

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its 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-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and cost) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information-collection burden is correct.

Paragraph (a)(6) of the Standard requires employers to perform annual inspections of cranes and derricks and to establish and maintain a written record of the dates and results of these inspections. The inspections identify problems such as deterioration caused by exposure to adverse weather conditions, worn components and other flaws and defects that develop during use, and accelerated wear resulting from misalignments of connecting systems and components. A competent person or a government or private agency recognized by the U.S. Department of labor must perform the inspections.

Establishing and maintaining a written record of the annual inspections alerts the equipment mechanics to servicing or repair problems. Prior to returning the equipment to service, employers can review the records to ensure that the mechanics performed the necessary repairs and maintenance. Accordingly, by using only equipment that is in safe working order, employers will prevent severe injury and death to the equipment operators and other employees who use or work near the equipment. In addition, these records provide the most efficient means for an OSHA compliance officer to determine that an employer performed the required inspections and that the equipment is safe.

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 cost) 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

OSHA proposes to extend OMB's previous approval of the recordkeeping (paperwork) requirement specified in paragraph (a)(6) of the Cranes and Derricks Standard for Construction (29 CFR 1926.550). The Agency will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice, and will include this summary in its request to OMB to extend the approval of this information-collection requirement.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved information-collection requirements.

Title: Annual Inspection Record Specified in the Cranes and Derricks Standard for Construction.

OMB Number: 1218-0113.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 32,900.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Total Responses: 32,900.

Average Time per Response: Either 2.75 hours or 3.5 hours depending on the capacity of the crane/derrick.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 115,167.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance). \$3,271.894.

IV. Authority and Signature

R. Davis Layne, Acting 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) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 3-2000 (65 FR 50017).

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 24, 2001.

R. Davis Layne,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

April 25, 2001.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2001.

PLACE: Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Closed in Part [Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10)].

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: It was determined by a majority vote of the Commission that part of the Commission meeting to consider and act upon the following take place in closed session:

1. Eagle Energy, Inc., Docket No. WEVA 98-123 (Issues include whether substantial evidence supports the judge's finding that the operator violated the regulations governing preshift and onshift mine examinations by failing to observe unsupported kettle bottoms; whether the judge properly concluded that the violations found were the result of the operator's unwarrantable failure; whether the judge properly imposed penalties that were double in amounts from those initially assessed; and whether the judge's frequent questioning of witnesses improperly interfered with the operator's presentation of its case and reflected bias).

Any person attending the open portion of the meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 01-054]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Advanced Cybernetics Group (ACG), of Cupertino, CA has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,774,669 entitled "Scalable Hierarchical Network Management System for Displaying Network Information in Three Dimensions" which is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective