

abstract: Primary: The affected public includes approximately 200 grantees of the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (Arrest Program) whose eligibility is determined by statute. The Arrest Program was authorized through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and reauthorized and amended by the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (VAWA 2000). The Arrest Program promotes mandatory or pro-arrest policies and encourages jurisdictions to treat domestic violence as a serious crime, establish coordinated community responses and facilitate the enforcement of protection orders. By statute, eligible grantees for the Arrest Program are States, Indian tribal governments, State and local courts including juvenile courts, tribal courts, and units of local government. For the purpose of the Program, a unit of local government is any city, county, township, town, borough, parish, village, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a State; an Indian tribe that performs law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of the Interior; or, for the purpose of assistance eligibility, any agency of the District of Columbia government or the United States Government performing law enforcement functions in and for the District of Columbia, and any Trust Territory of the U.S.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that it will take the 200 respondents (Arrest Program grantees) approximately one hour to complete a semiannual progress report. The semiannual progress report is divided into sections that pertain to the different types of activities that grantees may engage in, *i.e.*, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, courts, victim services agencies, *etc.* An Arrest Program grantee will be required to complete those sections of the form that pertain to their own specific activities.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden to complete the data collection forms is 400 hours. Two hundred grantees will complete a form twice a year with an estimated completion time of one hour per form.

If additional information is required, contact Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Maritime Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health

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

ACTION: Reestablishment of the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH); Appointment of Committee Members.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Labor has re-established the charter of the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH), which expired on March 10, 2002. The Committee has been chartered for a two year term. The purpose of MACOSH is to provide advice for the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (Assistant Secretary) on all matters relevant to the safety and health of workers in that sector. The Assistant Secretary will seek the advice of this Committee, which consists of a broad range of representatives from the maritime industry, on activities in the maritime industry related to the Agency's overall priorities, including: Strong, fair, and effective enforcement; expanded compliance assistance, guidance, and outreach; expanded partnerships and voluntary programs; leadership in the national dialogue on occupational safety and health; and regulatory matters affecting the maritime industry, as appropriate. The Committee is diverse and balanced, both in terms of segments of the maritime industry represented (*i.e.*, shipyard and marine cargo handling industries), and in the views or interests represented by the members (employer, employee, government organizations with interests or activities related to the maritime industry, the states, and the public). The Agency expects to announce, in the near future, a notice of the first meeting of the new Committee. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings.

Mail comments, views, or statements in response to this notice to Paul Bolon, Director, Office of Maritime, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Phone: (202) 693-2086; Fax: (202) 693-1667.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On June 21, 2002, the Secretary of Labor announced her intention to re-establish a Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (67 FR 42292). The maritime industries have historically had a high incidence of illnesses and injuries in their workforces. The types of work performed can be quite different in various parts of the industries, ranging from steel fabrication and outfitting operations in shipyards to intermodal container handling or grain handling in longshoring operations. OSHA has targeted the maritime industries for special attention because of the incidence of illnesses and injuries and the specialized nature of much of the work. This targeting has included development of guidance and outreach materials specific to the industry, as well as rulemaking to update requirements and other activities to help focus actions on the industry and to help reduce the occurrence of illnesses and injuries in these industries. This Committee will be used to advise OSHA on these ongoing activities, as well as in any new areas in which the Agency seeks to pursue or expand its programs and projects to further address these specific needs. The advice of the Committee will help the Agency in terms of substantive input on conditions in the industry, ideas that may be implemented to reduce illnesses and injuries, and feedback on Agency initiatives in the maritime industry.

II. Establishment

The Committee will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of Section 7(b) of the OSH Act (29 U.S.C. 656), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), and 41 CFR part 102-3.

III. Appointment of Committee Members

Fifty-three nominations of highly qualified individuals were received in response to the Agency's request for nominations. The Secretary has selected the following individuals who have a wide range of experience concerning the issues to be examined by the Committee:

Jim Burgin, National Maritime Safety Association;
Keith D. Cameron, U.S. Coast Guard;

Albert Cernadas, International Longshore Association;
 Michael Flynn, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers;
 Mike E. Freese, International Longshore and Warehouse Union;
 Stephen D. Hudock, NIOSH;
 William McGill, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers;
 Captain John McNeill, Pacific Maritime Association;
 Dan Nadeau, Bath Iron Works;
 Captain Teresa Preston, Atlantic Marine;
 James Thornton, Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipyard; and
 Earnest Whelan, International Union of Operating Engineers.

IV. Authority

This notice was prepared under the direction of John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health. It is issued under 7(b) of the OSH Act (29 U.S.C. 656), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2), GSA's FACA Regulations (41 CFR part 102-3), and DLMS 3 Chapter 1600.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 28th day of July, 2003.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et. seq.*), this notice announces that the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB or the Board) has forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval the following proposed information collection: e-

Appeal, a new electronic application for filing an appeal with the Board, and MSPB Form 185 (7/03), a revised MSPB paper Appeal Form.

On September 4, 2002, MSPB published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 56600) a notice of its intent to submit this proposed information collection to OMB for approval. The notice advised the public that MSPB had revised and expanded its approved MSPB Appeal Form (Optional Form 283, OMB Control Number 3124-0009) to create a new MSPB Appeal Forms Package. The expanded package of forms included additional questions necessitated by the enactment of new laws and changes in the Board's regulations since the MSPB Appeal Form was last revised in 1994. The notice further advised the public that MSPB planned to develop a new electronic application for filing an appeal with the Board, based on the MSPB Appeal Forms Package. Public comments suggested that, in paper form, the expanded MSPB Appeal Forms Package was too long and too complicated, particularly for *pro se* appellants. The comments also noted that the majority of appellants would not need many of the forms in the package. Accordingly, MSPB revised its approach to this information collection.

As now proposed, this information collection will consist of two MSPB-provided options for filing an appeal with the Board. The first option, e-Appeal, is an electronic application based on the comprehensive MSPB Appeal Forms Package. It will permit an appellant to file any type of appeal over which the Board has jurisdiction and to raise any additional claims that the Board may consider in the particular type of appeal being filed. An appellant will access the e-Appeal application via the MSPB Web site and will be guided through the process in an interview format. The questions presented to each appellant will be those applicable to the particular type of appeal being filed.

The second option is a simplified paper MSPB Appeal Form (MSPB Form 185). This form will include only questions applicable to the majority of

appeals filed with the Board, *i.e.*, appeals of an agency personnel action or a decision affecting the appellant's retirement rights or benefits. Other claims, such as claims that the appealed action or decision was the result of prohibited discrimination or that the agency committed harmful procedural error in taking it, can be raised with the appeal if the appellant provides the required information to support each claim as an attachment. (Alternatively, such claims can be raised later in the process.) The form can also be used to file an Individual Right of Action (IRA) appeal under the Whistleblower Protection Act, a Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) appeal, or a Veterans Employment Opportunities Act (VEOA) appeal if the appellant provides the additional information required for those types of appeals as an attachment.

The MSPB Form 185 will replace the current OF-283 and will be the form that an agency provides when it takes an action or makes a decision that is appealable to the Board. The majority of appellants will be able to file their appeals using the simplified MSPB Form 185 without having to provide additional information as an attachment. Use of the form is not mandatory. An appellant who chooses to file on paper may do so in any written format, including letter form, as long as the appeal provides the information required by the Board's regulations and otherwise complies with those regulations.

The two MSPB-provided options for filing an appeal with the Board are available for review on the MSPB Web site at <http://www.mspb.gov/e-appeal.html>.

In this regard, we are soliciting comments on the public reporting burden. The reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 20 minutes to 4 hours per response, with an average of 60 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

5 CFR section	Annual number of respondents	Frequency per response	Total annual responses	Hours per response (average)	Total hours
1201, 1208 and 1209	6,300	1	6,300	1	6,300

Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the

information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to

the address shown below. Please refer to