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Record Requirements in the Mechanical Power Presses Standard

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

ACTION: Direct final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: OSHA is making two main revisions to its Mechanical Power Presses Standard. First, OSHA is revising a provision that requires employers to develop and maintain certification records of periodic inspections performed on the presses by adding a requirement that they develop and maintain certification records of any maintenance and repairs they perform on the presses during the periodic inspections. Second, OSHA is removing the requirement from another provision that employers develop and maintain certification records of weekly inspections and tests performed on the presses.

This rulemaking is part of the Department of Labor's initiative to reduce paperwork burden; it will remove 613,600 hours of unnecessary paperwork burden for employers, while maintaining employee protection. OSHA is publishing a companion proposal elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register taking the same action.

DATES: This direct final rule will become effective on [INSERT DATE 90 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] unless OSHA receives a significant adverse comment on this direct final rule or on the companion proposal by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

If OSHA receives adverse comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the Federal Register.

Submit comments on this direct final rule (including comments to the information-collection (paperwork) determination (described under the section titled “**Procedural Determinations**”), hearing requests, and other information by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. All submissions must bear a postmark or provide other evidence of the submission date. The following section describes the available methods for making submissions.

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Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency's name and the docket number (that is, OSHA-2013-0010). OSHA will place comments and other material, including any personal information, in the public docket without revision, and these materials will be available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting statements they do not want made available to the public and submitting comments that contain personal information (either about themselves or others) such as Social Security numbers, birth dates, and medical data.

OSHA requests comment on all issues related to this direct final rule. The Agency also welcomes comments on its findings that this direct final rule would have no negative economic, paperwork, or other regulatory impacts on the regulated community. This direct final rule is the companion document of a notice of proposed rulemaking published in the "Proposed Rules" section of this issue of the Federal Register. If OSHA receives

no significant adverse comment on this direct final rule, the Agency will publish a Federal Register notice confirming the effective date of the final rule and withdrawing the companion proposed rule. The final rule may include minor editorial or technical corrections of the direct final rule. For the purpose of judicial review, OSHA considers the date that the Agency confirms the effective date of the final rule to be the date of issuance. If, however, OSHA receives significant adverse comment on the direct final rule or proposal, the Agency will publish a timely withdrawal of this direct final rule and proceed with the proposed rule, which addresses the same revisions to its Mechanical Power Presses Standard.

Docket: The electronic docket for this direct final rule established at <http://www.regulations.gov> lists most of the documents in the docket. However, some information (for example, copyrighted material) is not available publicly to read or download through this website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are accessible at the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for assistance in locating docket submissions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Copies of this Federal Register notice and news releases: Electronic copies of these documents are available at OSHA's Web page at <http://www.osha.gov>. Copies of this Federal Register notice also are available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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I. Direct Final Rulemaking

In direct final rulemaking, an agency publishes a direct final rule in the Federal Register with a statement that the rule will become effective unless the agency receives a significant adverse comment within a specified period. The agency publishes concurrently with the direct final rule a companion proposed rule. If the agency receives no significant adverse comment, the direct final rule will become effective. However, should the agency receive a timely significant adverse comment, it will withdraw the direct final rule and treat the comment as a submission to the proposed rule.

OSHA uses direct final rulemaking because it expects the rulemaking to: be noncontroversial; provide protection to employees that is at least equivalent to the protection afforded to them by the previous standard; and impose no significant new compliance costs on employers (69 FR 68283, 68285 (Nov. 24, 2004)). OSHA used direct final rules previously to update and revise other OSHA rules (see, for example, 69

FR 68283 (Nov 24, 2004); 70 FR 76979 (Dec. 29, 2005); 76 FR 75782 (Dec. 5, 2011); and 77 FR 37587 (Jun. 22, 2012)).

For purposes of this direct final rule, a significant adverse comment is one that “explains why the rule would be inappropriate, including challenges to the rule’s underlying premise or approach, or why it would be ineffective or unacceptable without a change” (see 60 FR 43108, 43111 (Aug. 18, 1995)). In determining whether a comment necessitates withdrawal of the direct final rule, OSHA will consider whether the comment raises an issue serious enough to warrant a substantive response in a notice-and-comment process. OSHA will not consider a comment recommending additional revisions to a rule to be a significant adverse comment unless the comment provides a reasonable explanation of why the direct final rule would be ineffective without the revisions. If OSHA receives a timely significant adverse comment, it will publish a Federal Register notice withdrawing the direct final rule no later than 90 days after the publication date of this current notice.

In the event OSHA withdraws this direct final rule because of significant adverse comment, it will consider all timely comments received in response to the direct final rule when it continues with the proposed rule. After carefully considering all comments to the direct final rule and the proposal, OSHA will decide whether to publish a new final rule.

II. Background

This direct final rule is revising paragraph (e)(1)(i) of OSHA’s Mechanical Power Presses Standard at 29 CFR 1910.217 to require employers to perform and complete necessary maintenance and repair on the presses, and to develop and maintain certification records of these tasks. The rulemaking also removes requirements from

paragraph (e)(1)(ii) of this standard to develop and maintain certification records for weekly inspections and tests performed on mechanical power presses. OSHA believes that these revisions will maintain the safety afforded to employees by the existing provisions, while substantially reducing paperwork burden hours and cost to employers.

This rulemaking is part of the Department of Labor's initiative to reduce paperwork burden hours and cost, consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) at 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. The purpose of the PRA-95 is to minimize the Federal paperwork burden and to maximize the efficiency and usefulness of Federal information-gathering activities. OSHA also determined that the subject of this rulemaking furthers the objectives of Executive Order (EO) 13563 (76 FR 3821, Jan. 21, 2011). In this regard, EO 13563 requires that the regulatory process "promote predictability and reduce uncertainty" and "identify and use the best, most innovative and least burdensome tools for achieving regulatory ends." To accomplish this objective, EO 13563 states, "To facilitate the periodic review of existing significant regulations, agencies shall consider how best to promote retrospective analysis of rules that may be outmoded, ineffective, insufficient, or excessively burdensome, and to modify, streamline, expand, or repeal them in accordance with what has been learned."

OSHA determined that the revisions made by this direct final rule are consistent with, and promote the objectives of, both PRA-95 and EO 13563. Accordingly, the revisions made by this direct final rule will result in reducing the paperwork burden for employers covered by the Mechanical Power Presses Standard. Removing the requirement to develop and maintain weekly certification records for inspections and tests will not affect an employer's obligation to inspect and ensure that mechanical power

presses used in the workplace are in a safe operating condition. Revisions to paragraph (e)(1)(i) to complete necessary maintenance and repair before operating a press after a periodic inspection, and certifying this action, will ensure the safety of workers while imposing minimal paperwork burden on employers. OSHA estimates that these revisions will result in a paperwork burden reduction of 613,600 hours. Accordingly, the Agency believes the regulated community will support this effort to reduce unnecessary paperwork burden and to remove outdated certification requirements, while maintaining employee safety.

III. Summary and Explanation of Revisions to the Mechanical Power Presses

Standard

This direct final rule revises paragraphs (e)(1)(i) and (e)(1)(ii) of OSHA's Mechanical Power Presses Standard at 29 CFR 1910.217. This rulemaking also reorganized the paragraphs by dividing the requirements into discrete provisions, and redrafted the provisions in plain language to make them easier to understand than the existing provisions. The first two provisions, paragraphs (e)(1)(i) and (e)(1)(ii), cover periodic and weekly tasks associated with the mechanical power-press inspection program. To further delineate the tasks covered by these two provisions, OSHA refers to the requirements of paragraph (e)(1)(i) as the "general component of the inspection program," and to the requirements of paragraph (e)(1)(ii) as the "directed component of the inspection program." In this regard, the requirements of paragraph (e)(1)(i), the general component of the inspection program, cover all parts of the equipment and stipulate a nonspecific interval ("periodic") for meeting these requirements. However, the requirements of paragraph (e)(1)(ii), the directed component of the inspection program,

address specific parts of the equipment and define the frequency employers must follow when inspecting and testing these parts (“at least once a week”). OSHA believes these revisions will assist the regulated community in differentiating the requirements of these provisions.

Revisions to paragraph (e)(1)(i). Paragraph (e)(1)(i) currently requires employers to inspect all parts, auxiliary equipment, and safeguards of mechanical power presses on a periodic and regular basis and to maintain certification records of these inspections. The main revision OSHA is making to this paragraph is to require that employers perform necessary maintenance or repair, or both, on presses before operating them, and maintain certification records of any maintenance and repairs performed.² Therefore, employers must perform, following the periodic and regular inspections, but before operating the equipment, any necessary maintenance and repair found during the inspections, and maintain certification records of the maintenance and repairs performed (in addition to the inspection certification records already required).

A national consensus standard, American National Standards Institute (ANSI) B11.1–2009 (“American National Standard for Safety Requirements for Mechanical Power Presses”), has requirements that are similar to paragraph (e)(1)(i). In this regard, paragraph 9.4.1 (“Program”) of this ANSI standard requires employers to “establish a systematic program of periodic and regular inspection of press production systems to ensure that all their parts, auxiliary equipment, and safeguarding are in safe operating

²The requirement for employers to perform maintenance and repair necessary for the safe operation of the entire press is implicit in the requirement in existing paragraph (e)(1)(i), which specifies that the employer’s inspection program ensure that presses “are in a safe operating condition and adjustment.” An inspection program that found, but did not correct, unsafe conditions would not meet this existing requirement.

condition and adjustment.” In addition, paragraph 9.4.2 (“Documentation”) of ANSI B11.1–2009 states that the “user shall document the press inspections are made as scheduled and that any necessary follow-up repair work has been performed.” A nonmandatory appendix to the ANSI standard, Annex K (“Press Inspection Report, Checklist, & Maintenance Record (Informative)),” supplements these requirements by providing a checklist detailing the parts, components, and equipment subject to inspection and maintenance.

The revisions and reorganization of paragraph (e)(1)(i), therefore, are consistent with the requirements of ANSI’s B11.1 “Safety Requirements for Mechanical Power Presses.” Specifically, the revision to paragraph (e)(1)(i) to certify maintenance and repairs performed on mechanical power presses are similar to the requirement in the ANSI standard to “document that press inspections are made as scheduled, and that any necessary follow-up repair work has been performed.” Not only does this revision represent the usual and customary practice of general industry, but OSHA believes that adding an explicit requirement to perform necessary maintenance and repair will ensure that employers perform such maintenance and repair on all of the parts, auxiliary equipment, and safeguards of each press, and not just the clutch/brake mechanism, antirepeat feature, and single-stroke mechanism delineated in existing paragraph (e)(1)(ii). In addition, the revision will provide OSHA with information that replaces information removed from revised paragraph (e)(1)(ii) (see the following discussion of that paragraph), notably the name of the individuals who perform maintenance and repair work on the presses. This information will not only verify that the employer performed the requisite maintenance and repair on presses, but will enable the Agency, during

compliance inspections, to identify and interview the individuals responsible for maintaining and repairing the presses so that it can determine whether employees are operating safe equipment. Further, if employers maintain these certification records at or near the equipment or in a nearby office, employees would be able to examine those records and determine whether mechanical power presses are safe before they operate them, which will increase employee safety. These records also will provide employers with information they can use to determine when more substantial maintenance or repairs, instead of minor maintenance and adjustment, would provide better, and more cost-effective, safety. For example, making too frequent adjustments of the pullout devices, as shown by maintenance records, can indicate the need to replace parts, such as bearings, that are causing the out-of-adjustment condition.

Revisions to paragraph (e)(1)(ii). Existing paragraph (e)(1)(ii) requires employers to conduct weekly inspections and tests on the clutch/brake mechanism, antirepeat feature, and single-stroke mechanism of each mechanical power press, and to perform any necessary maintenance and repair on the equipment before operating it. Employers also must maintain a certification record of the inspection, testing, and maintenance tasks. OSHA is making two main revisions to paragraph (e)(1)(ii). First, OSHA is revising the requirement that “[e]ach press shall be inspected and tested no less than weekly” to require explicitly that employees conduct these weekly inspections and tests “on a regular basis at least once a week.” Second, OSHA is revising this paragraph to remove the requirement that employers prepare certification records for the weekly inspections and

tests;³ however, the Agency is retaining the requirement that employers maintain certification records for the maintenance work.⁴

The certification records for the weekly inspections and tests required by existing paragraph (e)(1)(ii) serve the following functions: (i) Remind employers to inspect and test mechanical power presses; (ii) inform employees that the employer performed these tasks and that the equipment is safe to operate; and (iii) provide a record of compliance, which OSHA representatives can use to verify that the employer meets the inspection and testing requirement set forth in the standard. However, OSHA determined that certifications records for weekly inspections and tests of mechanical power presses are not necessary to achieve these functions. In making this determination, the Agency noted that the revisions to §1910.217(e)(1)(ii) do not remove or lessen the requirement to

³OSHA believes that the burden to maintain certification records of maintenance tasks resulting from either the general component or the directed component will be a small fraction of the overall recordkeeping burden. First, the information-collection burden resulting from the inspections performed under the general component include not only the certification record but the time it takes to perform the inspection. Thus, the time employers take to maintain a certification record of the maintenance tasks (which does not include the time taken for the maintenance operations themselves) should be only a small fraction of the time taken for inspection records. Second, for well-maintained presses, which should result when employers follow the standard, the inspections should uncover the need to perform maintenance relatively infrequently. Accordingly, in most instances, inspections should determine that presses are operating safely and are, therefore, not in need of maintenance.

The Agency also believes that retaining the requirement that employers maintain certification records of maintenance tasks performed as a result of inspections performed under the directed component will ensure that employers do not postpone performing maintenance needs uncovered when performing inspections under the general component. In this regard, if the directed component did not require employers to maintain certification records of maintenance tasks uncovered during inspections, employers uncovering the need for maintenance during an inspection under the general component could postpone the maintenance task until the next weekly inspection when the standard would not require them to maintain a certification record.

⁴OSHA believes that employers will perform most maintenance tasks associated with mechanical power presses under paragraph (e)(1)(i), and that maintenance performed as a result of weekly inspections and tests will be infrequent.

inspect, test, maintain, and repair presses—tasks that are essential to ensuring that the equipment is functioning properly and that working conditions are safe for employees. In addition, OSHA believes that employers do not need certification records to remind them to perform weekly inspections and tests. The Agency believes that employers generally perform inspections and tests on a regular basis, for example, at the start of the first shift each Monday, and, therefore, do not need certification records to remind them to complete these tasks. In this regard, under the existing standard, employers may refer to the required records directly, use computer-generated prompts, or simply perform the tasks the same time every week.

To ensure that these tasks are part of the employer’s usual and customary practice, paragraph (e)(1)(ii) as revised specifies that employers perform the inspections and tests “on a regular basis at least once a week” to emphasize the importance of establishing a consistent, systematic schedule for completing the tasks. OSHA believes as well that requiring completion of the tasks weekly, on a regular basis approximately the same time each week, will ensure that employers remember to inspect and test mechanical power presses.

Under the direct final rule, OSHA believes that employees confirm weekly inspections and tests by observing the performance of these tasks, since employees will know when the tasks occur, or by speaking with the individual who performed the tasks. Additionally, employees will still have the certification records for maintenance to obtain information that the employer completed this task and that the equipment is in safe operating condition.

For compliance purposes, OSHA compliance officers can use the information provided by revised paragraph (e)(1)(i) and the certification records for maintenance specified by paragraph (e)(1)(ii) to identify the individuals responsible for conducting the inspections and tests, and then interview those individuals regarding these tasks. Compliance officers also can interview employees who operate the presses and who should have firsthand knowledge regarding whether the employer is meeting the inspection and testing requirements. In addition, an examination of the equipment involved can frequently reveal whether employers are performing the required weekly inspections and tests. For example, if the clutch/brake mechanism is not working properly, OSHA can ask the press operator how long that condition existed and can check with individuals responsible for maintaining the press to determine the last time the mechanism was checked and repaired.

Finally, OSHA added a note to paragraph (e)(1)(ii) explicitly stating that inspections and tests of the three parts: (1) conducted under the directed component of the inspection program are exempt from the certification requirements specified by paragraph (e)(1)(i)(C); and (2) conducted under the general component of the inspection program must comply with these certification requirements. The question may arise, however, regarding which component of the inspection program applies if an employer combines the inspections required by both the general and directed components of the inspection program (that is, if the employer performs a weekly inspection of the three parts required by the directed component of the inspection program as part of the periodic inspection required by the general component of the inspection program). In such cases, OSHA would treat the weekly inspection as part of the periodic inspection required by the

general component of the inspection program, and the employer must comply with the certification requirements specified by paragraph (e)(1)(i)(C) (that is, the employer must maintain a certification record of the inspection, as well as each maintenance and repair task performed on the three parts).

OSHA concludes that the requirement in existing §1910.217(e)(1)(ii) for employers to certify the weekly inspections and tests is unnecessary because other means exist to determine whether employers perform these tasks on a weekly basis, including the record requirements in revised §1910.217(e)(1)(i). OSHA determined that mandating that weekly inspections and tests be systematic and part of an employer's regular routine, reinforced by the new language in §1910.217(e)(1)(ii), will effectuate the purpose of these certification records.

Summary. This direct final rule revises the existing requirements of paragraph (e)(1)(i) by expressly requiring employers to perform necessary maintenance or repair, or both, on presses before operating them, and to maintain certification records of any maintenance and repairs they perform. The direct final rule also revises paragraph (e)(1)(ii) by requiring explicitly that employers conduct inspections and tests “on a regular basis at least once a week,” and by removing the requirements to maintain certification records of any inspections and tests they perform under this paragraph. OSHA believes that these revisions, combined with the available means that employers, employees, and the Agency can use to ensure that employers perform these tasks at the specified frequency, will fulfill the functions for certification records required by existing paragraph (e)(1)(ii). OSHA further believes that removing the certification records for weekly inspections and tests, along with the revisions to paragraph (e)(1)(i), will maintain

employee safety while reducing the paperwork burden hours and cost to employers.

Regarding the paperwork burden, OSHA estimates that the revisions to §1910.217(e)(1)(i) and (e)(1)(ii) will result in a net paperwork burden reduction of 613,600 hours.

IV. Procedural Determinations

A. Legal Considerations

The purpose of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) is “to assure so far as possible every working man and woman in the nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources.” 29 U.S.C. 651(b). To achieve this goal, Congress authorized the Secretary of Labor to promulgate and enforce occupational safety and health standards (29 U.S.C. 654(b), 655(b)). A safety or health standard is a standard that “requires conditions, or the adoption or use of one or more practices, means, methods, operations, or processes, reasonably necessary or appropriate to provide safe or healthful employment or places of employment” (29 U.S.C. 652(8)). A standard is reasonably necessary or appropriate within the meaning of Section 652(8) when a significant risk of material harm exists in the workplace and the standard would substantially reduce or eliminate that workplace risk. (See Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO v. American Petroleum Institute, 448 U.S. 607 (1980).) OSHA already determined that requirements for inspecting, testing, maintaining, and repairing mechanical power presses, and certifying completion of these tasks, are reasonably necessary or appropriate within the meaning of Section 652(8). (See, for example, 39 FR 41841, 41845 (Dec. 3, 1974); 51 FR 34552, 34553-34558 (Sep. 29, 1986).)

As explained earlier in this Federal Register notice, this direct final rule will not reduce the employee protections put in place by the Mechanical Power Presses Standard OSHA is revising under this rulemaking. Therefore, it is unnecessary for OSHA to determine significant risk, or the extent to which this rulemaking would reduce that risk, as typically required by Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO v. American Petroleum Institute (448 U.S. 607 (1980)).

B. Final Economic Analysis and Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

This direct final rule is not economically significant within the context of EO 12866, or a major rule under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act or Section 801 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (5 U.S.C. 801). In addition, this direct final rule complies with EO 13563. The rulemaking imposes no additional costs on any private-sector or public-sector entities, and does not meet any of the criteria for an economically significant or major rule specified by the EO 12866 or relevant statutes.

While this rulemaking revises paragraph (e)(1)(i) of OSHA's Mechanical Power Presses Standard at 29 CFR 1910.217 to require employers to complete necessary maintenance and repair before operating a press after a periodic inspection, and certify this action, it also removes the requirement in paragraph (e)(1)(ii) that employers maintain weekly certification records for inspections and tests (on average, for about 40 records per year for each press). Based on the resulting reduction in paperwork burden and cost to employers, OSHA determined that this rulemaking is not significant and is economically feasible to employers.

In accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq. (as

amended), OSHA examined the regulatory requirements of the final rule to determine whether these requirements would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Since no employer of any size will have additional costs, the Agency certifies that the final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

C. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This direct final rule revises information-collection requirements that are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95), 44 U.S.C. *et seq.*, and OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. OMB approved the information-collection requirements (paperwork) currently contained in OSHA's Mechanical Power Presses Standard (29 CFR part 1910.217(e)(1)) under OMB Control Number 1218-0229.⁵ The current Information Collection Request (ICR) expires March 30, 2014.

OSHA requests OMB to extend and revise the information-collection requirements contained in the Mechanical Power Press standard. Accordingly, OSHA is seeking an extension for employers to disclose certification records to OSHA during an inspection and requesting a revision to 29 CFR 1910.217 (e)(1). The direct final rule revises paragraph (e)(1)(i) to require employers to perform and complete necessary maintenance and repair on the presses, and to develop and maintain certification records

⁵OSHA notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless OMB approves the collection of information under PRA-95 and the agency displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public need not respond to a collection of information requirement unless the agency displays a currently valid OMB control number. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information requirement if the requirement does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

of these tasks. The direct final rule also removes requirements from paragraph (e)(1)(ii) of this standard to develop and maintain certification records for weekly inspections and tests performed on mechanical power presses.

OSHA seeks comments on the proposed extension and revision of the paperwork requirements contained in the Mechanical Power Presses Standard (29 CFR 1910.217). 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 information-transmission techniques.

Pursuant to 5 CFR part 1320.5(a)(iv), OSHA provides the following summary of the Mechanical Power Press Information Collection Request ICR:

1. Title: Standard on Mechanical Power Presses (29 CFR 1910.217(e)(1))
2. OMB Control Number: 1218-0229
3. Description of collection of information requirements: Paragraph (e)(1)(i)(C) requires employers to maintain a certification record of each inspection (other than inspections and tests required by paragraph (e)(1)(ii)), and each maintenance and repair task performed, which includes the date of the inspection, maintenance, or repair work, the signature of the

person who performed the inspection, maintenance, or repair work, and the serial number, or other identifier, of the power press inspected, maintained, and repaired.

Paragraph (e)(1)(ii) requires employers to inspect and test each press no less than weekly to determine the condition of the clutch/brake mechanism, antirepeat feature, and single-stroke mechanism. Employers also must perform and complete necessary maintenance or repair, or both, before operating the press. This direct final rule will remove the requirement for employers to develop and maintain a certification record of the weekly inspections and tests, but retain the requirement to develop and maintain a certification record for maintenance work.

Employers must still disclose inspection, maintenance and, or repair records to OSHA during an inspection.

4. Affected Public: Business or other for profit
5. Number of Respondents: 191,750 mechanical power presses
6. Frequency: On occasion
7. Time per Response: OSHA estimates a press operator takes 20 minutes to inspect and maintain a mechanical power press and to prepare the necessary certification(s).
8. Estimated Total Burden Hours: Removing weekly inspection and test records would reduce the burden to employers by 613,600 hours, from 1,373,054 to 759,454 hours.⁶

⁶OSHA also is reducing the estimated total burden hours by an additional 721,363 hours to 38,091 hours. The Agency determined that it is usual and customary for employers to conduct and document periodic inspections of power presses. PRA-95

9. Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): There are no capital costs for this collection of information requirement.

To obtain an electronic copy of the ICR requesting OMB to extend and revise the information-collection requirements contained in the Mechanical Power Presses Standard go to http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201309-1218-001. If you need assistance, or to make inquiries or request other information, contact Theda Kenney, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, Room N-3609, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693-2222.

In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.11 (a), members of the public who wish to comment on the estimated reduction in burden hours and costs described in this proposed rule must send their written comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OSHA Desk Officer (RIN 1218-AC80), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. OSHA also encourages commenters to submit their comments on this paperwork determination to the rulemaking docket (Docket No. OSHA-2013-0010). For instructions on submitting comments to the rulemaking docket, see the sections of this Federal Register notice titled **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**.

excludes usual and customary activities from the definition of the term “burden” (5 CFR 1320.3(b)(2)). OSHA based this determination on discussions with its field staff and a thorough review of ANSI’s B11.1 “Safety Requirements for Mechanical Power Presses.” While OSHA identified this reduction during the rulemaking, it is not a result of the rulemaking. Therefore, the Agency did not include this reduction in determining the reporting burden associated with the revisions to the information-collection requirements specified by this proposed rulemaking.

D. Federalism

OSHA reviewed this direct final rule in accordance with the Executive Order on Federalism (EO 13132, 64 FR 43255, Aug. 10, 1999), which requires that Federal agencies, to the extent possible, refrain from limiting State policy options, consult with States prior to taking any actions that would restrict State policy options, and take such actions only when clear constitutional authority exists and the problem is national in scope. EO 13132 provides for preemption of State law only with the expressed consent of Congress. Federal agencies must limit any such preemption to the extent possible.

Under Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.), Congress expressly provides that States may adopt, with Federal approval, a plan for the development and enforcement of occupational safety and health standards. States that obtain Federal approval for such a plan are referred to as “State-Plan States.” Occupational safety and health standards developed by State-Plan States must be at least as effective in providing safe and healthful employment and places of employment as the Federal standards (29 U.S.C. 667). Subject to these requirements, State-Plan States are free to develop and enforce under State law their own requirements for safety and health standards.

In summary, OSHA concluded that this direct final rule complies with EO 13132. In States without an OSHA-approved State Plan, any standard developed from this direct final rule would limit State policy options in the same manner as every standard promulgated by OSHA. In States with OSHA-approved State Plans, this rulemaking does not significantly limit State policy options.

E. State-Plan States

When Federal OSHA promulgates a new standard or more stringent amendment to an existing standard, the 27 States and U.S. Territories with their own OSHA-approved occupational safety and health plans must amend their standards to reflect the new standard or amendment, or show OSHA why such action is unnecessary, for example, because an existing State standard covering this area is “at least as effective” as the new Federal standard or amendment (29 CFR 1953.5(a)). The State standard must be at least as effective as the final Federal rule, and must be completed within 6 months of the promulgation date of the final Federal rule. When OSHA promulgates a new standard or amendment that does not impose additional or more stringent requirements than an existing standard, State-Plan States are not required to amend their standards, although the Agency may encourage them to do so.

The 21 States and 1 U.S. Territory with OSHA-approved occupational safety and health plans covering private-sector employers and State and local government employees are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming. In addition, four States and one U.S. Territory have OSHA-approved State Plans that apply to State and local government employees only: Connecticut, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and the Virgin Islands.

OSHA believes that while the revisions to the Mechanical Power Presses Standard described in this direct final rule, taken as a whole, do not impose any more stringent requirements on employers than the existing standard, these revisions will provide employers with critical, updated information that will reduce unnecessary burden

while maintaining employee protections. Nevertheless, this direct final rule does not require action under 29 CFR 1953.5(a), and State-Plan States do not need to adopt this rule or show OSHA why such action is unnecessary. However, to the extent these State-Plan States have the same standards as the OSHA standards affected by this direct final rule, OSHA encourages them to adopt the amendments.

F. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

OSHA reviewed this direct final rule in accordance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA; 2 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.* and Executive Order 12875 (75 FR 48130; Aug. 10, 1999)). As discussed above in Section IV.B (Final Economic Analysis and Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis), OSHA determined that this direct final rule will not impose additional costs on any private-sector or public-sector entity. Accordingly, this direct final rule requires no additional expenditures by either private or public employers.

As noted earlier under Section IV.E (State-Plan States) of this notice, this direct final rule does not apply to State and local governments except in States that elected voluntarily to adopt a State Plan approved by the Agency. Consequently, this direct final rule does not meet the definition of a “Federal intergovernmental mandate” (*see* Section 421(5) of the UMRA (2 U.S.C. 658(5))). Therefore, for the purposes of the UMRA, OSHA certifies that this direct final rule does not mandate that State, local, or tribal governments adopt new, unfunded regulatory obligations, or increase expenditures by the private sector of more than \$100 million in any year.

G. Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments

OSHA reviewed this direct final rule in accordance with Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249 (Nov. 9, 2000)) and determined that it does not have “tribal implications”

as defined in that order. This direct final rule does not have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes.

V. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. OSHA is issuing this direct final rule under the following authorities: 29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657; 40 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.; 5 U.S.C. 553; Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912; Jan. 25, 2012); and 29 CFR part 1911.

List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 1910

Mechanical power presses, Occupational safety and health, Safety.

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 8, 2013.

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

Amendments to Standards

For the reasons stated earlier in this preamble, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is amending 29 CFR part 1910 as set forth below:

PART 1910—[AMENDED]

Subpart O—[Amended]

1. Revise the authority citation for subpart O of part 1910 to read as follows:

AUTHORITY: 29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657; Secretary of Labor's Order No. 12-71 (36 FR 8754), 8-76 (41 FR 25059), 9-83 (48 FR 35736), 1-90 (55 FR 9033), 5-2002 (67 FR 65008), or 1-2012 (77 FR 3912), as applicable; 20 CFR part 1911. Sections 1910.217 and 1910.219 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 553.

2. Amend §1910.217 by revising paragraph (e)(1) to read as follows:

§1910.217 Mechanical power presses.

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(e) * * *

(1) Inspection and maintenance records. The employer shall establish and follow an inspection program having a general component and a directed component.

(i) Under the general component of the inspection program, the employer shall:

(A) Conduct periodic and regular inspections of each power press to ensure that all of its parts, auxiliary equipment, and safeguards, including the clutch/brake mechanism, antirepeat feature, and single-stroke mechanism, are in a safe operating condition and adjustment;

(B) Perform and complete necessary maintenance or repair, or both, before operating the press; and

(C) Maintain a certification record of each inspection, and each maintenance and repair task performed, under the general component of the inspection program that includes the date of the inspection, maintenance, or repair work, the signature of the person who performed the inspection, maintenance, or repair work, and the serial number, or other identifier, of the power press inspected, maintained, and repaired.

(ii) Under the directed component of the inspection program, the employer shall:

(A) Inspect and test each press on a regular basis at least once a week to determine the

condition of the clutch/brake mechanism, antirepeat feature, and single-stroke mechanism;

(B) Perform and complete necessary maintenance or repair, or both, on the clutch/brake mechanism, antirepeat feature, and single-stroke mechanism before operating the press; and

(C) Maintain a certification record of each maintenance task performed under the directed component of the inspection program that includes the date of the maintenance task, the signature of the person who performed the maintenance task, and the serial number, or other identifier, of the power press maintained.

Note to paragraph (e)(1)(ii): Inspections of the clutch/brake mechanism, antirepeat feature, and single-stroke mechanism conducted under the directed component of the inspection program are exempt from the requirement to maintain certification records specified by paragraph (e)(1)(i)(C) of this section, but inspections of the clutch/brake mechanism, antirepeat feature, and single-stroke mechanism conducted under the general component of the inspection program are not exempt from this requirement.

(iii) Paragraph (e)(1)(ii) of this section does not apply to presses that comply with paragraphs (b)(13) and (14) of this section.

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