

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-MSHA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-6881 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Sealing of Abandoned Areas Standard information collection related to the design and construction of any new seal and the maintenance and repair of all seals. The Standard includes reporting and recordkeeping requirements to help ensure the construction and maintenance of seals are done correctly; certified persons conducting sampling in sealed areas are adequately trained, and problems can be found and corrected. Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 sections 101(a) and 103(h) authorize this information collection. See 30 U.S.C. 811(a) and 813(h).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1219-0142.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2014. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this

information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 8, 2014 (79 FR 19387).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1219-0142. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Agency:** DOL-MSHA.

**Title of Collection:** Sealing of Abandoned Areas Standard.

**OMB Control Number:** 1219-0142.

**Affected Public:** Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

**Total Estimated Number of Respondents:** 301.

**Total Estimated Number of Responses:** 54,857.

**Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:** 6,380 hours.

**Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:** \$1,510,674.

Dated: August 11, 2014.

**Michel Smyth,**  
Departmental Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Hazardous Energy Control Standard (Lockout/Tagout)

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Hazardous Energy Control Standard (Lockout/Tagout)," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before September 17, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov Web site at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201403-1218-004](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201403-1218-004) (this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

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**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Hazardous Energy Control Standard (Lockout/Tagout) information collection requirements codified in regulations 29 CFR 1910.147. The Standard specifies several information collection requirements, including those related to documenting energy-control procedure; providing protective materials; and developing, maintaining, and disclosing periodic inspection, training, and communication records. Occupational Safety and Health Act sections 6(b)(7) and 8(c) authorize this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 655(b)(7) and 657(c).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1218-0150.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2014. The DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 2014 (79 FR 18583).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1218-0150. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* DOL-OSHA.

*Title of Collection:* Hazardous Energy Control Standard (Lockout/Tagout).

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0150.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 730,706.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 72,337,270.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 2,646,702 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$1,426,421.

Dated: August 12, 2014.

Michel Smyth,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Equal Access to Justice Act

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection request (ICR) for applicants to obtain awards in administrative proceedings subject to the Equal Access to Justice Act.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted by October 17, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail to the U.S. Department of Labor/Office of the Solicitor Attn: Raymond E. Mitten, Jr., 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N-2420, Washington, DC 20210.

Comments also may be sent by email to [DOL\\_PRA\\_Public@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_Public@dol.gov). Written comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may be transmitted by facsimile to (202)

693-5538 (this is not a toll-free number).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Raymond E. Mitten, Jr., Counsel for FOIA Appeals, Paperwork Reduction Act, & Federal Records Act, Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services, Office of the Solicitor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-5523 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the referenced ICR are available in Room N-1301, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. A copy of the ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained free of charge by calling the Michel Smyth at (202) 693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to [DOL\\_PRA\\_Public@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_Public@dol.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*I. Background:* The Equal Access to Justice Act provides for the award of fees and expenses to certain parties involved in administrative proceedings with the United States. The statute requires, at 5 U.S.C. sec. 504(a)(2), that a party seeking an award of fees and other expenses in a covered administrative proceeding must submit to the agency an application which shows that the party is the prevailing party and is eligible to receive an award under the Act. DOL regulations implementing the Equal Access to Justice Act contain a subpart specifying the contents of applications for an award, 29 CFR part 16, subpart B. The DOL is currently proposing no changes to the information collection requirements.

*II. Desired Focus of Comments:* The DOL, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)(A)). The program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of the collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The DOL is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including