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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2010-0040]

Concrete and Masonry Construction 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.

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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 Standard on  
Concrete and Masonry Construction (29 CFR part 1926, subpart Q).

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by  
April 1, 2014.

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, OSHA Docket No. OSHA-2010-0040,  
U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health  
Administration, 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 the  
OSHA docket number (OSHA-2010-0040) 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,

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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 warning signs/barriers required by paragraph 1926.701(c)(2) reduce exposure of non-essential workers to the hazards of post-tensioning operations, principally a failed rope or wire striking a worker and causing serious injury. The requirements to lockout and tag ejection systems and other hazardous equipment (e.g., compressors, mixers, screens or pumps used for concrete and masonry construction) specified by paragraphs 1926.702(a)(2), (j)(1), and (j)(2) warn equipment operators not to activate their equipment if another worker enters the equipment to perform a task (e.g., cleaning, inspecting, maintaining, repairing), thereby preventing injury or death.

Construction contractors and workers use the drawings, plans, and designs required by paragraph 1926.703(a)(2) to provide specific instructions on how to construct, erect, brace, maintain, and remove shores and formwork if they pour concrete at the job site. Paragraph 1926.705(b) requires employers to mark the rated capacity of jacks and lifting units. This requirement prevents overloading and subsequent

collapse of jacks and lifting units, as well as their loads, thereby sparing exposed workers from serious injury or death.

## 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

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the information collection requirements specified in the Concrete and Masonry Construction Standard. The Agency is requesting an adjustment increase of 1,168 burden hours (from 11,603 to 12,771 burden hours). The increase is a result of an increase in the number of construction worksites from 725,199 to 798,199.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Concrete and Masonry Construction Standard (29 CFR part 1926, subpart Q).

OMB Control Number: 1218-0095.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 798,160.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Total Responses: 159,632.

Average Time per Response: Five minutes (.08 hour) to post or place warning signs, locks, or tags.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 12,771.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$0.

## 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-2010-0040). 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 date 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 from 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 from 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 January 28, 2014.  
David Michaels,  
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.  
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