

BASELINE SAFETY AND HEALTH PRACTICES

Site Visits

The Agency is proposing to conduct as many as 50 site visits to employers. These employers could potentially be affected by a new standard that could require a management program or system to address workplace hazards. Site visits would collect information on:

- current employer practices (much like the information collected in the “case studies” and survey questionnaire itself),
- solicit information from employers on how they would comply with such a regulation,
- what time or costs would be required to do so,
- what regulatory alternatives might be.

Site visit reports capture much richer, or in-depth, detail about employer conditions and ideas than the survey instrument and also reflect variations of employer size and industry sector. These site visits would be conducted either by OSHA personnel or a contractor under the agency’s direction. Most of the site visits would be target small employers and require one to two hours of an owner or proprietor’s time.

During the site visit, the following information will be conveyed

Hello, I’m _____ calling for the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. We are conducting this site visit to gather information about your safety and health management program. We estimate it will take 2 hours to conduct this site visit. The Paperwork Reduction Act requires approval of all federal government surveys by the Office of Management and Budget. Questions of general applicability have been approved by OMB, and have been assigned OMB Control Number XXXX. Additional Information about this site visit is available upon request. If requested:

* You may obtain a burden hour and cost analysis of this telephone survey at www.reginfo. If you wish to comment on this survey or if you have comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, please send them to: U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Directorate of Policy, Office of Regulatory Analysis, Room N-3641, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210 and reference the OMB control number.