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Docket: The docket for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA–2025–0012) is available at www.regulations.gov, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Additional materials and information related to OSHA's consultation with the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) will be available at <https://www.osha.gov/advisorycommittee/acssh/minutes>. All comments and submissions are listed on the www.regulations.gov index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) may not be publicly available to read or download through that website. All documents submitted to www.regulations.gov, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 (TTY number: (877) 889–5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For press inquiries: Contact Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: OSHAComms@dol.gov.

For general information and technical inquiries: Contact Andrew Levinson, Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693–1950; email: osha.dsg@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 1, 2025, OSHA published a proposal to

revise OSHA's Methylene chloride standard (29 CFR 1910.1052) to reduce compliance burdens, allow for the use of additional types of respirators, and improve the comprehensibility of the requirements for respiratory protection programs under the standard (90 FR 28272). Part of the intent of this proposal was also to better align this standard with OSHA's Respiratory Protection standard (29 CFR 1910.134). The comment period was scheduled to end on September 2, 2025, but was subsequently extended an additional 60 days to November 1, 2025, in response to requests from the public (90 FR 40544).

At the time of publication of the proposal, OSHA was in the process of appointing members to the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH). OSHA stated in the proposal that it would present this proposed rule to ACCSH once that process was complete and would place the Committee's recommendations on the OSHA website and in the docket for this proposed rule to allow the public to provide comments on those recommendations. OSHA consulted with ACCSH on April 1 and May 19, 2026, and is now reopening the rulemaking record for an additional 30 days. To read or download the ACCSH recommendations, comments, and other materials submitted in the docket, go to Docket No. OSHA–2025–0012 at www.regulations.gov. Additional materials and information related to OSHA's consultation with ACCSH will be available at <https://www.osha.gov/advisorycommittee/acssh/minutes>.

Authority and Signature

This document was prepared under the direction of David Keeling, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health. It is issued under the authority of sections 4, 6, and 8 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653, 655, and 657), 33 U.S.C. 941, 40 U.S.C. 3704, 5 U.S.C. 553, 29 CFR part 1911, and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 07–2025 (90 FR 27878).

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Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Parts 1910, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1926, 1928

[Docket No. OSHA–2025–0021]

RIN 1218–AD60

Cadmium

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of the rulemaking record.

SUMMARY: OSHA is providing an additional comment period to allow interested persons to comment on OSHA's proposal to revise the Cadmium standards. Following consideration of the rulemaking by OSHA's Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH), OSHA is re-opening the record for this rulemaking to provide an additional 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

Written comments: You may submit comments and attachments, identified by Docket No. OSHA–2025–0021, electronically at www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for making electronic submissions.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency's name and the docket number for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA–2025–0021). When uploading multiple attachments to www.regulations.gov, please number all your attachments because www.regulations.gov will not automatically number the attachments. This will be very useful in identifying all attachments. For example, Attachment 1—title of your document, Attachment 2—title of your document, Attachment 3—title of your document. For assistance with commenting and uploading documents, please see the Frequently Asked Questions on www.regulations.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 1, 2025, OSHA published a proposal to revise OSHA’s Cadmium standards (29 CFR 1910.1027 and 1926.1127) in order to reduce compliance burdens, allow for the use of more up-to-date technology, and improve the comprehensibility of the requirements for respiratory protection programs under the standards (90 FR 28330). Part of the intent of this proposal was also to better align this standard with OSHA’s Respiratory Protection standard (29 CFR 1910.134). The comment period was scheduled to end on September 2, 2025, but was subsequently extended an additional 60 days to November 1, 2025, in response to requests from the public (90 FR 40552).

At the time of publication of the proposal, OSHA was in the process of appointing members to the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and

Health (ACCSH). OSHA stated in the proposal that it would present this proposed rule to ACCSH once that process was complete and would place the Committee’s recommendations on the OSHA website and in the docket for this proposed rule to allow the public to provide comments on those recommendations. OSHA consulted with ACCSH on April 1 and May 19, 2026, and is now reopening the rulemaking record to allow for public comment for an additional 30 days. To read or download the ACCSH recommendations, comments, and other materials submitted in the docket, go to Docket No. OSHA–2025–0021 at www.regulations.gov. Additional materials and information related to OSHA’s consultation with ACCSH will be available at <https://www.osha.gov/advisorycommittee/accsh/minutes>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 1

[Docket No. PTO–P–2025–0545]

RIN 0651–AD94

Requirement To Identify All Real Parties in Interest to a Third Party Request for an Ex Parte Reexamination

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is proposing to amend the rules of practice to require a third party request for *ex parte* reexamination to include a statement by the third party requester identifying all real parties in interest to

the *ex parte* reexamination request. This statement would be kept confidential upon request. This proposed requirement would provide the Office with a mechanism to evaluate statutory estoppel provisions. It would also enhance the Office’s ability to respond to false certifications, misrepresentations, and fraud.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 21, 2026 to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: For reasons of Government efficiency, comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. To submit comments via the portal, one should enter docket number PTO–P–2025–0545 on the homepage and select the “Search” button. The site will provide search results listing all documents associated with this docket. Commenters can find a reference to this notice and select the “Comment” button, complete the required fields, and enter or attach their comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Adobe® portable document format (PDF) or Microsoft Word® format. Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that the submitter does not desire to make public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.

Please visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal for additional instructions on providing comments via the portal. If electronic submission of, or access to, comments is not feasible due to a lack of access to a computer and/or the internet, please contact the USPTO using the contact information below for special instructions.

The docket for this rulemaking in the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> contains a plain language summary of this proposed rule, as required by 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(4).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Fulk, Legal Advisor, at 571–270–0072, or Nicole Haines, Senior Legal Advisor, at 571–272–7717, with the Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

Currently, a third party requester may submit an *ex parte* reexamination request anonymously without identifying the real party(ies) in interest to the request (*i.e.*, the identity of the requester and any other real parties in interest). See 37 CFR 1.501(d) and Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) (9th ed., Rev. 01.2024,