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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Vertical Tandem Lifts for Marine Terminals

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before November 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202-693-0213, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Vertical Tandem Lifts (VTLs) Standard requires employers to develop, implement, and maintain a written plan for transporting vertically connected containers in the longshoring and marine terminal industries. The written plan is necessary for the safe transport of VTLs in the marine terminal where factors affect the stability of a VTL which has a higher center of gravity than a single container. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the

Federal Register on August 12, 2024 (89 FR 65678).

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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 the OMB approves it 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 OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL-OSHA.

Title of Collection: Vertical Tandem Lifts for Marine Terminals.

OMB Control Number: 1218-0260.

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

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,210.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 75,243.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 22,932 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

[OMB Control No. 1219-0121]

Proposed Extension of Information Collection: Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), 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 collections of information, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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 the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection entitled Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines.

DATES: All comments must be received on or before December 23, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below. Please note that late comments received after the deadline will not be considered.

- *Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments for docket number MSHA-2024-0026.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery:* DOL-MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, 4th Floor West, Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9455 to make an appointment.

- MSHA will post all comments as well as any attachments, except for information submitted and marked as confidential, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Aromie Noe, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov (email); (202) 693-9440 (voice); or (202) 693-9441 (facsimile). These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background***A. Legal Authority*

Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) as amended, 30 U.S.C. 813(h), authorizes the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Further, section 101(a) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 811(a), authorizes the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to develop, promulgate, and revise, as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal, metal and nonmetal mines.

B. Information Collection

In order to fulfill the statutory mandates to promote miners' health and safety, MSHA requires the collection of information under the information collection request entitled Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines. The information collection is intended to ensure that mine roof, face, and rib are adequately supported and that ground control systems are effective.

Accidents involving falls of mine roof, face, and rib in underground mines or falls of highwall in surface mines, historically, have been among the leading causes of injuries and deaths. Preventing or controlling roof, face, or rib falls is uniquely difficult because of the variety of conditions encountered in mines that can affect the stability of various types of strata. Additionally, the nature of the forces affecting ground stability at any given operation and time are constantly changing. Roof and rock bolts and accessories are integral parts of ground control systems and are used to prevent the fall of roof, face, and rib. Advancements in the technology of roof and rock bolts and accessories have aided in reducing the hazards associated with falls of roof, face, and rib.

1. Providing Manufacturers' Certifications

It is necessary to ensure that roof and rock bolts and accessories are up to safety standards as they are imperative to protecting miners' safety and health. Under 30 CFR 56.3203, 57.3203 and 75.204, the quality of roof and rock bolts and accessories and their installation are addressed.

These provisions incorporate by reference the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F432–95

entitled "Standard Specification for Roof and Rock Bolts and Accessories." This ASTM standard, a consensus standard used throughout the United States, contains specifications for the chemical, mechanical, and dimensional requirements for roof and rock bolts and accessories used for ground support systems. These regulations ensure the quality and effectiveness of roof and rock bolts and accessories and, as technology evolves, allow for the use of new materials which are proven to be reliable and effective in controlling the mine roof, face, and rib.

1–1. MNM Mines

Roof and rock bolts and accessories must be certified to the ASTM standard, or otherwise tested in similar circumstances to the ones in which they are being used. Certifications of purchase or tests must be made available upon request.

Under 30 CFR 56.3203(a) and 57.3203(a), mine operators of MNM mines, both surface and underground, must obtain a certification from the manufacturer that roof and rock bolts and accessories are manufactured and tested in accordance with the applicable ASTM specifications, and that the manufacturer's certification is made available to an authorized representative of the Secretary and to the representative of miners.

Under 30 CFR 56.3203(h) and 57.3203(h), if mine operators of MNM mines use other tensioned and non-tensioned fixtures and accessories for ground control that are not addressed by the applicable ASTM standards listed in 30 CFR 56.3203(a) and 57.3203(a), test methods must be established by the mine operator and used to verify their ground control effectiveness.

Under 30 CFR 56.3203(i) and 57.3203(i), the mine operator must certify that the tests developed under 30 CFR 56.3203(h) and 57.3203(h) were conducted and such certifications be made available to an authorized representative of the Secretary.

1–2. Coal Mines

Under 30 CFR 75.204(a), mine operators of underground coal mines must obtain a certification from the manufacturer that roof bolts and accessories are manufactured and tested in accordance with the applicable ASTM specifications, and that the manufacturer's certification is made available to an authorized representative of the Secretary and to the representative of miners.

2. Bolt Tension Measurements of Coal Mines

Bolt tension must be adjusted so that tension is not too high or too low for anchored roof bolts. Therefore, tension must be measured, and mine operators must take corrective action if the tension on roof bolts is not optimal.

Under 30 CFR 75.204(f)(5), in working places from which coal is produced during any portion of a 24-hour period, the actual torque or tension on at least one out of every 10 previously installed mechanically anchored tensioned roof bolts must be measured from the outby corner of the last open crosscut to the face in each advancing section. The mine operator must take corrective action if the majority of the bolts measured either:

- (a) Do not maintain at least 70 percent of the minimum torque or tension specified in the roof control plan, 50 percent if the roof bolt plates bear against wood; or
- (b) Have exceeded the maximum specified torque or tension by 50 percent.

Under 30 CFR 75.204(f)(6), mine operators of a coal mine or a person designated by the operator must certify by signature and date that the measurements required by 30 CFR 75.204(f)(5) have been made. This certification must be maintained for at least one year and must be made available to an authorized representative of the Secretary and representatives of miners.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines. MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to 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.

The information collection request will be available on <https://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions the commenter against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on <https://www.regulations.gov> and <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

The public may also examine publicly available documents at DOL–MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, 201 12th Street South, 4th Floor West, Arlington, VA 22202–5452. Sign in at the receptionist’s desk on the 4th Floor via the West elevator. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202–693–9455 to make an appointment. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This information collection request concerns provisions for Safety Standards for Roof Bolts in Metal and Nonmetal Mines and Underground Coal Mines. MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, time burden, and burden costs supporting this information collection request from the previous information collection request.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

OMB Number: 1219–0121.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Annual Respondents: 484.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Annual Responses: 79,167.

Annual Time Burden: 740 hours.

Annual Other Burden Costs: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the proposed information collection request; they will become a matter of public record and be available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Petitions for Modification of Mandatory Safety Standards

[OMB Control No. 1219–0065]

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), 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 collections of information, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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 the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the information collection entitled Petitions for Modification of Mandatory Safety Standards.

DATES: All comments must be received on or before December 23, 2024.

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B. Information Collection

In order to fulfill the statutory mandates to promote miners’ health and safety, MSHA requires the collection of information under the information collection request entitled Petitions for Modification of Mandatory Safety Standards. The information collection is intended to ensure the merits of the petition for the purpose of deciding whether or not to grant it and, if granted, whether there is a need for any additional terms or conditions.

If a mine operator, or a representative of miners at a mine, wishes to modify the requirements of an existing MSHA safety standard to achieve the purpose of the standard by means different than those required by the standard, they may petition the requirement. The petitioning party would be responsible for proposing an alternative that is proven to be at least as safe for miners as the mandatory requirement. MSHA will grant a petition for modification if the agency determines that the requested alternative provides miners at least the same level of protection as the existing standard. Under 30 CFR part 44, the procedures and rules of practice are set forth to govern petitions for modification of mandatory safety standards filed under section 101(c) of the Mine Act.

1. Prepare and File Petition for Modification

In order to meet the requirements of the petition for modification, mine operators, or representative of the miners, must file the petition with MSHA and serve a copy of the petition to the other party, either the representative of the miners, or the mine operator. The petition must include a statement about the modification, proposed alternative, or that the requirement diminishes the safety of miners at the site and any facts