

Number of Respondents: 129,000.
Annual Responses: 1,594,800.
Average Response Time: 32 minutes.
Annual Burden Hours: 68,800.
Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$43,060.

Description: Various sections of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA), 29 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, require each farm labor contractor, agricultural employer and agricultural association to disclose employment terms and conditions in writing to: (a) Migrant agricultural workers at the time of recruitment (MSPA section 201(a)); (b) seasonal agricultural workers, upon request, at the time of hire (MSPA section 301(a)(1)); and (c) seasonal agricultural workers employed through a day-haul operation at the place of recruitment (MSPA section 301(a)(2)). MSPA sections 201(b) and 301(b) also require that each such respondent provide each migrant worker, upon request, a written statement of terms and conditions of employment. In addition, MSPA sections 201(g) and 301(f) require providing such information in English or, as necessary and reasonable, in a language common to the workers and that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) make forms available to provide such information. DOL prints and makes optional Form WH-516, Worker Information—Terms of Conditions of Employment, available for this purpose. MSPA sections 201(a)(8) and 301(a)(1)(H) require disclosure of certain information regarding State workers' compensation insurance to each migrant or seasonal agricultural worker (*i.e.*, whether State workers' compensation is provided and if so, the name of the State workers' compensation insurance carrier, the name of each person of the policyholder of such insurance, the name and the telephone number of each person who must be notified of an injury or death and the time period within which this notice must be given). Respondents may also meet this disclosure requirement, by providing the worker with a photocopy of any notice regarding workers' compensation insurance required by law of the state in which such worker is employed. The terms and conditions required to be disclosed to workers are set forth in sections 500.75(a) and (b) and 500.75(a), (b) and (c) of Regulations, 29 CFR part 500, Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection. Regulations 500.75(a) and 500.76(a) allow respondents to complete and disclose to workers the terms and conditions of

employment using the DOL-developed optional form WH-516 to satisfy these requirements. Optional Form WH-516 may be used by the respondent to disclose employment terms and conditions in writing to migrant and seasonal agricultural workers.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Report of Changes That May Affect Your Black Lung Benefits (CM-929). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before February 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0418, fax (202) 693-1451, *E-mail* bell.hazel@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or E-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 as amended, 30 U.S.C. 941, and 20 CFR 725.533(e) authorizes the

Division of Coal Mine Workers' Compensation (DCMWC) to pay compensation to coal miner beneficiaries. Once a miner or survivor is found eligible for benefits, the primary beneficiary is requested to report certain changes that may affect black lung benefits. The CM-929 is used to help determine continuing eligibility of primary beneficiaries receiving black lung benefits from the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund. The CM-929 is completed by the beneficiary to report factors that may affect his or her benefits, including income, marital status, receipt of state workers' compensation and dependents' status. This information collection is currently approved for use through June 30, 2005.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the approval of the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to verify the accuracy of information in the beneficiary's claims file, and to identify changes in the beneficiary's status, to ensure that the amount of compensation being paid the beneficiary is accurate.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Titles: Report of Changes That May Affect Your Black Lung Benefits.

OMB Number: 1215-0084.

Agency Numbers: CM-929.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Respondents: 51,000.

Total Annual Responses: 51,000.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,505.
Estimated Time Per Response: 5 to 8 minutes.

Frequency: Biennially.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 20, 2004.

Bruce Bohanon,

Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Docket No. ICR 1218-0131 (2005)

Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories 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 comment.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories Standard (29 CFR 1910.1450).

DATES: Comments must be submitted by the following dates:

Hard copy: Your comments must be submitted (postmarked or received) by February 25, 2005.

Facsimile and electronic transmission: Your comments must be received by February 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OSHA Docket No. ICR-1218-0131 (2005), by any of the following methods:

Regular mail, express delivery, hand delivery, and messenger service: Submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350 (OSHA's TTY number is (877) 889-5627). OSHA Docket Office and

Department of Labor hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., ET.

Facsimile: If your comments are 10 pages or fewer in length, including attachments, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Electronic: You may submit comments through the Internet at <http://dockets.osha.gov/>. Follow instructions on the OSHA Web Page for submitting comments.

Docket: For access to the docket to read or download comments or background materials, such as the complete Information Collection Request (ICR) (containing the Supporting Statement, OMB-83-I Form, and attachments), go to OSHA's Web Page at <http://www.OSHA.gov>. Comments, submissions, and the ICR are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. You may also contact Todd Owen at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

(For additional information on submitting comments, please see the "Public Participation" heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, Room N-3609, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments and supporting materials in response to this notice by (1) hard copy, (2) fax transmission (facsimile), or (3) electronically through the OSHA Web page. Because of security related problems, there may be a significant delay in the receipt of comments by regular mail. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by express delivery, hand delivery and messenger service.

All comments, submissions and background documents are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. Comments and submissions posted on OSHA's Web page are available at <http://www.OSHA.gov>. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through the OSHA Web page and for assistance using the Web page to locate docket submissions.

Electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice as well as other relevant documents are available on OSHA's Web page.

II. 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 accordance 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 Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657).

The standard entitled "Occupational Exposure to Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories" (29 CFR 1910.1450; the "Standard") applies to laboratories that use hazardous chemicals in accordance with the Standard's definitions for "laboratory use of hazardous chemicals" and "laboratory scale." The Standard requires these laboratories to maintain employee exposures at or below the permissible exposure limits specified for the hazardous chemicals in 29 CFR Part 1910, subpart Z. They do so by developing a written Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) that describes: Standard operating procedures for using hazardous chemicals; hazard-control techniques; equipment-reliability measures; measures; employee information-and-training programs; conditions under which the employer must approve operations, procedures, and activities before implementation; and medical consultations and examinations. The CHP also designates personnel responsible for implementing the CHP, and specifies the procedures used to provide additional protection to employees exposed to particularly hazardous chemicals.

Other information-collection requirements of the Standard include: Documenting exposure-monitoring results; notifying employees in writing of these results; presenting specified information and training to employees; establishing a medical surveillance program for overexposed employees;