

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Bureau of Labor Statistics****Information Collection Activities;  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance 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. 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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the “Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries.” A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before June 9, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, by email to [BLS\\_PRA\\_Public@bls.gov](mailto:BLS_PRA_Public@bls.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, at 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll-free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) was delegated responsibility by the Secretary of Labor for implementing Section 24(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. This section states that “the Secretary shall compile accurate statistics on work injuries and illnesses which shall include all disabling, serious, or significant injuries and illnesses . . .”

Prior to the implementation of the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI), the BLS generated estimates of occupational fatalities for private sector employers from a sample survey of

about 280,000 establishments. Studies showed that occupational fatalities were underreported in those estimates as well as in those compiled by regulatory, vital statistics, and workers’ compensation systems. Estimates prior to the CFOI varied widely, ranging from 3,000 to 10,000 fatal work injuries annually. In addition, information needed to develop prevention strategies were often missing from these earlier programs.

In the late 1980s, the National Academy of Sciences study, *Counting Injuries and Illnesses in the Workplace*, and another report, *Keystone National Policy Dialogue on Work-Related Illness and Injury Recordkeeping*, emphasized the need for the BLS to compile a complete roster of work-related fatalities because of concern over the accuracy of using a sample survey to estimate the incidence of occupational fatalities. These studies also recommended the use of all available data sources to compile detailed information for fatality prevention efforts.

The BLS tested the feasibility of collecting fatality data in this manner in 1989 and 1990. The resulting CFOI was implemented in 32 states in 1991. National data covering all 50 states, New York City, the District of Columbia, and three U.S. Territories have been compiled and published annually since 1992.

The CFOI compiles comprehensive, accurate, and timely information on fatal work injuries needed to develop effective prevention strategies. The system collects information concerning the incident, demographic information of the deceased, and characteristics of the employer.

CFOI data are used to:

- Develop employee safety training programs.
- Develop and assess the effectiveness of safety standards.
- Conduct research for developing prevention strategies.

In addition, state partners use the data to publish state reports, to identify state-specific hazards, to allocate resources for promoting safety in the workplace, and to evaluate the quality of work life in the state.

**II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries.

In 2023, 5,283 workers lost their lives because of fatal work injuries. This official systematic, verifiable count mutes controversy over the various counts from different sources. The CFOI count has been adopted by the National Safety Council and other organizations as the sole source of a comprehensive

count of fatal work injuries for the U.S. If this information were not collected, confusion over the number and patterns in fatal occupational injuries would hamper prevention efforts. By providing timely occupational fatality data, the CFOI provides safety and health managers the information necessary to respond to emerging workplace hazards.

During 2024, the BLS national office responded to 88 requests for CFOI data from various organizations. (This figure excludes requests received by states for state-specific data.) In addition, the CFOI page of the BLS website averaged about 8,084 users per month in 2024.

National office staff also responded to numerous requests from safety organizations for staff members to participate in safety conferences and seminars. The CFOI research file, made available to safety and health groups, is being used by 4 organizations. Study topics include fatalities by worker demographic category (young workers, older workers, Hispanic workers); by occupation or industry (construction workers, police officers, firefighters, landscaping workers, workers in oil and gas extraction); by event (heat-related fatalities, fatalities from workplace violence, suicides, falls from height); or other research such as safety and health program effectiveness and the impact of fatality risk on wages. A current list of research articles and reports that include CFOI data can be found at: <https://www.bls.gov/iif/publications-overview.htm>.

**III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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.
  - 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.

*Title of Collection:* Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries.

OMB Number: 1220-0133.  
Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Federal government; Individuals or households; Private sector (Business or other for-profits,

Not-for-profit institutions, Farms); State, local, or tribal governments.

Form	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (minutes)	Estimated total burden (hours)
Form BLS CFOI-1 .....	205	On Occasion .....	205	20	69
Source Documents .....	227	On Occasion .....	15,867	10	2,713
Totals .....	432	.....	16,072	.....	2,782

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 also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 3, 2025.

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Chief, Division of Management Systems, Branch of Policy Analysis.

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**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. IM2025-1; Order No. 8773]

**Section 407 Proceeding**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is establishing a docket to solicit comments for the purpose of developing its views on whether certain proposals for the upcoming UPU Congress are consistent with the standards and criteria for modern rate regulation established by the Commission under applicable sections of the United States Code. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* June 6, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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**I. Introduction**

The 28th Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress will take place September 7–20, 2025, in the United Arab Emirates. Before the United States concludes any treaty, convention, or amendment that establishes a Market Dominant rate or classification, the Secretary of State must request that the Commission provide views on whether such treaties, conventions, or amendments are consistent with the standards and criteria for modern rate regulation established by the Commission under 39 U.S.C. 3622. 39 U.S.C. 407(c)(1). On March 31, 2025, the Department of State requested the Commission’s views on relevant proposals that will be presented at the 28th UPU Congress.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to section 407(c)(1) and 39 CFR part 3025, the Commission establishes Docket No. IM2025-1 for the purpose of developing its views on whether certain proposals for the upcoming UPU Congress are consistent with the standards and criteria for modern rate regulation established by the Commission under 39 U.S.C. 3622.

**II. Initial Commission Action**

*Establishment of docket.* Part 3025 of title 39 of the Code of Federal Regulations codifies procedures related to the development of the Commission’s section 407 views.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to rule

<sup>1</sup> Letter from A. McCoy Pitt, Senior Bureau Official, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, March 31, 2025 (State’s Request).

<sup>2</sup> See Docket No. RM2015-14, Order Adopting Final Rules on Procedures Related to Commission Views, December 30, 2015 (Order No. 2960). See also 81 FR 869 (January 8, 2016). The rules relating to views were codified in part 3017 and took effect on February 8, 2016. The Commission later revised these rules to enhance transparency and accountability within the Commission view process and improve public accessibility to related documents. Docket No. RM2020-3, Order Adopting Final Rules Related to Commission Views, February 24, 2020, at 1-2 (Order No. 5439). These revised rules went into effect on April 21, 2020. Order No. 5439 at 5. Subsequently, the Commission issued a final rulemaking in a separate proceeding that, among other things, renumbered several parts in

3025.103(c), the Commission establishes this docket to solicit public comments on “the specific relevant proposals posted by the Commission and the general principles that should guide the development of Commission views as well as any other materials posted in the applicable docket . . .” 39 CFR 3025.103(c).

*Comments.* Rule 3025.104(a) provides that the Commission “shall establish a deadline for comments upon establishment of the docket that is consistent with timely submission of Commission views to the Secretary of State.” 39 CFR 3025.104(a). The 28th Universal Postal Union Congress will take place September 7–20, 2025, in the United Arab Emirates. The Department of State requests that the Commission submit its views by August 5, 2025. State’s Request at 1. To ensure timely submission of the Commission’s views to the Department of State, the Commission establishes June 6, 2025 as the deadline for submission of comments on the consistency of the specific relevant proposals posted by the Commission that are subject to subchapter I of chapter 36 with the standards and criteria established by the Commission under 39 U.S.C. 3622, and the general principles that should guide the development of Commission views as well as any other materials posted in this docket.

*Using the Commission’s Filing Online System.* Except as provided in 39 CFR 3010.120(a),<sup>3</sup> all material filed with the

title 39 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Docket No. RM2019-13, Order Reorganizing Commission Regulations and Amending Rules of Practice, January 16, 2020 (Order No. 5407). As a result of Order No. 5407, part 3017 was redesignated as part 3025 and the rules were renumbered on April 20, 2020. *Id.*; Order No. 5439 at 4-5.

<sup>3</sup> The Commission’s Filing Online system allows account holders to file materials that contain non-public information. See Postal Regulatory Commission eDockets User Guide, at 40, available at <https://www.prc.gov/sites/default/files/PRCeFilingUserGuideG3032025.pdf>. The filer must adhere to the requirements of 39 CFR 3011 subpart B, including the requirement to concomitantly provide an application for non-public treatment, a redacted (public) version of the non-public