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## V. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, PhD, MPH, 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 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5–2007 (72 FR 31160).

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 30, 2010.

**David Michaels,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2009–0041]

#### Formaldehyde Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements specified in the Standard on Formaldehyde (29 CFR 1910.1048). The standard protects workers from the adverse health effects from occupational exposure to Formaldehyde.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by June 4, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** *Electronically:* You may submit comments and attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

*Facsimile:* If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

*Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service:* When using this method, you must submit three copies of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2009–0041, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N–2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor's and Docket Office's normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., e.t.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number for the Information Collection Request (ICR) (OSHA–2009–0041). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. For further information on submitting comments see the "Public Participation" heading in the section of this notice titled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

*Docket:* To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact Todd Owen or Jamaa Hill at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Owen or Jamaa Hill, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2222.

#### 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 (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 accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657). The standard protects workers from the adverse health effects from occupational exposure to formaldehyde, including an itchy, runny, and stuffy nose; a dry or sore throat; eye irritation, headaches, and cancer of the lung, buccal cavity, and pharynx. Formaldehyde solutions can damage the skin and burn the eyes.

The Standard specifies a number of paperwork requirements. The following is a brief description of the collection of information requirements contained in the Formaldehyde Standard. The Formaldehyde Standard requires employers to conduct worker exposure monitoring to determine workers' exposure to Formaldehyde, notify workers of their formaldehyde exposures, provide medical surveillance to workers, provide examining physicians with specific information, ensure that workers receive a copy of their medical examination results, maintain workers' exposure monitoring and medical records for specific periods, and provide access to these records by OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the affected workers, and their authorized representatives.

## 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 is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the collection of information requirements contained in the Standard on Formaldehyde (29 CFR 1910.1048). The Agency is requesting an adjustment decrease of 191,541 hours (from 519,076 hours to 327,535 hours). The primary reasons for the reduction are a decrease in the number of workers requiring medical surveillance from 370,610 to 205,333 and a decrease in the overall number of establishments from 112,638 to 103,511. The establishment decrease resulted in fewer medical examinations, training sessions, and exposure measurements.

The Agency is also requesting a cost decrease of \$12,699,342 from \$55,325,688 to \$42,626,346. The cost decrease is primarily the result of reducing the number of establishments, which also resulted in a reduction in the number of workers. Although the number of workers has decreased, the

cost of medical examinations increased from \$130 to \$180. Additionally, the cost of monitoring samples has increased from \$42 to \$45.

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 the information collection requirements contained in the Formaldehyde Standard (29 CFR 1910.1048).

*Type of Review:* Extension of currently approved collections.

*Title:* Formaldehyde Standard (29 CFR 1910.1048).

*OMB Number:* 1218-0145.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits.

*Number of Respondents:* 103,511.

*Total Responses:* 1,186,422.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Varies from 5 minutes (.08 hour) for employers (clerical/secretarial staff) to maintain records to 1 hour for an employee to undergo a medical examination.

*Total Burden Hours:* 327,535.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$42,626,346.

## IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows:

(1) Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (FAX); or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other materials must identify the Agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2009-0041). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled **ADDRESSES**). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so the Agency can attach them to your comments.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2010-0018]

### Asbestos in General Industry; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection requirements specified in its Standard on Asbestos in General Industry (29 CFR 1910.1001).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by June 4, 2010.

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