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 understandable, and OSHA’s estimate of the information-collection burden is correct.

The Department specifies a number of collection of information (paperwork) requirements. Employers can use the information collected under the HAZWOPER rule to develop the various programs the standard requires and to ensure that their employees are trained properly about the safety and health hazards associated with hazardous waste operations and emergency response to hazardous waste releases. OSHA will use the records developed in response to this standard to determine compliance with the safety and health provisions. The employer’s failure to collect and distribute the information required in this standard will affect significantly OSHA’s effort to control and reduce injuries and fatalities. Such failure would also be contrary to the direction Congress provided in the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA).

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- 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 extend the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval of the collection-of-information requirements specified by the Standard on Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) (29 CFR 1910.120). The Agency 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 these information-collection requirements.

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


OMB Number: 1218–0202.

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

Number of Respondents: 37,762.

Frequency of Recordkeeping: Varies (on occasion; annually).

Average Time per Response: Varies from five minutes (.08 hours) to 64 hours.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 1,404,369.

Total Annual Costs (O&M): $4,668,300.

IV. Authority and Signature

John L. Henshaw, 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).


John L. Henshaw,
Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group on Orphan Plans; Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held Wednesday, September 18, 2002, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group assigned to study orphan plans, which are plans abandoned by all plan fiduciaries designated to manage and operate the plans and their assets. Without a plan sponsor or fiduciary, participants and beneficiaries cannot receive pension distributions or make inquiries about their benefits.

The session will take place in Room N–5437 A–C, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m., is for working group members to hear testimony on the issue and discuss what they want to include in their report they are preparing for the Secretary of Labor.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before September 12, 2002, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 693–8668. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 12, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before September 12.
Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of August 2002.

Ann L. Combs,
Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

119th Full Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting


The purpose of the meeting, which will begin at 4 p.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m., is for members to be updated on activities of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration and for chairs of this year's working groups to provide progress reports on their individual study topics.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topics the Council may be studying during 2002 by submitting 20 copies on or before September 12, 2002 to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Suite N–5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Advisory Council should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 693–8668. Oral presentations will be limited to ten minutes, time permitting, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 12 at the address indicated.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group on Electronic Reporting; Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 142, a public meeting will be held Friday, September 20, 2002, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group assigned to study electronic reporting. The purpose of the working group is to identify and prioritize opportunities for DOL to leverage the use of information and services to its key stakeholders, including plan participants and beneficiaries, plan sponsors, auditors, investment advisors and the general public.

The session will take place in Room N–5437 A–C, U.S. Department of Labor Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m., will have a one-hour lunch break at noon, is for working group members to hear from select witnesses on the issue.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before September 12, 2002, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Advisory Council should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 693–8668. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 12 at the address indicated in this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group on Education and Training of Plan Fiduciaries; Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Notice of Meeting


The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break at noon, is for Working Group members to hear testimony from invited witnesses.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by sending 20 copies on or before September 12, 2002, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 693–8668. Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 12 at the address indicated.

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