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| [Federal Register Volume 78, Number 40 (Thursday, February 28, 2013)]  [Notices]  [Pages 13707-13709]  From the Federal Register Online via the Government Printing Office [[www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov/)]  [FR Doc No: 2013-04650]  =======================================================================  -----------------------------------------------------------------------  DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  Occupational Safety and Health Administration  [Docket No. OSHA-2013-0008]  The Benzene Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and  Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork)  Requirements  AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.  ACTION: Request for public comments.  -----------------------------------------------------------------------  SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to  extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the  information collection requirements specified in the Benzene Standard  (29 CFR 1910.1028).  DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by  April 29, 2013.  ADDRESSES:  Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments  electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal  eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting  comments.  Facsimile: If your comments, including attachments, are not longer  than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-  1648.  Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service:  When using this method, you must submit a copy of your comments and  attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2013-0008,  Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of  Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.  Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are  accepted during the Department of Labor's and Docket Office's normal  business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., e.t.  Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA  docket number (OSHA-2013-0008) for the Information Collection Request  (ICR). All comments, including any personal information you provide,  are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made  available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. For further information  on submitting comments see the "Public Participation" heading in the  section of this notice titled SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.  Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the  docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office at  the address above. All documents in the docket (including this Federal  Register notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index;  however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly  available to read or download from the Web site. All submissions,  including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and  copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact Theda Kenney at  the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.  FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theda Kenney or Todd Owen, Directorate  of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3609,  200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-  2222.  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 accord with the Paperwork Reduction Act of  1995 (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 clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of  the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety  and Health Act of 1970 (the OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) authorizes  information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for  enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the  causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and  accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain  such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those  operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent  feasible unnecessary duplication of efforts in obtaining information  (29 U.S.C. 657).  The information collection requirements specified in the Benzene  Standard protect workers from the adverse health effects that may  result from occupational exposure to benzene. The major information  collection requirements in the Standard include conducting worker  exposure monitoring, notifying workers of the benzene exposure,  implementing a written compliance program, implementing medical  surveillance for workers, providing examining physicians with specific  information, ensuring that workers receive a copy of their medical  surveillance records, and providing access to these records by OSHA,  the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the worker  who is the subject of the records, the worker's representative, and  other designated parties.  II. Special Issues for Comment  OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:  Whether the proposed information collection requirements  are necessary for the proper performance of the Agency's functions,  including whether the information is useful;  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  The Agency is requesting that it retain its current burden hour  estimate of 126,183. 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 the information collection  requirements contained in the Standard.  Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.  Title: Benzene Standard (29 CFR 1910.1028).  OMB Control Number: 1218-0129.  Affected Public: Business or other for-profits; Not-for-profit  organizations; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.  Number of Respondents: 13,498.  Total Responses: 267,385.  Frequency: On occasion.  Average Time per Response: Varies from 5 minutes (.08 hour) for  employers to maintain records to 4 hours for workers to receive  referral medical exams.  Estimated Total Burden Hours: 126,183.  Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): $11,210,150.  IV. Public Participation--Submission of Comments on This Notice and  Internet Access to Comments and Submissions  You may submit comments in response to this document as follows:  (1) Electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal  eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. All  comments, attachments, and other material must identify the Agency name  and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2013-0008). You  may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files  electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference  to an electronic or facsimile submission, you must submit them to the  OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled ADDRESSES).  The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments  by your name, date, and the docket number so the Agency can attach them  to your comments.  Because of security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a  significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about  security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand,  express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the  OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, (TTY (877) 889-5627). Comments  and submissions are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>.  Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as  social security numbers and dates of birth.  Although all submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index,  some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available  to read or download through this Web site.  All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for  inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using  the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site to submit comments and access  the docket is available at the Web site's "User Tips" link. Contact  the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available  through the Web site, and for assistance in using the Internet to  locate docket submissions.  V. Authority and Signature  David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, 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 et seq.) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012  (77 FR 3912).  Signed at Washington, DC, on February 22, 2013.  David Michaels,  Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.  [FR Doc. 2013-04650 Filed 2-27-13; 8:45 am]  BILLING CODE 4510-26-P |

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