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Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Occupational Exposure to Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories.

OMB Number: 1218-0131.

Frequency: On occasion; quarterly; semi-annually; monthly; and annually.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping and third party disclosure.

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

Number of Respondents: 43,300.

Number of Annual Responses: 874,984.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 5 minutes for a variety of requirements (e.g., for an office clerk to develop and post exposure-monitoring results) to 8 hours for an employer to develop a Chemical Hygiene Plan.

Total Burden Hours: 270,636.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$32,615,952.

Description: 29 CFR 1910.1450 requires that employers monitor employee exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories, to provide medical consultation and examinations, to train employees about the hazards of chemicals in their working areas, and to establish and maintain accurate records of employee exposure to hazardous chemicals. These requirements help to protect workers from occupational illnesses resulting from exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Subpart R Steel Erection (29 CFR 1926.750 through 1926.761).

OMB Number: 1218-0241.

Frequency: On occasion.

Type of Response: Recordkeeping and third party disclosure.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Federal government; and State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 20,787.

Number of Annual Responses: 87,956.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from one minute for a controlling contractor to inform a steel erector to leave fall protection at the jobsite to three hours for controlling contractors to obtain approval from the project structural engineer of record before modifying anchor bolts.

Total Burden Hours: 30,339.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: 29 CFR part 1926, Subpart R contains information-collection requirements that: Notify designated parties, especially steel erectors, that building materials, components, steel structures, and fall-protection equipment are safe for specific uses; and ensure that employees exposed to fall hazards receive specified training in the recognition and control of fall hazards.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

April 20, 2005.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: king.darrin@dol.gov.

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Employee Benefits Security

Administration (EBSA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

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Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Title: Alternative Method of Compliance for Certain Simplified Employee Pensions.

OMB Number: 1210-0034.

Frequency: On occasion.

Type of Response: Third party disclosure.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 35,660.

Number of Annual Responses: 103,590.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes to prepare a disclosure statement and 3 minutes to distribute a disclosure statement.

Total Burden Hours: 21,227.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$25,813.

Description: Section 110 of ERISA authorizes the Secretary to prescribe alternative methods of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) for pension plans. Simplified Employee Pensions (SEPs) are established in section 408(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code). Although SEPs are primarily a

development of the Code subject to its requirements, SEPs are also pension plans subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of Title I of ERISA.

The regulation at 29 CFR 2520.104-49 provides relief to sponsors of certain SEPs from ERISA's Title I reporting and disclosure requirements by prescribing an alternative method of compliance. These SEPs are, for purposes of this information collection, referred to as "non-model SEPs" because they exclude those SEPs which are created through use of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 5305-SEP, and those SEPs in which the employer influences the employees as to their choice of IRAs to which employer contributions will be made, and that also prohibits withdrawals by participants. The alternative disclosure arrangement provided through this regulation relieves sponsors of non-model SEPs of most of the reporting and disclosure requirements under Title I of ERISA. Also, the disclosure requirements set forth in the regulation ensure that administrators of non-model SEPs provide participants with specific written information concerning SEPs. This information collection requirement generally requires timely written disclosure to employees eligible to participate in non-model SEPs, including specific information concerning: participation requirements; allocation formulas for employer contributions; designated contact persons for further information; and, for employer recommended IRAs, specific terms of the IRAs such as rates of return and any restrictions on withdrawals. Moreover, general information is required that provides a clear explanation of: the operation of the non-model SEP; participation requirements and any withdrawal restrictions; and the tax treatment of the SEP-related IRA. Furthermore, statements must be provided that inform participants of: any other IRAs under the non-model SEP other than that to which employer contributions are made; any options regarding rollovers and contributions to other IRAs; descriptions of IRS disclosure requirements to participants and information regarding social security integration (if applicable); and timely notification of any amendments to the terms of the non-model SEP.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersede as decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from the date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29

CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration be the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of Submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determination, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modification to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions enlisted to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determination Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decision being modified.

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