines, storm lines, 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(a)—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)—Under § 1926.905(t), the blaster must maintain an accurate and up-to-date record of explosives, blasting agents, and blasting supplies used in a blast. In addition, the employer must also maintain an accurate running inventory of all explosives and blasting agents stored for the operation.

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

The Agency is requesting an overall adjustment increase of 372 burden hours (from 1,294 hours to 1,666 hours). As a result of the growth in the construction industry, OSHA increased the number of sites, from 160 to 201, that would develop and certify an alternative plan when signs are infeasible to prevent premature detonation. In addition, OSHA took into account the burden for all employers to maintain their alternative plan at the 201 sites having such plans. These increases offset the minor reduction in burden hours resulting from excluding burden hours for employers to provide the alternative plans to OSHA during a compliance inspection. Such inspection activities are not covered by the PRA (see 5 CFR 1320.4). In addition, the Agency also increased the number of instances where trucks transport explosives underground, from one to four jobs.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Title: Blasting and the Use of Explosives (29 CFR part 1926, subpart U).

OMB Control Number: 1218–0217.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.
Total Number of Respondents: 201.
Frequency of Responses: On occasion.
Total Number of Responses: 818.
A Federal Register document is described with a specific subsection titled "National Transportation Safety Board". The content includes information about the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metrotrain 302 that encountered heavy smoke in a tunnel between the L’Enfant Plaza Station and the Potomac River Bridge on January 12, 2015. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will convene a two-day investigative hearing to gather additional factual information for the ongoing investigation of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Metrorail (WMATA) train 302 that encountered heavy smoke in the tunnel between the L’Enfant Plaza Station and the Potomac River Bridge on January 12, 2015. The NTSB Chairman Christopher Hart will preside over the investigative hearing. The Board of Inquiry consists of Chairman Hart, Vice Chairman Dinh-Zarr and Members Sumwalt and Weener.

On January 12, 2015, about 3:15 p.m. eastern standard time, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metrorail train 302 stopped after encountering an accumulation of heavy smoke while traveling southbound in a tunnel between the L’Enfant Plaza Station and the Potomac River Bridge. After stopping, the rear car of the train was about 346 feet from the south end of the L’Enfant Plaza Station platform.

A following train, stopped at the L’Enfant Plaza Station at about 3:23 p.m., and was also affected by the heavy smoke. This train stopped about 100 feet short of the south end of the platform. Passengers of both trains, as well as passengers on the station platforms, were exposed to the heavy smoke.

Both Metrorail trains involved in this incident consisted of six passenger cars and were about 450 feet in length. As a result of the smoke, 86 passengers were transported to local medical facilities for treatment; another nine people sought medical attention. There was one passenger fatality.

The investigative hearing will discuss the following issue areas:

- State of WMATA’s Infrastructure;
- Emergency Response Efforts;
- WMATA’s Organizational Culture;
- Federal Transit Administration and Tri-State Oversight Committees Efforts for Public Transportation safety.

Parties to the hearing will include the Federal Transit Administration, WMATA, Tri-State Oversight Committee, Amalgamated Transit Union, International Association of Fire Fighters, and District of Columbia (DC) Emergency Services, which includes three DC departments.

At the start of the hearing, the public docket will be opened. Included in the docket are photographs, interview transcripts, and other documents.

Order of Proceedings

1. Opening Statement by the Chairman of the Board of Inquiry
2. Introduction of the Board of Inquiry and Technical Panel
3. Introduction of the Parties to the Hearing
4. Introduction of Exhibits by Hearing Officer
5. Overview of the incident and the investigation by Investigator-In-Charge
6. Calling of Witnesses by Hearing Officer and Examination of Witness by Board of Inquiry, Technical Panel, and Parties
7. Closing Statement by the Chairman of the Board of Inquiry

The hearing docket is DCA15FR004. The Investigative Hearing will be held in the NTSB Board Room and Conference Center, located at 429 L’Enfant Plaza E, SW., Washington, DC, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 and Wednesday, June 24, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The public can view the hearing in person or by live webcast at www.ntsb.gov. Webcast archives are generally available by the end of the next day following the hearing, and webcasts are archived for a period of 3 months from after the date of the event.

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation and/or wheelchair access directions should contact Ms. Rochelle Hall at (202) 314–6305 or by email at Rochelle.Hall@ntsb.gov by Friday, June 19, 2015.

NTSB Media Contact: Mr. Peter Knudson—Peter.Knudson@ntsb.gov