

- Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who 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.

Documents related to this information collection request are available at <https://regulations.gov>. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns new data collection for the Older Workers Study Impact Evaluation.

Type of Review: New collection.

Agency: CEO.

OMB Number: 1290-0NEW.

Affected Public: Individuals (primary), Businesses or other for-profits, Not-for-profit institutions.

Total Number of Respondents: 2,145.

Total Number of Responses: 2,145.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,264 hours.

Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and will be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

Tiffany Boiman,

Chief Evaluation Officer, U.S. Department of Labor, Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2011-0028]

Grain Handling Facilities Standard; 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 public comments.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning the proposal to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements specified in the Grain Handling Facilities Standard.

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by December 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Documents in the docket are listed in the <https://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (*e.g.*, copyrighted (material) is not publicly available to read or download through the websites. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and OSHA docket number (OSHA-2011-0028) for the Information Collection Request (ICR). OSHA will place all comments, including any personal information, in the public docket, which may be made available online. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and birthdates.

For further information on submitting comments, see the "Public Participation" heading in the section of this notice titled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Belinda Cannon, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone (202) 693-1950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of the 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) (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, the collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The

Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (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 effort in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

The following sections describe who uses the information collected under each requirement, as well as how they use it. The purpose of these requirements is to reduce employees' risk of death or serious injury while working in grain handling facilities.

Paragraph (d) of the Standard requires the employer to develop and implement a written emergency action plan so that employees will be aware of the appropriate actions to take in the event of an emergency.

Paragraph (e)(1) requires that employers provide training to employees at least annually, when changes in job assignment will expose them to new hazards, and employees assigned special tasks.

Paragraph (f)(1) requires the employer to issue a permit for all hot work except when the employer or the employer's representative (who would otherwise authorize the permit) is present while the hot work is being performed; in welding shops authorized by the employer; and in hot work areas authorized by the employer which are located outside of the grain handling structure. Under paragraph (f)(2) the hot work permit certifies that the requirements contained in 1910.272(a) have been implemented prior to beginning the hot work operations. Certificates must be kept on file until completion of the hot work operation.

Paragraph (g)(1)(i) requires the employer to issue a permit for entering bins, silos, or tanks unless the employer or the employer's representative is present during the entire operation. The intent of the permit is to certify that the precautions contained in paragraph (g) have been implemented prior to employees entering bins, silos, or tanks and must be kept on file until completion of the entry operations.

Paragraph (g)(1)(ii) requires that the employer de-energize, disconnect, lockout and tag, block off, or otherwise prevent operation of all mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment that presents a danger to

employees inside grain storage structures.

Paragraph (g)(1)(iii) requires that the atmosphere of bins, silos, or tanks must be tested for the presence of combustible gases, vapors, toxic agents, and oxygen before and during the period employees are inside. Specifically, testing of gases, vapors, and toxic agents is required when the employer has reason to believe they may be present, and where the bin, silo, or tank has continuous natural air movement or continuous forced-air ventilation, testing for oxygen content is not required.

Paragraph (g)(3) required the presence of an observer, equipped to provide assistance, to be stationed outside a bin, silo, or tank being entered by an employee. The observer, in accordance with paragraph (e)(2) must receive additional training, which paragraph (g)(5) specifies training in rescue procedures, including notification methods for obtaining additional assistance.

Paragraphs (h)(1) through (h)(3) addresses safety requirement for entry into flat storage structures. Where equipment inside the storage structure presents a danger to the employee (e.g., an auger or other grain transport equipment), paragraph (h)(2)(i) requires that equipment to be disconnected, locked-out and tagged, blocked-off, or otherwise prevented from operating by other equally effective means or methods.

Paragraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) require the employer to inform contractors performing work at the grain handling facility of known potential fire and explosion hazards related to the contractor's work, as well as applicable safety rules. Employers must also explain to the contractor the applicable provisions of the emergency action plan.

Paragraph (j)(1) requires the employer to develop and implement a written housekeeping program that establishes the frequency and method(s) determined to best reduce accumulations of fugitive grain dust on ledges, floors, equipment, and other exposed surfaces.

Paragraph (m)(1) requires the employer to implement preventative maintenance procedures consisting of regularly scheduled inspections of at least the mechanical and safety control equipment associated with dryers, grain stream processing equipment, dust collection equipment including filter collectors, and bucket elevators.

Paragraph (m)(3) requires a certification to be maintained for each inspection.

Paragraph (m)(4) requires the employer to implement procedures for

the use of tags and locks to prevent the inadvertent application of energy or motion to the equipment being repaired, serviced, or adjusted.

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 to protect workers, 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, and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Grain Handling Facilities Standard. The agency is seeking an adjustment decrease in burden going from 57,837 to 45,177 hours, a difference of 12,660 hours. The decrease is due to the reduction in the number of grain elevators and mills in use from the agency's previous ICR.

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Grain Handling Facilities Standard (29 CFR 1910.272).

OMB Control Number: 1218–0206.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 10,370.

Number of Responses: 874,544.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: Varies.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 45,177.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$0.

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 <https://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; or (2) by

facsimile (fax), if your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (OSHA–2011–0028). You may supplement electronic submission by uploading document files electronically.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <https://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 <https://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download from this website. All submission, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <https://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 at (202) 693–2350 (TTY (877), 889–5627) for information about materials not available from the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

Amanda Laihow, Principal 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. 7–2025 (90 FR 27878).

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 5, 2026.

Amanda Laihow,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2007–0039]

Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand