

Act) 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 information-collection requirements specified in the EtO Standard protect employees from the adverse health effects that may result from their exposure to EtO. The major information-collection requirements of the EtO Standard include notifying employees of their EtO exposures, implementing a written compliance program, providing examining physicians with specific information, ensuring that employees receive a copy of their medical-examination results, maintaining employees' exposure-monitoring and medical records for specific periods, and providing access to these records by OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the affected employees, and their authorized representatives.

## II Proposed Actions

OSHA proposed to increase the existing burden-hour estimate, and to extend OMB's approval, of the collection-of-information (paperwork) requirements contained in the EtO Standard. The Agency is increasing its previous estimate, 50,300 hours, by 989 hours. This increase occurred because of the increase in the number of hospitals using EtO sterilizers. OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information-collection requirements contained in the EtO Standard.

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

*Title:* Ethylene Oxide Standard (29 CFR 1910.1047).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0108.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 5,782.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Total Responses:* 232,564.

*Average Time per Response:* Varies from 5 minutes to provide information to the examining physician to 10 hours to develop a compliance plan.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 51,289.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$7,074,850.

## III. Authority and Signature

Charles N. Jeffress, 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 6-96 (62 FR 111).

Signed at Washington, D.C., on May 25, 2000.

**Charles N. Jeffress,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-1218-0190 (2000)]

#### **Electrical Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution (29 CFR 1910.269) and Electrical Protective Equipment (29 CFR 1910.137)); Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of an Information Collection (Paperwork) Request**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirements contained in the standards on Electrical Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution, 29 CFR 1910.269, and Electrical Protective Equipment, 29 CFR 1910.137.

Request For Comment: The Agency seeks comments on the following issues:

- Whether the information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of the Agency'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 transmission and collection techniques.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before July 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-1218-0190(2000), Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Commenters may transmit written comments of 10 pages or less in length by facsimile to (202) 693-1648.

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

Theda Kenney, Directorate of Safety Standards Programs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room 3-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2222. A copy of the Agency's Information Collection Request (ICR) supporting the need for the information collection requirements contained in the standards on Electrical Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution (29 CFR 1910.269) and Electrical Protective Equipment (29 CFR 1910.137) is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, or mailed on request by telephoning Theda Kenney at (202) 693-2222 or Barbara Bielaski at (202) 693-2444. For electronic copies of the ICR, contact OSHA on the Internet at <http://www.osha.gov/comp-links.html>, and click on "Information Collection Requests."

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **1. Background**

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 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.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) 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.) In this regard, the information collection requirement contained in 29 CFR 1910.269 will ensure that employers train employees in all aspects of electrical power generation, transmission, and distribution. The information collection requirement in 29 CFR 1910.137 will ensure that equipment used by exposed employees is in reliable working condition.

## II. Proposed Actions

OSHA proposes to decrease its earlier estimate of 40,086 burden hours to 11,178 burden hours for the collections of information found in 29 CFR 1910.269 (Electrical Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution), and 29 CFR 1910.137 (Electrical Protective Equipment). OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the above standards.

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

*Agency:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

*Title:* Electrical Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution (29 CFR 1910.269) and Electrical Protective Equipment (29 CFR 1910.137).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0190.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 362,000.

*Frequency:* On occasion; annually; semi-annually.

*Average Time per Response:* 2 minutes (0.03 hour) to 15 minutes (0.25 hour).

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 11,178.

## III. Authority and Signature

Charles N. Jeffress, 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), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 6-96 (62 FR 111).

Signed at Washington, DC, this 26 day of May 2000.

**Charles N. Jeffress,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Exemption Application No. D-10654]

#### Withdrawal of Notice of Proposed Exemption Involving Fish Lake Beach, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan); Located in Round Lake, Illinois

In the **Federal Register** dated February 29, 2000 (65 FR 10826), the Department of Labor (the Department)

published a notice of proposed exemption from the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and from certain taxes imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The notice of proposed exemption concerned the prospective cash sale of a certain parcel of real property by the Plan to the trust of Emilie Keil, a party in interest with respect to the Plan.

On April 7, 2000, the applicant informed the Department that it wished to withdraw the notice of proposed exemption.

Accordingly, the notice of proposed exemption is hereby withdrawn.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of May, 2000.

**Ivan L. Strasfeld,**

*Director of Exemption Determinations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Prohibited Transaction Exemptions 2000-25, et al.; Application Nos. D-10119 and D-10120, et al.]

#### Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, et al.

**AGENCY:** Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Grant of Individual Exemptions.<sup>1</sup>

**SUMMARY:** This document contains individual exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and from the taxes imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code). The exemptions permit purchases of securities by the applicants' asset management affiliate, on behalf of employee benefit plans for which such asset management affiliate is a fiduciary, from underwriting or selling syndicates where the applicants' broker-dealer affiliate participates as a

<sup>1</sup> The term "Individual Exemptions" refers to the following Prohibited Transaction Exemptions (PTEs): PTE 2000-25 (Application Nos. D-10119 and D-10120, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York and J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc.); PTE 2000-26 (Application No. D-10587, Goldman, Sachs & Co.); PTE 2000-27 (Application No. D-10779, The Chase Manhattan Bank); PTE 2000-28 (Application No. D-10820, Citigroup Inc.); and PTE 2000-29 (Application No. D-10832, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co.).

manager or syndicate member. The exemptions affect participants and beneficiaries of the plans investing in such securities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The exemptions are effective as of February 8, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Andrea W. Selvaggio or Ms. Karin Weng of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 8, 2000, the Department published a notice of pendency in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 6229) of the proposed exemptions from the restrictions of section 406 of the Act and the sanctions resulting from the application of section 4975 of the Code, by reason of section 4975(c)(1) of the Code. The exemptions were requested in separate applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, August 10, 1990), by the following entities: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York and J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc. (together, J.P. Morgan) Goldman, Sachs & Co. (Goldman), The Chase Manhattan Bank (Chase), Citigroup Inc. (Citigroup), and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. (Morgan Stanley).

Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978, 5 U.S.C. App. 1 (1996), generally transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested to the Secretary of Labor. Accordingly, these exemptions are being issued solely by the Department.<sup>2</sup> For convenience, each applicant and its affiliates shall be referred to in the exemption in generic terms that denote certain roles, namely, "the Applicant," "the Asset Manager,"<sup>3</sup> or "the Affiliated Broker-Dealer."<sup>4</sup>

The notice of pendency invited all interested persons to submit written comments or request a public hearing concerning the proposed exemptions by March 24, 2000. The Department received six written comments and no requests for a hearing in response to the notice. Each of the five Applicants

<sup>2</sup> All references to specific provisions of Title I of the Act herein shall refer also to the corresponding provisions of the Code (if any).

<sup>3</sup> To the extent that the Applicant has more than one asset management affiliate, all references to the Asset Manager herein shall refer also to the other asset management entity or entities.

<sup>4</sup> To the extent that the Applicant has more than one registered broker-dealer affiliate that participates in underwriting or selling syndicates, all references to the Affiliated Broker-Dealer herein shall refer also to the other broker-dealer entity or entities.