

extension on the collection of data contained in the procedures to petition ETA for classification as a Labor Surplus Area (LSA) under exceptional circumstances criteria.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office 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 June 25, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Gay Gilbert, Division Chief, U.S. Employment Service/ALMIS, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Rm. C-4512, Washington, DC 20210; (202) 693-3046 (not a toll-free number); Internet address: [ggilbert@doleta.gov](mailto:ggilbert@doleta.gov); and/or Fax: (202) 693-3229.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

20 CFR parts 654, the Secretary of Labor is required to classify labor surplus areas (LSAs) and disseminate this information for the use of all Federal agencies. This information is used by Federal agencies for various purposes including procurement decision, food stamp waiver decisions, certain small business loan decisions, as well as other purposes determined by the agencies. The LSA listings are issued annually, effective October 1 of each year, utilizing data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Areas meeting the criteria are classified as Labor Surplus Areas.

The Department's regulations specify that the Department can add other areas to the annual LSA listing under the exceptional circumstance criteria in 20 CFR 654.5. Such additions are based upon information contained in petitions submitted by the State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) to the national office of the ETA. These petitions contain specific economic information about an area in order to provide ample justification for adding the area to the LSA listing under the exceptional circumstance criteria. Exceptional circumstances as defined in 20 CFR 654.5(a) are catastrophic events, such as natural disasters, plant closings, and contract cancellations expected to have a long-term impact on labor market area conditions, discounting temporary or seasonal factors. This data collection pertains only to data submitted voluntarily by States in exceptional circumstance petitions.

Most of the information contained in the SESA LSA petitions is already available from other sources, *e.g.*, internal reports, statistical programs, newspaper clippings, and other similar information. The petitions are not intended to provide new (unduplicated) information but, rather, are intended to bring various types of information together in a single document in order to make an LSA classification determination. No periodic reporting is required.

##### **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:**

This is a request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) of an extension to an existing collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0207. There is a reduction in burden based on an experience rate for the last year of the approved data collection period. During the current OMB approved period, a maximum of five petitions annually have been received and processed. Therefore, a reduction is being reported for the next period.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Procedures for Classifying Labor Surplus Areas Exceptional Circumstances Reporting.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0207.

*Affected Public:* State Employment Security Agencies.

*Total Responses:* 5.

*Average Time Per Response:* 4 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 20.

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

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

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: April 17, 2001.

**Gay Gilbert,**

*Division Chief of U.S. Employment Service/ALMIS.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

##### **Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0208(2001)]

##### **Anhydrous Ammonia Standard (29 CFR 1910.111); Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's Approval of Information-Collection (Paperwork) Requirements**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits public comment to decrease the existing burden-hour estimate and extend the information-collection requirements specified in the Anhydrous Ammonia Standard (29 CFR 1910.111).

**DATE:** Submit written comments on or before June 25, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0208(2001), OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less by facsimile to: (202) 693-1948.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2222. A copy of the Agency's Information-Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collections specified in the Anhydrous Ammonia Standard is available for inspection and copying in the Docket

Office, or by requesting a copy from Theda Kenney at (202) 693-2222 or Todd Owen at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR, contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/complinks.html>, and select "Information Collection Requests."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. 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 correct.

Paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Anhydrous Ammonia Standard have paperwork requirements that apply to nonrefrigerated containers and systems and refrigerated containers, respectively; employers use these containers and systems to store and transfer anhydrous ammonia in the workplace. Paragraph (b)(3) specifies that systems have nameplates if required, and that these nameplates "be permanently attached to the system so as to be readily accessible for inspection. \* \* \*". In addition, this paragraph requires that markings on containers and systems covered by paragraphs (c) ("Systems utilizing stationary, nonrefrigerated storage containers"), (f) ("Tank Motor vehicles for the transportation of ammonia"), (g) ("Systems mounted on farm vehicles other than for the application of ammonia"), and (h) ("Systems mounted on farm vehicles for the application of ammonia") provide information regarding nine specific characteristics of the containers and systems. Similarly, paragraph (b)(4) states that information regarding eight specific characteristics of each container "shall be on the container itself or on a nameplate permanently attached to it."

The required markings ensure that employers use only properly designed and tested containers and systems to store anhydrous ammonia, thereby preventing accidental release of, and exposure of employees to, this highly toxic and corrosive substance. In addition, these requirements provide the most efficient means for an OSHA

compliance officer to ensure that the containers and systems are safe.

##### 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, 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-collection and -transmission techniques.

##### III. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to decrease the existing burden-hour estimate, and to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval, of the collection-of-information requirements specified in paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Anhydrous Ammonia Standard (29 CFR 1910.111). In this regard, the Agency is proposing to decrease the current burden-hour estimate from 2,500 hours to 53 hours, a total reduction of 2,447 hours. OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of these information-collection requirements.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently-approved information-collection requirement.

*Title:* Paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4) of the Anhydrous Ammonia Standard (29 CFR 1910.111).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0208.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal government; State, local or tribal governments.

*Number of Respondents:* 330.

*Frequency:* Occasionally.

*Average Time per Response:* 10 minutes (0.16 hours).

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 53 hours.

##### VI. Authority and Signature

R. Davis Layne, Acting 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) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 3-2000 (65 FR 50017).

Dated: Signed at Washington, DC on April 19, 2001.

**R. Davis Layne,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 01-052]

##### NASA Advisory Council, Space Flight Advisory Committee (SFAC); Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Space Flight Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Tuesday, May 1, 2001 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 2, 2001 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 300E Street, SW., Room MIC 7, Washington, DC 20546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Susan Y. Edgington(Stacey), Code M, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-4519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be closed to the public on Wednesday, May 2, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), to hear briefings on the FY 2003 performance metrics. Except for the closed session, the meeting will be open to the public up to seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Overview, status of the Office of Space Flight programs.
- International Space Station status.
- Space Shuttle Program status.
- International Space Station status.
- Space Shuttle Program status.
- Shuttle Upgrades Program review.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

**Beth M. McCormick,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

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