

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket Number ICR-97-42]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Occupational Noise Exposure Standard

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

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 Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Occupational noise exposure Standard 29 CFR 1910.95.

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.

DATES: Written comment must be submitted by September 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-97-42, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone (202) 219-7894.

Written comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd Owen, Directorate of Health Standard Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3647, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7075. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076 or Todd Owen at (202) 219-7075. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on Occupational noise exposure contact OSHA's Webpage on Internet at [Http://www.osha.gov/](http://www.osha.gov/) and click on standards.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

The purpose of the Occupational noise exposure Standard and its information collection requirements are to provide protection for employees from adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to noise. The standard requires employers to establish and maintain accurate records of employee exposures to noise and audiometric testing performed in compliance with the standard. These records are used by the physician, employer, employee and the Government to determine whether occupation-related hearing loss has occurred, to prevent further deterioration of hearing, and to determine the effectiveness of the employer's hearing conservation program.

II. Current Actions

This notice requests an extension of the current OMB approval of the paperwork requirements in the Occupational noise exposure Standard. Extension is necessary to continue to ensure protection for employees from occupational exposure to noise.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Occupational noise exposure 29 CFR 1910.95.

OMB Number: 1218-0048.

Agency Number: Docket Number ICR-97-45.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Federal government and State, Local or Tribal governments.

Total Respondents: 379,512.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 8,859,832.

Average Time per Response: 0.58 hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours:

5,166,401.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.

Total initial annual costs: (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$53,891,845.

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

Dated: July 7, 1997.

Adam M. Finkel,

Director, Directorate of Health Standards Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. ICR-97-28]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Aerial Lifts (29 CFR 1910.67(b)(2))—Manufacturer's Certification

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 (PRA 95) (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 impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed approval of the paperwork requirements of 29 CFR 1910.67(b)(2), when vehicle-mounted elevating and rotating work

platforms are "field modified" for uses other than those intended by the manufacturer.

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the property 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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-97-28, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be transmitted by facsimile to (202) 219-5046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Sauger, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3605, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 219-7202, ext. 137. Copies of the referenced information collection request are available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office and will be mailed to persons who request copies by telephoning Theda Kenney at (202) 219-8061 ext. 100, or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 219-8076, ext. 142. For electronic copies of the Information Collection Request on the certification provisions of Aerial Lifts, contact OSHA's WebPage on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/> and click on "standards."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On May 29, 1971 (36 FR 10466), OSHA adopted some of the existing Federal standards and national consensus standards as OSHA standards under the procedures described in

section 6(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 655, *et al.*). Section 6(a) permitted OSHA to adopt, without any established Federal standard or national consensus standard. These existing Federal standards and national consensus standards became OSHA standards simply by their publication in the **Federal Register**.

One of the consensus standards that was adopted under the 6(a) procedure was the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A92.2-1969, American National Standard for Vehicle-Mounted Elevating and Rotating Aerial Devices. Included in the consensus standard, and consequently the OSHA standard, is a requirement that when these devices are "field modified" for uses other than those intended by the manufacturer, that the modification must be certified in writing by the manufacturer or by an equivalent entity, such a nationally recognized testing laboratory, to be in conformity with all applicable provision of ANSI A92.2-1969 and the OSHA standard, and to be at least as safe as the equipment was before modification.

II. Current Actions

This notice requests an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the inspection certification requirement contained in 29 CFR 1910.67(b)(2)—Aerial Lifts (currently approved under OMB Control No. 1218-0210).

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Aerial Lifts (29 CFR 1910.67(b)(2)—Manufacturer's Certification.

OMB Number: 1218.

Agency Number: ICR-97-28.

Affected Public: State of local governments; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 900.

Frequency: Varies.

Average Time per Response: 0.08 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 72.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 9th day of July 1997.

John F. Martonik,

Acting Director, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR 97-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Respiratory Protection

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 Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request for the Respiratory Protection standard 29 CFR 1910.134. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the addressee section of this notice. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information 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 technique or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by September 15, 1997.