DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration

Comment Request for Information Collection for The National Agricultural Workers Survey: Revision to an Approved Collection (OMB 1205–0453)

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. 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.

Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the addition of seven new questions to the National Agricultural Workers Survey (NAWS) regarding: (1) The amount of time per day farm workers are engaged working in specific crops and tasks, and (2) farm workers’ clothes laundering and hygiene practices. The information obtained from these questions will improve the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs’ (EPA/OPP) ability to assess farm workers’ risk to pesticide exposure. There are no known national-level studies that assess the length of the work day for specific crop-task combinations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) authorization for the current NAWS questionnaire will expire on October 31, 2013.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section below on or before June 6, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Mr. Daniel Carroll, Division of Research and Evaluations, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–5641, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202–693–2795 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax: 202–693–2766. E-mail: carroll.daniel.j@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The NAWS is an employment-based, annual survey of the demographic, employment, and health characteristics of hired crop farm workers, including workers brought to farms by labor intermediaries. Each year, approximately 1,500 workers are randomly chosen for an interview. Interviews are conducted three times per year to account for the seasonality of agricultural production and employment. Several Federal agencies utilize the NAWS to collect information on the population of hired crop farm workers. EPA, which has responsibility for assessing exposure to pesticides, is one such agency. These added questions will provide information that will improve EPA’s ability to assess farm workers’ risk of pesticide exposure.

The questions would be piloted in one interview cycle in Fiscal Year 2011 and, depending on the quality of information obtained, would be administered in all three interview cycles of Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013. The questions would be administered to each farm worker who is randomly selected for an interview.

II. Review Focus

DOL is particularly interested in comments which:

* Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
* Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
* 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 appropriated automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

Type of Review: Revision to an Approved Collection.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: National Agricultural Workers Survey.

OMB Number: 1205–0453.

Affected Public: Individuals, Farms.

Form(s): Primary Questionnaire.

Total Annual Respondents: 2,064.

Frequency: annual.

Total Annual Responses: 2,064.

Average Time per Response: 49.2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,893.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): $0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 29, 2011.

Jane Oates,
Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No OSHA–2011–0007]

Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH)

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of MACOSH Membership and Meeting Announcement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C., App. 2), and after consultation with the General Services Administration, the Secretary of Labor announced on January 10, 2011, her intention to reestablish the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH) as being in the public interest (76 FR 1460). She signed the MACOSH charter on January 25, 2011, which, pursuant to FACA, will expire after two years on January 25,

DATES: MACOSH meeting: MACOSH will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 19 and 20, 2011.

Submission of written statements, requests to speak, and requests for special accommodation: Written statements, requests to speak at the MACOSH meeting, and requests for special accommodations for the MACOSH meeting must be submitted (postmarked, sent, transmitted) by April 11, 2011.


Submission of written statements and requests to speak: You may submit written statements and requests to speak at the MACOSH meeting, identified by docket number for this Federal Register notice (Docket No. OSHA–2011–0007), by one of the following methods:

• Electronically: You may submit materials, including attachments, electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for entering submissions.

• Facsimile: If your submission, including attachments, does not exceed 10 pages, you may fax it to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

• Mail, express delivery, messenger, or courier service: Submit three copies of your submissions to the OSHA Docket Office, Room N–2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–2350 (TTY (877) 899–5627). Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, or courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor’s and the OSHA Docket Office’s normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. E.T.

Requests for special accommodation: Submit requests for special accommodations for the MACOSH meeting by hard copy, telephone, or e-mail to Ms. Veneta Chatmon, OSHA, Office of Communications, Room N–3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–1999; e-mail chatmon.veneta@dol.gov.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this Federal Register notice (Docket No. OSHA–2011–0007). Because of security-related procedures, submissions by regular mail may result in a significant delay in receipt. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about security procedures for making submissions by hand delivery, express delivery, messenger, or courier service.

Written statements and requests to speak, including personal information provided, will be placed in the public docket and may be available online. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and birthdates.

Docket: To read or download documents in the public docket for this MACOSH meeting, go to http://www.regulations.gov. All documents in the public docket are listed in the index; however, some documents (e.g., copyrighted material) are not publicly available to read or download through http://www.regulations.gov. All submissions are available for inspection and, where permitted, copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. For information on using http://www.regulations.gov to make submissions or to access the docket, click on the “Help” tab at the top of the Home page. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available through that Web site and for assistance in using the Internet to locate submissions and other documents in the docket. Electronic copies of this Federal Register notice are available at http://www.regulations.gov. This notice, as well as news releases and other relevant information, is also available on the OSHA webpage at http://www.osha.gov.


For general information about MACOSH and this meeting: Mr. Joseph V. Daddura, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3609, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–2080; e-mail Daddura.joseph@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: I. Background

The maritime industry has historically experienced a high incidence of work-related fatalities, injuries, and illnesses. OSHA has targeted this industry for special attention due to that experience. This targeting has included development of guidance or outreach materials specific to the industry, rulemakings to update requirements, and other activities. MACOSH will advise the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health on matters relevant to the safety and health of employees in the maritime industry. The Committee’s advice will result in more effective enforcement, training and outreach programs, and streamlined regulatory efforts. The Committee will function solely as an advisory body, in compliance with the provisions of FACA and OSHA’s regulations covering advisory committees (29 CFR Part 1912).

II. Appointment of Committee Members

OSHA received nominations of highly qualified individuals in response to the Agency’s request for nominations (75 FR 13785, March 23, 2010). The Secretary has selected to serve on the Committee the following individuals who have broad experience relevant to the issues to be examined by the Committee. The MACOSH members are:

Karen Conrad, North Pacific Fishing Vessel Owners’ Association
Phillip Doivinh, Sound Testing, Inc.
Captain Cheryl Fairfield Estill, P.E., National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Michael J. Flynn, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
Kelly Garber, APL Limited
Robert Godinez, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers—Iron Ship Builders
Lesley E. Johnson, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Charles R. Lemon, Washington State Department of Labor and Industries
George S. Lynch, Jr., International Longshoremens’ Association
Christopher John McMahon, United States Maritime Administration (DOT)
Donald Raffo, General Dynamics
Arthur T. Ross, Texas Terminals L.P.
Kenneth A. Smith, United States Coast Guard
James R. Thornton, American Industrial Hygiene Association

III. Meeting

All MACOSH meetings and workgroup meetings are open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend the MACOSH full-committee and workgroup meetings at the times and places listed above. The
tentative agenda of the April 19, 2011 MACOSH meeting will include: OSHA activities updates from the Directorate of Standards and Guidance, the Directorate of Enforcement Programs, the Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, and the Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs; and presentations on ethics; the Federal Advisory Committee Act; and administrative functions. The workgroups will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on April 20, 2011 in Room N–3437 A/B/C, and report back to the full committee at 1:30 p.m. The workgroups will discuss topics on which they may focus for the duration of this charter of the Committee.

Public Participation: Interested parties may submit a request to make an oral presentation to MACOSH by any one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section above. The request must state the amount of time requested to speak, the interest represented (e.g., organization name), if any, and a brief outline of the presentation. Requests to address MACOSH may be granted as time permits and at the discretion of the MACOSH chair.

Interested parties may also submit written statements, including data and other information, using any one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section above. OSHA will provide all submissions to MACOSH members prior to the meeting. Individuals who need special accommodations to attend the MACOSH meeting should contact Ms. Chatmon by one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section.

Authority: David Michaels, PhD, MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by Sections 6(b)(1) and 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655, 656), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), Secretary of Labor’s Order 4–2010 (75 FR 55355), and 29 CFR part 1912.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 30, 2011.

David Michaels,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the Exploration Committee of the NASA Advisory Council.

DATES: Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 1 p.m.–6 p.m., Local Time

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW., Room 7540, Washington, DC 20546

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Bette Siegel, Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546, 202/358–2245; bette.siegel@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda topics for the meeting will include:

- Update on the Exploration Program
- Recapturing a Future for Space Exploration: Life and Physical Sciences Research for a New Era
- Commercial Program Status
- Global Exploration

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will need to show a picture identification such as driver’s license to enter the NASA Headquarters building (West Lobby—Visitor Control Center), and must state they are attending the NASA Advisory Council Exploration Committee meeting in Room 7S40. Further, no later than April 15, 2011, all non-U.S. citizens must submit the following information to Ms. Shawanda Robinson, Room 7N25, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546; Fax (202) 358–2886; Name, current address, citizenship, company affiliation (if applicable) to include address, telephone number, and their title, place of birth, date of birth, U.S. visa information to include type, number, and expiration date, U.S. Social Security Number (if applicable), Permanent Resident Alien card number and expiration date (if applicable), place and date of entry into the U.S., and passport information to include country of issue, number, and expiration date. To expedite admittance, attendees with U.S. citizenship can provide identifying information 3 working days in advance of the meeting day.

For questions, please call Shawanda Robinson at (202) 358–1566.

Dated: March 29, 2011.

P. Diane Rausch,
Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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