Government to ensure that workers are not harmed by exposure to asbestos in the workplace.

The Agency is requesting a burden hour adjustment decrease of 115,504 (from 3,881,183 hours to 3,765,679). Using updated data, and the fact that much of the remediation of asbestos products has likely taken place, the Agency estimates a decrease in employment from 1,338,403 to 1,301,735 workers. Also, the number of employers has decreased from 1,046,897 to 1,018,215.

III. Proposed Actions

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Asbestos in Construction Standard (29 CFR 1926.1101).

OMB Control Number: 1218–0134.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 1,018,215.
Frequency: On occasion.
Average Time per Response: Varies.
Estimated Number of Responses: 38,279,930.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,765,679.
Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): $35,917,810.

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 (fax); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number (Docket No. OSHA–2012–0002) for the ICR. 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 electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so that 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 change at http://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 through this website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office.

Information on using the http://www.regulations.gov website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website’s “User Tips” link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, 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. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 8, 2018.

Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.