

Note to Reviewer of 1220-0149

OMB approved an extension without change of the Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSHS) Cooperative Agreement through a Notice of Action, dated July 8, 2009. As part of that approved information collection, BLS agreed to submit any changes to the program work statements to OMB on an annual basis, along with a description of the changes. If it is determined that the changes are substantive, BLS will publish a 30-day notice in the Federal Register describing the changes and allowing the public an opportunity to comment. These requirements stem from the terms of clearance from the previous information collection which was approved through a Notice of Action, dated November 1, 2006, which stated that:

as BLS has agreed, annual changes to the work statements and supporting materials will generally be submitted as a nonsubstantive change. BLS will announce substantive changes in a Federal register notice and allow 30 days for public comment; OMB waives the 60-day notice for these changes. DOL will publish the normal 60-day notice when seeking to renew this generic clearance in 2009.

Therefore, the BLS is submitting the 2011 OSHS Cooperative Agreement to OMB for review. A memorandum addressed to the State Agencies participating in the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses and the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries is included in the package. The memo describes the changes that affect the 2011 OSHS Cooperative Agreement Work Statements and requirements.

If OMB determines that substantive changes have been made, BLS will publish the changes in the Federal Register.