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**William R. Bishop,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Producer Price Index Survey

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Producer Price Index Survey," 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. Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before October 16, 2017.

**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=201705-1220-001](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201705-1220-001) (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).

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-BLS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (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:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Producer Price Index (PPI) Survey. The PPI is a measure of price movements as an indicator of inflationary trends for inventory valuation and as a measure of purchasing power of the dollar at the primary market level. The PPI is also used in market and economic research and as a basis for escalation in long-term contracts and purchase agreements. This information collection accumulates data for the ongoing monthly publication of the PPI family of indexes. The BLS Authorizing Statute authorizes this information collection. See 29 U.S.C. 2.

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 1220-0008.

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 September 30, 2017. 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 May 12, 2017 (82 FR 22163).

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

1220-0008. 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-BLS.

*Title of Collection:* Producer Price Index Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 1220-0008.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 26,436.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,127,836.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 105,172 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

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

Dated: September 5, 2017.

**Michel Smyth,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2010-0055]

#### Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses; 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:** The Department of Labor, 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 (PRA). This 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 impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of approval for the current information collection requirements of Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by November 13, 2017.

**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.

*Regular mail, express mail, hand delivery, or messenger/courier service (hard copy):* You may submit your materials to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-2010-0055, Room N-3653, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350, (TTY) (887) 889-5627. OSHA's Docket Office accepts deliveries (hand deliveries, express mail, and messenger/courier service) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. e.t., weekdays.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number for the Information Collection Request (ICR), (OSHA-2010-0055). 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 through the Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dave Schmidt, Office of Statistical Analysis, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693-1886; email: [schmidt.dave@dol.gov](mailto:schmidt.dave@dol.gov), or Todd Owen, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone (202) 693-2222; email: [owen.todd@dol.gov](mailto:owen.todd@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act) and 29 CFR part 1904 prescribe that certain employers maintain records of job-related injuries and illnesses. The injury and illness records are intended to have multiple purposes. One purpose is to provide data needed by OSHA to carry out enforcement and intervention activities to provide workers a safe and healthful work environment. The data are also needed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to report on the number and rate of occupational injuries and illnesses in the country. The data also provides information to employers and workers of the kinds of injuries and illnesses occurring in the workplace and their related hazards. Increased employer awareness should result in the identification and voluntary correction of hazardous workplace conditions. Likewise, workers who are provided information on injuries and illnesses will be more likely to follow safe work practices and report workplace hazards. This would generally raise the overall level of safety and health in the workplace. OSHA currently has approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection requirements contained in 29 CFR part 1904. That approval will expire on January 31, 2018, unless OSHA applies for an extension of the OMB approval. This notice initiates the process for OSHA to request an extension of the current OMB approval. This notice also solicits public comments on OSHA's existing paperwork burden estimates from those interested parties and seeks public responses to several questions related to the development of OSHA's estimates. Interested parties are requested to review OSHA's estimates, which are based upon the most current data

available, and to comment on their accuracy or appropriateness in today's workplace situation.

**II. Current Actions**

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the information collection requirements contained in 29 CFR part 1904, Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The Agency is requesting to reduce its current burden hour estimate associated with this Standard from 2,524,458 to 2,253,549 hours for a total reduction of 270,909 hours. The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 29 CFR part 1904, Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0176.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits; farms; not-for-profit institutions; State and local government.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,002,912.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* Various.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,253,549.

*Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance):* \$123,583,587.

**III. 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-2010-0055). 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.

#### IV. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Deputy 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. 4-2010 (75 FR 55355).

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 8, 2017.

**Loren Sweatt,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act in the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by October 16, 2017. This

application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541, 45 CFR 670), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

#### Application Details

*Permit Application: 2018-006*

1. *Applicant:* Greg Neri, 9612 Woodland Ridge Dr., Tampa, FL 33637.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPAs). The applicant, an author supported by NSF's Antarctic Artists and Writers Program, would enter ASPAs 121, 155, 157, and 158 to visit the Adelie penguin colony and the Ross Island historic huts. These visits will inform the applicant's writing about the research occurring in and around McMurdo Station and help to establish background materials for his childrens' novel about Antarctic scientists and their work, past and present. The applicant would be escorted by experienced scientists while visiting ASPA 121, Cape Royds, in order to ensure the protection of the penguins and will abide by the management plans of all ASPAs visited. The results of this work are expected to be useful for outreach and education about Antarctica and the scientific research conducted there.

*Location:* ASPA 121, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 155, Cape Evans, Ross Island; ASPA 157, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 158 Hut Point, Ross Island.

*Dates:* October 18-December 1, 2017.

*Permit Application: 2018-009*

2. *Applicant:* Kirsten Carlson, 676 Iana Street, Kailua, HI 96734

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially

Protected Area (ASPAs). The applicant, an artist supported by NSF's Antarctic Artists and Writers Program, would enter ASPAs 121, 155, 157, and 158 to visit the Adelie penguin colony and the Ross Island historic huts. The applicant would observe, sketch, and photograph the huts and the penguins. The applicant would be escorted by experienced scientists while visiting ASPA 121, Cape Royds, in order to ensure the protection of the penguins and will abide by the management plans of all ASPAs visited. The results of this work are expected to be useful for outreach and education about Antarctica and the scientific research conducted there.

*Location:* ASPA 121, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 155, Cape Evans, Ross Island; ASPA 157, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 158 Hut Point, Ross Island.

*Dates:* October 20-November 30, 2017.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Polar Coordination Specialist, Office of Polar Programs.*

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