

693–0213, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The standard for shackles and hooks (29 CFR 1915.113(b)(1)) requires that all hooks for which no applicable manufacturer's recommendations are available be tested and that the employer retain a certification record. The standard on portable air receivers (29 CFR 1915.172(d)) requires that portable, unfired pressure vessels be examined quarterly and subjected to a yearly hydrostatic pressure test and that a certification record be maintained. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 18, 2024 (89 FR 51551).

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL–OSHA.

Title of Collection: Shipyard Employment Standards.

OMB Control Number: 1218–0220.

Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,674.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 24,637.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 9,538 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

Nicole Bouchet,

Senior Paperwork Reduction Act Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Cotton Dust Standard

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before September 27, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202–693–0213, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the cotton dust standard and its information collection requirements is to provide protection for employees from the adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to cotton dust. Employers must monitor employee exposure, reduce employee exposure to within permissible exposure limits, provide employees with medical examinations and training, and establish and maintain employee exposure monitoring and medical records. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 2024 (89 FR 42509).

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is

necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Agency: DOL–OSHA.

Title of Collection: Cotton Dust Standard.

OMB Control Number: 1218–0061.

Affected Public: Private Sector—Businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,810.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 14,531.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 5,752 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$768,858.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

Nicole Bouchet,

Senior Paperwork Reduction Act Analyst.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA–2024–053]

Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board; Members

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration.

ACTION: Notice; SES Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the appointment of members of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Performance Review Board (PRB). The members of the PRB for the National Archives and Records Administration are: William J. Bosanko, Deputy Archivist; Valorie F. Findlater, Chief Human Capital Officer, and Colleen Murphy, Chief Financial Officer and Acting Chief, Management and Administration. These appointments supersede all previous appointments.

DATES: This appointment is effective on August 28, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valorie Findlater, Office of Human Capital, at valorie.findlater@nara.gov, or by telephone at (301) 837-3754.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority for this notice is 5 U.S.C. 4314(c), which also requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES Performance Review Boards. The Board shall review the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor and recommend final action to the appointing authority regarding matters related to senior executive performance.

Colleen J. Shogan,

Archivist of the United States.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Request for Information (RFI) on Science Research Goals/Objectives Affecting Proposed U.S. Antarctic Science Monitoring and Reliable Telecommunications (SMART) Cable and Route Design

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests input from the full range of institutions and organizations across all relevant sectors—industry, academia, non-profits, government, venture capital, and others—to inform the development of a proposed subsea telecommunications cable capable of being equipped with sensors to support science research that would connect the largest U.S. research facility in Antarctica, McMurdo Station, with either the South Island of New Zealand or Southeast Australia. The proposed

cable is expected to host the point science sensor concept promoted by the UN IOC/UNESCO Joint Task Force on Science Monitoring And Reliable Telecommunications (<https://www.smartcables.org/>) (“SMART”) Cables. NSF requests information regarding the proposed McMurdo SMART Cable project including the cable route that maximizes science output and science sensor and technologies to be considered in designing the project. NSF will provide project information and updates at https://www.nsf.gov/geo/opp/ail/subsea_cable.

DATES: Interested persons or organizations are invited to submit responses to this notice on or before 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on November 5, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Options for Responses to this notice are as follows:

- **Electronic On-line Submission:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/subseacable>.
- **Email:** AntarcticSubseaCable-RFI@nsf.gov. Email submissions should be machine-readable and not be copy-protected. Submissions should include “RFI Response: Antarctic SMART Cable” in the subject line of the message.
- **Letter Mail:** U.S. National Science Foundation, Geosciences Directorate, Office of Polar Programs, 2415 Eisenhower Ave., Suite W7251, Alexandria, VA 22314.
Attn: Patrick D. Smith, Antarctic SMART Cable RFI Response.
- **Telephone:** Antarctic Infrastructure and Logistics Section, (703) 292-8032.

The preferred method of response is the Electronic On-line Submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick D. Smith, Technology Development Manager for Polar Research Support, National Science Foundation, Geosciences Directorate, Office of Polar Programs, 2415 Eisenhower Ave., Suite W7251, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (703) 292-7455.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

Over 500 subsea fiber optic telecommunications cables, including both installed and planned cables, cover nearly all ocean regions including multiple high Arctic cables. NSF is investigating the implementation of a modern subsea fiber optic telecommunications cable connecting the largest U.S. Antarctic Program (<https://www.usap.gov/>) research facility, McMurdo Station (77°50'47" S, 166°40'06" E) (<https://www.usap.gov/videoclipsandmaps/mcm>

[webcam.cfm?t=1](https://www.usap.gov/videoclipsandmaps/mcm)), with either New Zealand or Australia. Although the main scope of the installation is to provide advanced high-speed, low delay telecommunications, this cable will contain additional point sensors (e.g., SMART—Science Monitoring And Reliable Telecommunications) and/or distributed sensing infrastructure, enabling for the first time myriad investigations across a broad range of scientific disciplines.

The NSF Directorates for Geosciences (GEO), Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE), and Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships (TIP) have identified the potential subsea cable as an opportunity for transformational changes in the conduct of science, vast improvements in telecommunications capability supporting Antarctica, and innovative public-private partnerships linking science and technology.

Additionally, the cable would have the ability to accommodate additional, multiple forms of distributed fiber optic sensing that are advancing rapidly in technology maturity (e.g., Distributed Acoustic Sensing, Distributed Temperature Sensing, State of Polarization, etc.). Preliminary cable routes have been established using standard subsea cable industry best practices that avoid areas posing high geophysical risk, as well as initial feedback from the scientific community via a virtual workshop in 2021, producing a broad corridor where opportunities exist to adjust the final route to best align with Earth science areas of high science research interest.

Further, science research supported by the cable sensors is of societal relevance on a global scale for a number of reasons, such as (1) filling significant knowledge gaps of key global ocean processes and trends for improved understanding and monitoring climate change, including ocean heat transport, CO₂ sequestration, and sea level rise; (2) regional seismic monitoring and early warning of potential tsunami seismic events; (3) global measurements of geophysical Earth structure; and (4) developing the technological capabilities to enhance other global telecommunications infrastructure for scientific research and human benefit.

Science Workshop

In late June 2021, the NSF Directorate for Geosciences, Office of Polar Programs (GEO/OPP) (<https://www.nsf.gov/div/index.jsp?div=OPP>) and Directorate for Computer Information Science and Engineering, Office of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure (CISE/OAC) (<https://new.nsf.gov/cise/>