

TABLE 1—U.S FEDERAL AGENCY
CENTRAL VSL ESTIMATES
[2021 dollars and income levels]

EPA	DOT	HHS
\$11.3 million	\$11.8 million	\$11.6 million

CPSC has routinely used EPA's VSL estimate in the benefits assessments of its regulatory analyses. Specifically, CPSC adjusts EPA's base VSL for inflation to the year of the analysis using the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index. Then, the inflation adjusted VSL is multiplied by the number of estimated deaths. This generates a monetized value of benefits from the fatality risk reduction associated with the proposed rule. When the analysis projects the regulation's impact into the future, CPSC additionally discounts all monetized future costs and benefits, including the value of prevented deaths, to account for the time value of money.

C. Reasons for Establishing the Proposed VSL Guidelines

CPSC regularly assesses the costs and benefits of proposed regulations that address safety. By developing and publishing guidelines for its staff's use of VSL in regulatory analysis, CPSC can: (1) help ensure that its regulatory analyses appropriately measure the benefits from reduced fatality risk, including children's mortality; (2) improve consistency across regulatory analyses regarding the valuation of benefits for reducing fatality risk; and (3) promote transparency by sharing these guidelines with the public and gathering comments on the guidelines.

To further these goals, the proposed guidelines establish the source, base value, and method of application for VSL. The proposed guidelines also establish a ratio of child VSL to adult VSL.

III. Summary of the Proposed VSL Guidelines

CPSC seeks public comment on its proposed VSL guidelines, which are

fully described in the draft guidance. The proposed guidelines state that:

1. CPSC staff will use HHS's VSL estimate for adults.
2. CPSC staff will double the adult VSL to establish the child VSL.
3. When adjusting the VSL, CPSC staff will account for changes in both the general price index (inflation) and real income using the method in HHS's *Guidelines for Regulatory Impact Analysis*.
4. CPSC staff will include in regulatory analyses a sensitivity analysis that use both high and low estimates for adult and child VSLs.
5. When estimating VSL in future years, CPSC staff will discount the resulting benefit values to reflect the time value of money, consistent with its approach for all cost and benefits estimates.

These guidelines and their sources are summarized in Table 2.

TABLE 2—SUMMARY OF CPSC VSL GUIDELINES

Variable	Guideline
Adult VSL	\$11.6 million in 2021 dollars as of January 1, 2023. Based on HHS's VSL Guidance. CPSC will update this value as HHS updates with new VSL value.
Child VSL	\$23.2 million in 2021 dollars as of January 1, 2023. Double the adult VSL. Doubling the VSL is based on findings from IEC's "Valuing Reductions in Fatal Risks to Children" and Robinson et al. (2019).
Inflation	Inflate to year where full annual data is available for price (inflation) and real income. Use data and formula in HHS VSL guidance.
Discount	Apply discount rate to all monetized values that are a function of VSL in future years.
Real income index	Use Current Population Survey Median Weekly Earnings for initial adjustment to year of analysis. For future years, use real earnings per worker growth rate from the Congressional Budget Office's Long-Term Budget Outlook. ¹⁶
Income elasticity	Use value from HHS VSL guidance.

CPSC seeks public comment on the proposed VSL Guidelines, including specifically the following:

- The criteria and studies included in the IEC and Robinson et al. reviews, as well as any new studies;
- Alternative approaches for adjusting VSL for age.
- The estimation of VSL in these guidelines, especially child VSL.
- Any other applications of VSL that CPSC should address in its proposed draft guidance. and
- Any other general comments on child VSL and CPSC's proposed draft guidance.

The proposed guidance is available at: <https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/ProposedDraftGuidancefor>

Estimating the Value per Statistical Life.pdf?VersionId=YZhzwKIsHuhzNVm8VmTFwxsjbbluvw0. The staff's briefing package on this matter is available on CPSC's website at: <https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/DraftFederalRegisterNoticeNoticeofAvailabilityProposedGuidanceforUsingValueofStatisticalLife.pdf?VersionId=QiWpCy7L9AvI17U.Mo3s.CyRkUdM2INf>.

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Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID USA-2022-HQ-0017]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 24, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

¹⁶ Congressional Budget Office, "The 2022 Long-Term Budget Outlook", Real Earnings per Worker (2022-2052) in Table B-1, 2022, <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/57971>.

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:

Angela Duncan, 571–372–7574, whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Army Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Application; Army MARS Form 1; OMB Control Number 0702–0140.

Type of Request: Revision.
Number of Respondents: 550.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 550.
Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 138.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to operate a Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Station. The MARS program is a civilian auxiliary consisting primarily of licensed amateur radio operators who are interested in assisting the military with communications on a local, national, and international basis as an adjunct to normal communications and providing worldwide auxiliary emergency communications during times of need. The information collection requirement is necessary not only an application to join ARMY MARS, but to maintain an accurate roster of civilians enrolled in the program for the purpose of providing contingency communications support to the DoD. Additionally, the collected information is used by the MARS program manager to determine an individual’s eligibility for the program, as well as to initiate a background investigation should a security clearance be required. Location information may be used to show the geographic dispersion of the members who participate in the global High Frequency radio network in support of the DoD and to ensure our radio spectrum authorizations cover the geographic areas from which our members will operate. The information is also used periodically to email informational updates about the MARS program.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Angela Duncan.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Duncan at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

Dated: March 21, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID USA–2023–HQ–0003]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 24, 2023.

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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Vessel Operation Reporting; ENG Forms 3926, 3925, 3925B, 3925C, and 3925P; OMB Control Number 0710–0006.

Type of Request: Revision.

ENG Form 3926

Number of Respondents: 100.
Responses per Respondent: 12.
Annual Responses: 1,200.
Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 600.

ENG Form 3925/3925B/3925C/3925P

Number of Respondents: 450.
Responses per Respondent: 12.
Annual Responses: 5,400.
Average Burden per Response: 90 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 8,100.

Total

Number of Respondents: 550.
Annual Responses: 6,600.
Annual Burden Hours: 8,700.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to determine usage on the nation’s waterway network. The authority for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to collect data on vessel operations and cargo movements is given by Section 11 of 42 Stat. 1043, the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1922, as amended by Public Law 99–662 and codified in 33 U.S.C. 555. Using both the ENG 3925, “Vessel Operation Report” forms and ENG Form 3926, “Record of Arrivals and Departures of Vessels,” the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center (WCSC) is able to paint a complete picture of vessel movements and cargo carried on U.S. waterways. Each set of data produced from the forms allows WCSC to ensure accuracy and completeness. The data are used to annually publish Waterborne Commerce of the United States (WCUS) Ports and Waterways which presents detailed data on the movements of vessels and commodities at the ports and harbors and on the waterways and canals of the United States and its territories. It also provides statistics on the foreign and domestic waterborne commerce moved through the U.S. waters. Congress receives this annual report, and the data contained therein are used in cost-benefit analyses for new projects, rehabilitation projects, and operations and maintenance of existing projects. It is also used by other Federal agencies involved in transportation and security. Researchers and private organizations also use the data regularly to help decide on which locales are best models for their studies/needs.