

**PRESENCE SENSING DEVICE INITIATION (PSDI) (29 CFR 1910.217(h))**

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**SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR  
THE INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS OF  
THE STANDARD ON PRESENCE SENSING DEVICE INITIATION (PSDI)  
(29 CFR 1910.217(h))<sup>1</sup>OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
(OMB) CONTROL NO. 1218-0143 (September 2023)**

The agency is seeking an extension of a currently approved data collection.

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

**1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.**

The main purpose of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (“OSH Act”) is to “assure so far as possible every working man and woman in the Nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources” (29 U.S.C. 651). To achieve this objective, the OSH Act specifically authorizes “the development and promulgation of occupational safety and health standards” (29 U.S.C. 651). Section 6(b)(7) of the OSH Act states that “[a]ny standard promulgated under this subsection shall prescribe the use of labels or other appropriate forms of warning as are necessary to insure that workers are apprised of all hazards to which they are exposed, relevant symptoms and appropriate emergency treatment, and proper conditions and precautions of safe use or exposure” (29 U.S.C. 655). The OSH Act also specifies that “[e]ach employer shall make, keep and preserve, and make available to the Secretary . . . such records . . . as the Secretary . . . may prescribe by regulation as necessary or appropriate for the enforcement of the Act . . .” (29 U.S.C. 657).

Under the authority granted by the OSH Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA” or “the agency”) added paragraph (h) (“Presence Sensing Device Initiation (PSDI)”) to its Standard for Mechanical Power Presses (29 CFR 1910.217). Paragraph (h) (the “Standard”) regulates the use of presence sensing devices (“PSDs”) used to initiate the operation of mechanical power presses; a PSD (e.g., a photoelectric field or curtain) automatically stops the stroke of a mechanical power press when the device detects an operator entering a danger zone near the press. A mechanical power press using PSDI automatically starts (initiates) the stroke when the device detects no operator within the danger zone near the press. The certification and validation of safety systems for PSDI shall consider the press, controls, safeguards, operator, and environment as an integrated system which shall comply with 29 CFR 1910.217(a) through (h). Accordingly, the Standard protects workers from serious crush injuries, amputations, and death.

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<sup>1</sup>The purpose of this Supporting Statement is to analyze and describe the burden hours and costs associated with provisions of this Standard that contain paperwork requirements; this Supporting Statement does not provide information or guidance on how to comply with, or how to enforce, the Standard.

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Items 2 and 12 below describe in detail the specific information collection requirements of the Standard.

**2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.**

Description of the requirements. A number of paragraphs in the Standard contain paperwork requirements. These requirements include: Certifying brake-monitor adjustments, alternatives to photo-electric presence sensing devices (PSDs), safety-system design and installation, and worker training; annual recertification of safety systems; establishing and maintaining the original certification and validation records, as well as the most recent recertification and revalidation records; affixing labels to test rods and to certified and recertified presses; and notifying an OSHA-recognized third-party validation organization when a safety system component fails, the employer modifies the safety system, or a point-of-operation injury occurs. Table A below identifies these paragraphs that contain the paperwork requirements.

**Table A -- Collection of Information Requirements for PSDI**

<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Regulatory Text</b>
(h)(5)(ii)	Once the PSDI safety system has been certified/validated, adjustment of the brake monitor shall not be done without prior approval of the validation organization for both the brake monitor adjustment and the corresponding adjustment of the safety distance. The validation organization shall in its installation validation, state that in what circumstances, if any, the employer has advance approval for adjustment, when prior oral approval is appropriate and when prior approval must be in writing. The adjustment shall be done under the supervision of an authorized person whose qualifications include knowledge of safety distance requirements and experience with the brake system and its adjustment. When brake wear or other factors extend press stopping time beyond the limit permitted by the brake monitor, adjustment, repair, or maintenance shall be performed on the brake or other press system element that extends the stopping time.

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<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Regulatory Text</b>
(h)(9)(ii)(B)	Alternatives to photo-electric light curtains may be used for PSDI when the employer can demonstrate, through tests and analysis by the employer or the manufacturer, that the alternative is as safe as the photo-electric light curtain, that the alternative meets the conditions of this section, has the same long term reliability as light curtains and can be integrated into the entire safety system as provided for in this section. Prior to use, both the employer and manufacturer must certify that these requirements and all the other applicable requirements of this section are met and these certifications must be validated by an OSHA-recognized third-party validation organization to meet these additional requirements and all the other applicable requirements of paragraphs (a) through (h) and Appendix A of this section. Three months prior to the operation of any alternative system, the employer must notify the OSHA Directorate of Safety Standards Programs of the name of the system to be installed, the manufacturer and the OSHA-recognized third-party validation organization immediately. Upon request, the employer must make available to that office all tests and analyses for OSHA review.
(h)(10)(i)	Any press equipped with presence sensing devices for use in PSDI, or for supplemental safeguarding on presses used in the PSDI mode, shall be equipped with a test rod of diameter specified by the presence sensing device manufacturer to represent the minimum object sensitivity of the sensing field. Instructions for use of the test rod shall be noted on a label affixed to the presence sensing device.
(h)(11)(i)(A)	The design of the safety system required for the use of a press in the PSDI mode shall be certified and validated prior to installation. The manufacturer's certification shall be validated by an OSHA-recognized third-party validation organization to meet all applicable requirements of paragraphs (a) through (h) and Appendix A of this section.
(h)(11)(i)(B)	After a press has been equipped with a safety system whose design has been certified and validated in accordance with paragraph (h)(11)(i) of this section, the safety system installation shall be certified by the employer, and then shall be validated by an OSHA-recognized third-party validation organization to meet all applicable requirements of paragraphs (a) through (h) and Appendix A of this section.
(h)(11)(ii)	At least annually thereafter, the safety system on a mechanical power press used in the PSDI mode shall be recertified by the employer and revalidated by an OSHA-recognized third-party validation organization to meet all applicable requirements of paragraphs (a) through (h) and Appendix A of this section. Any press whose safety system has not been recertified and revalidated within the preceding 12 months shall be removed from service in the PSDI mode until the safety system is recertified and revalidated.

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<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Regulatory Text</b>
(h)(11)(iii)	A label shall be affixed to the press as part of each installation certification/validation and the most recent recertification/revalidation. The label shall indicate the press serial number, the minimum safety distance (Ds) required by paragraph (h)(9)(v) of this section, the fulfillment of design certification/validation, the employer's signed certification, the identification of the OSHA-recognized third-party validation organization, its signed validation, and the date the certification/validation and recertification/revalidation are issued.
(h)(11)(iv)	Records of the installation certification and validation and the most recent recertification and revalidation shall be maintained for each safety system equipped press by the employer as long as the press is in use. The records shall include the manufacture and model number of each component and subsystem, the calculations of the safety distance as required by paragraph (h)(9)(v) of this section, and the stopping time measurements required by paragraph (h)(2)(ii) of this section. The most recent records shall be made available to OSHA upon request.
(h)(11)(v)	The employer shall notify the OSHA-recognized third-party validation organization within five days whenever a component or a subsystem of the safety system fails or modifications are made which may affect the safety of the system. The failure of a critical component shall necessitate the removal of the safety system from service until it is recertified and revalidated, except recertification by the employer without revalidation is permitted when a non-critical component or subsystem is replaced by one of the same manufacture and design as the original, or determined by the third-party validation organization to be equivalent by similarity analysis, as set forth in Appendix A.
(h)(11)(vi)	The employer shall notify the OSHA-recognized third-party validation organization within five days of the occurrence of any point of operation injury while a press is used in the PSDI mode. This is in addition to the report of injury required by paragraph (g) of this section; however, a copy of that report may be used for this purpose.
(h)(13)(i)	The operator training required by paragraph (f)(2) of this section shall be provided to the employee before the employee initially operates the press and as needed to maintain competence, but not less than annually thereafter. It shall include instruction relative to the following items for presses used in the PSDI mode.
(h)(13)(i)(A)	The manufacturer's recommended test procedures for checking operation of the presence sensing device. This shall include the use of the test rod required by paragraph (h)(10)(i) of this section.
(h)(13)(i)(B)	The safety distance required.
(h)(13)(i)(C)	The operation, function and performance of the PSDI mode.
(h)(13)(i)(D)	The requirements for hand tools that may be used in the PSDI mode.

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<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Regulatory Text</b>
(h)(13)(i)(E)	The severe consequences that can result if he or she attempts to circumvent or by-pass any of the safeguard or operating functions of the PSDI system.
(h)(13)(ii)	The employer shall certify that employees have been trained by preparing a certification record which includes the identity of the person trained, the signature of the employer or the person who conducted the training, and the date the training was completed. The certification record shall be prepared at the completion of training and shall be maintained on file for the duration of the worker's employment. The certification record shall be made available upon request to the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health.

In addition, Appendix A of § 1910.217 provides detailed information and procedures required to meet the certification/validation provisions, as well as the design requirements, contained in the PSDI Standard. Accordingly, Appendix A supplements and explains the certification/validation provisions of the PSDI Standard, and does not specify new or additional paperwork requirements for employers. Appendix C of § 1910.217 describes the requirements and procedures for obtaining OSHA recognition as a third-party validation organization; therefore, the paperwork requirements specified by this appendix do not impose burden hours or cost directly on employers who use PSDs.

Use and purpose of the requirements. Requiring employers to certify brake-monitor adjustments, alternatives to photo-electric PSDs, and safety-system design and installation, and to recertify safety systems annually, provides the employer, systems engineers, maintenance personnel, and other workers with reliable information regarding the status and operating characteristics of the presses, which they can use to determine that the systems are operating according to the requirements of the Standard. The training certification requirement assures employers that workers receive the training specified by the Standard at the required frequencies and, therefore, can safely operate a PSDI-equipped mechanical power press. Specifying that employers establish and maintain for each press the original certification and validation records, as well as the most recent recertification and revalidation records, allows employers, engineers, maintenance personnel, and other workers to determine if the presses are operating within required specifications, thereby ensuring that the presses remain in safe operating condition.

Having employers affix labels to test rods provides information to workers about the minimum object sensitivity of the sensing field, thereby allowing them to use the test rods in determining that a field is operating correctly. The provision specifying that employers affix labels to certified and recertified presses gives assurance to employers and workers that the presses meet the requirements of the Standard and, therefore, that workers can operate them safely.

Requiring employers to notify an OSHA-recognized third-party validation organization when a safety system component fails, or a point-of-operation injury occurs, permits these organizations to identify and correct design problems in the safety systems. Having employers inform these organizations of modifications made to safety systems allows the organizations to review the modifications and determine if the presses will continue to operate safely.

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By complying with these paperwork requirements, employers ensure that PSDI-equipped mechanical power presses are in safe working order, thereby preventing severe injury and death to press operators and other workers who work near this equipment. In addition, these records provide the most efficient means for an OSHA compliance officer to determine that an employer performed the requirements and that the equipment is safe.

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also, describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.**

Employers may use automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology (e.g., electronic submission of responses), when establishing and maintaining the required records. The agency wrote the paperwork requirements of the Standard in performance-oriented language, i.e., in terms of what data to collect, not how to record the data.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item A.2 above.**

The requirements to collect and maintain information are specific to each employer and worker involved, and no other source or agency duplicates these requirements or can make the required information available to OSHA (i.e., the required information is available only from employers).

**5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.**

The information collection requirements of the Standard do not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

**6. Describe the consequence to federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.**

The agency believes that the information collection frequencies required by the Standard are the minimum frequencies necessary to ensure the safety of workers who operate mechanical presses that use PSDs, and thereby; fulfill its mandate “to assure so far as possible every working man and woman in the Nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources” as specified by the OSH Act at 29 U.S.C. 651. Accordingly, if employers do not perform the required information collections, or delay in providing this information, mechanical

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press operators and other workers near this equipment will have an increased probability of exposure to the point-of-operation, resulting in serious crush injuries, amputations, and/or death.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:**

- **requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;**
- **requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;**
- **requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;**
- **requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years;**
- **in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;**
- **requiring the use of statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;**
- **that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or**
- **requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secret, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.**

No special circumstances exist that require employers to collect information in the manner or using the procedures specified by this item. The information collection requirements are consistent with the guidelines provided in 5 CFR 1320.5.

**8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the *Federal Register* of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.**

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**Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

**Consultation with representatives of those from whom information is to be obtained or those who must compile records should occur at least once every 3 years -- even if the collection-of-information activity is the same as in prior periods. There may be circumstances that may preclude consultation in a specific situation. These circumstances should be explained.**

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), OSHA published a notice in the *Federal Register* on May 26, 2023, (88 FR 34188) soliciting comments from the public and other interested parties on the information collection requirements contained in the PSDI Standard (29 CFR 1910.217) under Docket Number OSHA-2010-0009. This notice was part of a preclearance consultation program that provided interested parties with an opportunity to comment on OSHA's request for an extension by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of a previous approval of the information collection requirements found in the PSDI Standard. The agency did not receive any public comments in response to this notice.

**9. Explain any decision to provide any payments or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

The agency will not provide payments or gifts to the respondents.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

No elements of confidentiality are involved.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.**

None of the provisions of the Standard require sensitive information.

**12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. The statement should:**

- **Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. Unless directed to do so,**



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**agencies should not conduct special surveys to obtain information on which to base hour burden estimates. Consultation with a sample (fewer than 10) of potential respondents is desirable. If the hour burden on respondents is expected to vary widely because of differences in activity, size, or complexity, show the range of estimated hour burden, and explain the reasons for the variance. General, estimates should not include burden hours for customary and usual business practices.**

- **If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form.**
- **Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories. The cost of contracting out or paying outside parties for information collection activities should not be included here. Instead, this cost should be included in Item 14.**

### **Burden-Hour and Cost Determinations**

To date, no third-party organization is available to validate employer and manufacturer certifications that their PSDI equipment and practices meet the requirements of the Standard.

OSHA is proposing that OMB approve the information collection requirements specified by the Standard on Presence Sensing Device Initiative (PSDI), so that it can enforce these requirements if employers obtain third-party certification/validation. The table under Item 2 above provides the paragraph designations and regulatory text of these requirements.

### **Wage Rate**

The agency determined the wage rate from mean hourly wage earnings to represent the cost of employee time. For the relevant standard occupational classification category, OSHA used the wage rates reported in the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS)*, May 2021 [date accessed: March 28, 2023]. (OEWS data is available at [First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers \(bls.gov\)](https://www.bls.gov)).

To account for fringe benefits, the agency used the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) September 2022 National Compensation Survey. Fringe markup is from the following BLS release: *Employer Costs for Employee Compensation* news release text; released 10:00 AM (ET), December 15, 2022 ([Employer Costs for Employee Compensation - September 2022 \(bls.gov\)](https://www.bls.gov)). BLS reported that for private industry workers, fringe benefits accounted for 29.5 percent of total compensation and wages accounted for the remaining 70.5 percent. To calculate the loaded hourly wage for each occupation, the agency divided the mean hourly wage by 1 minus the fringe benefits.

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<b>TABLE 1 WAGE HOUR ESTIMATES</b>				
<b>Occupational Title</b>	<b>Standard Occupation Code</b>	<b>Mean Hour Wage Rate (A)</b>	<b>Fringe Benefits (B)</b>	<b>Loaded Hourly Wage Rate (C) = (A)/((1-(B)))</b>
First Line Supervisor of production and operating workers	51-1011	\$32.37	0.295	\$45.91

The following are the estimated burden hour and cost determinations under §1910.217:

The agency has correspondingly adjusted the per response burden to maintain a time burden as close as is possible to the actual time of one hour (1 hour). OSHA is requesting that OMB extend its approval of the information collection requirement contained in the Standard on Presence Sensing Device Initiation (PSDI) that has an estimated 10 responses in order to have the ICR comport to regulation 5 CFR 1320.3(c)(4)(i), which deems any rule of general applicability to involve at least 10 respondents. The agency has entered a convenience estimate of 1 hour for the entire collection. OSHA estimates that it would take a first line supervisor worker 6 minutes (6/60 hour) to comply with the provisions of this ICR. For purposes of this ICR, the agency is using the following calculations to provide estimates of the burden hour and cost to the employer.

**Burden hours:** 10 respondents x 6/60 to establish and maintain certification records, to affix labels, and to inform organizations of modifications = 1 hour

**Cost:** 1 hour x \$45.91 = \$45.91

OSHA is proposing that OMB approve the information collection requirements specified by the Standard on Presence Sensing Device Initiative (PSDI), so that it can enforce these requirements if employers obtain third-party certification/validation. Table A under Item 2 above provides the paragraph designations and regulatory text of these requirements.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in Items 12 and 14).**

- The cost estimate should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start up cost component (annualized over its expected useful life); and (b) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of service component. The estimates should take into account costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information. Include descriptions of**

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**methods used to estimate major cost factors including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, the discount rate(s), and the time period over which costs will be incurred. Capital and start-up costs include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software; monitoring, sampling, drilling and testing equipment; and record storage facilities.**

- **If cost estimates are expected to vary widely, agencies should present ranges of cost burdens and explain the reasons for the variance. The cost of purchasing or contracting out information collection services should be a part of this cost burden estimate. In developing cost burden estimates, agencies may consult with a sample of respondents (fewer than 10), utilize the 60-day pre-OMB submission public comment process and use existing economic or regulatory impact analysis associated with the rulemaking containing the information collection, as appropriate.**
- **Generally, estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services, or portions thereof, made: (1) prior to October 1, 1995, (2) to achieve regulatory compliance with requirements not associated with the information collection, (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the government, or (4) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.**

The Standard does not currently affect any known employer; therefore, the agency can attribute no capital cost to respondents or recordkeepers (see explanation under Item 12 above).

**14. Provide estimates of the annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff), any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information. Agencies also may aggregate cost estimates from Items 12, 13, and 14 into a single table.**

Agency has no annualized cost associated with enforcing the Standard. OSHA would only review records in the context of an investigation of a particular employer to determine compliance with the Standard. These activities are outside the scope of the PRA. See 5 CFR 1320.4(a)(2).

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.**

The agency is requesting to retain its previous burden hour estimate of one (1) hour. There are no program changes or adjustments associated with the information collection requirement in the Standard on Presence Sensing Device Initiation (PSDI). Additional requirements for DOL has estimated 10 responses in order to have the ICR comport to regulation 5 CFR 1320.3(c)(4)(i), which deems any rule of general applicability to involve at least 10 respondents.

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**16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulations, and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.**

OSHA does not plan to publish this information.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.**

OSHA lists current valid control numbers in §§1910.8, 1915.8, 1917.4, 1918.4 and 1926.5 and publishes the expiration date in a Federal Register notice announcing OMB approval of the information collection requirement (see 5 CFR 1320.3(f)(3)). OSHA believes that this is the most appropriate and accurate mechanism to inform interested parties of these expiration dates.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.**

OSHA is not requesting an exception to the certification statement.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS.**

This supporting statement does not contain any collection of information requirements that employ statistical methods.