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**Lisa Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2009-0042]

#### Occupational Safety and Health Administration Conflict of Interest (COI) and Disclosure Form; 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 request to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of information collection. Regarding the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Conflict of Interest (COI) and Disclosure Form.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by August 7, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Electronically:* You may submit comments, including attachments, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

*Docket:* To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Documents in the docket 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 website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and the OSHA

Docket Number for this **Federal Register** notice (OSHA-2009-0042). OSHA will place comments, including personal information, in the public docket, which may be available online. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

For further information on submitting comments, see the "Public Participation" heading in the section of this notice titled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Seleda Perryman or Theda Kenney, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone (202) 693-2222.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of the 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 accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (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, the collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (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 effort in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

OSHA conducts peer reviews of a draft product for quality by specialists in the field who were not involved in producing the draft. The selection of participants in a peer review is based on expertise, considering their independence and any actual or potential conflicts of interest. The Office of Management and Budget published the Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review on December 15, 2004. The Bulletin states ". . . the agency must address reviewers' potential conflicts of interest (including those

stemming from ties to regulated businesses and other stakeholders) and independence from the agency." The Bulletin requires agencies to adopt or adapt the committee selection policies employed by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) when selecting peer reviewers who are not government employees. To fulfill this requirement, OSHA has developed a Conflict of Interest (COI) and Disclosure Form, based on NAS' Conflict of Interest Disclosure form. This form will be used to determine whether a conflict exists for a potential peer review panel member.

#### 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

There are no changes in burden hours from the previous Information Collection Request for obtaining the necessary background information and disclosure of conflict-of-interest information to ensure that invited experts are not compromised.

OSHA 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.

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

*Title:* Occupational Safety and Health Administration Conflict of Interest (COI) and Disclosure Form.

*OMB Control Number:* 1218-0255.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Number of Respondents:* 36.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:* OSHA estimates it will take thirty minutes (30/60 hour) to complete the short version of the COI form, and one (1) hour to complete the long version of the COI form.

*Estimated Total Number of Responses:* 36.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours: 27.*

*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 this ICR (Docket No. OSHA–2009–0042). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information, such as their social security number 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 website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available from the website and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

#### V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, 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. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 25, 2023.

**James S. Frederick,**

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

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#### MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

##### Agency Information Collection Activities; Reinstatement and Revision of a Previously Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is seeking to reinstate and revise a previously approved information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. The Information Collection Request (ICR) will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the PRA for review and clearance. This information collection, entitled, "Generic Clearance Request for Voluntary Customer Surveys," OMB Control No. 3124–0012, is part of MSPB's efforts to improve customer service delivery. The information collection instruments consist of short customer-focused surveys distributed through Qualtrics, MSPB's survey platform. MSPB is requesting public comments. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment after submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 10, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB. Comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for the Merit Systems Protection Board and sent via electronic mail to [oir.submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir.submission@omb.eop.gov).

All comments must reference OMB Control No. 3124–0012. All submissions will be posted, without change, to MSPB's website ([www.mspb.gov](http://www.mspb.gov)) and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** D. Fon Muttamara, Chief Privacy Officer, at [privacy@mspb.gov](mailto:privacy@mspb.gov) or (202) 653–7200. You may submit written questions to the Office of the Clerk of the Board by any of the following methods: by email to [privacy@mspb.gov](mailto:privacy@mspb.gov) or by mail to Clerk of the Board, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, 1615 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20419. Please reference OMB Control No. 3124–0012 with your questions.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MSPB intends to request approval for a

reinstatement and revision of a previously approved information collection and seeks a three-year renewal of its MSPB's "Generic Clearance Request for Voluntary Customer Surveys," OMB Control No. 3124–0012, which was previously published in the **Federal Register** on March 28, 2023, at 88 FR 18349 with a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received. The purpose of this 30-day notice is to notify the public that MSPB will submit the information collection abstracted below to OMB for review and clearance.

**Title:** Agency Information Collection Activities; Reinstatement and Revision of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

**OMB Number:** 3124–0012.

**Type of Information Collection:** This is a request for reinstatement and revision of a previously approved information collection.

**ICR Status:** MSPB intends to request approval for reinstatement and revision of a previously approved information collection from OMB under the PRA of 1995. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Abstract of Proposed Collection:** This collection is part of MSPB's compliance efforts pursuant to Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards," which mandates that agencies identify their customers and survey them to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. Responses to any collection of information under this ICR are voluntary.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and Households; Businesses and Organizations.

**Estimated Total Number of Respondents:** 600.

**Estimated Frequency of Responses:** Once per year.

**Estimated Total Average Number of Responses for Each Respondent:** Once per year.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 300.

**Estimated Total Cost:** \$11,370.

**Comments:** Comments should be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to: (a) evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of MSPB, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of MSPB's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and