

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 28, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vanessa Rodriguez, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office. (202) 260-7913.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which may petition EPA to modify, by addition or deletion, the list of regulated substances under section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act of 1990 as Amended (CAA or the Act). Any person may petition EPA to modify, by addition or deletion, the list of regulated substances. Potential petitioners are likely to include environmental groups, industries producing, using, or storing listed regulated substances, and state and local agencies.

Title: Information Requirements For Petitions to Modify The List of Regulated Substances Under Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act, as Amended.

Abstract: This information collection addresses the requirements for submitting petitions to modify the list of regulated substances under section 112(r) of the CAA. CAA section 112(r) requires EPA to promulgate a list of at least 100 substances ("regulated substances") that are known to cause, or may be reasonably anticipated to cause, death, injury, or serious adverse effects to human health or the environment. EPA is also required to set threshold quantities for each listed substance. The list and threshold quantities will determine the need for owners and operators of facilities to comply with subsequent regulations addressing the prevention and detection of accidental releases. The act also requires the Agency to develop procedures for the addition and deletion of substances from the list. Accordingly, EPA has published a list of regulated substances and threshold quantities and also the requirements for the petition process that will be used to add or delete chemicals from the final list.

The listing rule requires the petitioner to submit information in support of a petition to modify the list of regulated substances. The petitioner must provide EPA with sufficient information to specifically support the request to add or delete a substance from the list of regulated substances. The Agency will use this information in making the

decision to grant or deny a petition. The information collection addresses the burden of collecting and submitting supporting information in accordance with EPA's proposed petition process. Information will be collected on a voluntary basis, and all the information collected requesting modification of the substance listings will be stored in a docket created for that purpose.

This information collection is authorized under CAA section 112(r), 42 U.S.C. 7412(r). CAA section 112(r)(3) states, in relevant part, "The Administrator shall establish procedures for the addition and deletion of substances from the list established under this paragraph consistent with those applicable to the list in subsection (b)." The information collected during the petition process will provide the primary basis for EPA to determine if it is appropriate to add or delete the substance from the list. To be consistent with the petition process under CAA section 112(b), EPA is required to consider and respond to petitions to modify the list of regulated substances for accidental release prevention within 18 months of submission of the petition; complete data supporting the petition are necessary to allow EPA to complete its review within that time period. 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. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) 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;

(ii) 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;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: Public reporting for this collection of information in the petition process is estimated to be approximately 138 hours per response, including time for reviewing

instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. EPA estimates that there will be an average of 11 petitions per year. The total annual burden is estimated to be 1,518 hours, (138 hours×11 petitions). This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: September 25, 1995.

James Makris,

Director, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office.

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[OPPTS-00178; FRL-4982-2]

Request for Comments; Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit a new Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This proposed ICR is for the one-time information collection activity entitled "Voluntary Dioxin Information and Data Call-In" (EPA ICR No. 1762.01). Before submitting this ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 28, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Submit three copies identified by administrative record number "AR-138" and EPA ICR number "1762.01" by mail to: TSCA Document Receipts (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to:

ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the administrative record number "AR-138" and ICR number "1762.01". No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit III. of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: An electronic copy of the ICR is available from the EPA Public Access Gopher (gopher.epa.gov) at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Rules and Regulations."

I. Background

Through a general notice in the Federal Register and a general press advisory, the Agency is asking industry, public interest groups, Federal, State and local governments, the medical community, academia, and the general public to submit dioxin measurement data to the Agency. No individual surveys will be sent to any specific party. The Agency has, however, developed an outreach plan which will target specific parties thought to have information as well as those who may or may not have information. These parties will receive a general notice informing them of the data call-in. These parties include: Various State and local governments; associations (medical, industrial) which will get the message out to their members; special interest groups such as environmental organizations; and academic organizations.

EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

II. Information Collection Request

EPA is seeking comments on the following new Information Collection Request (ICR).

Title: Voluntary Dioxin Information and Data Call-In (EPA ICR No. 1762.01).

Abstract: This new collection is in support of the Agency's efforts to reassess the toxicity of and exposure to dioxin. On September 13, 1994, EPA released a 2,400 page draft reassessment of the toxicity of and exposure to dioxin. One of the central issues to the reassessment regarded the levels of dioxin in the environment. EPA is interested in knowing whether the draft reassessment appropriately estimates releases and exposures from known sources. EPA believes that the first step in answering this question is to find out whether there are existing data which the Agency has somehow missed in the draft reassessment.

EPA has compared the estimated range of dioxin TEQ (toxic equivalent quotient) annually released from known combustion sources to an estimated range of dioxin TEQ that may be depositing from the atmosphere. EPA currently estimates that a range of emissions (3,300 to 26,000 g TEQ/yr) are released into the air annually. Although limited in number, deposition measurements taken in the U.S. suggest that more dioxin is depositing from the that atmosphere than is going into the atmosphere from combustion sources. (The total amount of dioxin depositing by wet and dry processes is in the range of 20,000 to 50,000 g TEQ/yr.)

While several possible explanations may account for this discrepancy, two potential explanations may be further clarified by using this call-in: (1) Inaccuracies in existing emission data may be resolved; and (2) emissions from unknown sources may be identified.

In order to determine if the Agency is properly measuring dioxin emissions, the Agency is seeking sources of release of dioxin to the environment, the levels of dioxin which are being released and the pathways of release, the levels of dioxin occurring in food and feed, the levels of dioxin measured in human

tissue, mechanisms for minimizing or eliminating the further generation and/or release of dioxin to the environment, and QA/QC information associated with the data.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 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. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

Burden Statement: The burden for this collection of information is estimated to be 25 hours per response, which includes the time needed to review the Federal Register notice requesting the information, gather the data needed, review the information prior to submission, and to transmit the information to the Agency.

The Agency expects the burden time per submission to be similar to an 8(e) submission with an additional 5 hours to access QA/QC information for each submission. The Agency's burden estimate for 8(e) is approximately 20 hours per submission. Since QA/QC questions are not part of the 8(e) submission, the Agency estimates the total burden time to be 25 hours per submission.

The Agency estimates approximately 125 submissions will be submitted. At 25 hours per submission the total burden time is 3,125 burden hours. The Agency estimates that approximately 25 percent of the submissions should have been submitted under TSCA section 8(e) and will now be sent (given an enforcement discretion period allowed under this call-in). Therefore, the total burden of this call-in is 2,345 hours.

III. Public Record

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPPTS-00178" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
ncic@epamail.epa.gov.

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection and Information collection requests.

Dated: September 25, 1995.

Susan H. Wayland,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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[OPP-00417; FRL-4982-3]

Renewal of Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that three Information Collection Requests (ICR) are coming up for renewal. These ICRs are: Data Call-In for Special Review Chemicals (ICR No. 922.04), Export Policy: Foreign Purchaser Acknowledgement Statements (ICR No. 161.06), and Notice of Pesticide Registration by States to Meet a Special Local Need (ICR No. 595.05). Before submitting the renewal packages to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collections as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 28, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments identified by the docket number OPP-00417 and the appropriate ICR number by mail to: Public Response Section, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; In person, bring comments directly to the OPP docket which is located in Rm. 1132 of Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Copies of the complete ICR and accompanying appendices may be obtained from the OPP docket at the above address or by contacting the person whose name appears under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-00417" and the appropriate ICR number. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit III. of this document.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part of all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Peterson, Policy and Special Projects Staff, office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code (7501 C), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (703) 305-6598, e-mail: peterson.carol@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of each ICR are available from the EPA Public Access Gopher (gopher.epa.gov) at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Rules and Regulations."

I. Information Collection Requests

EPA is seeking comments on the following Information Collection Requests (ICRs).

Title: Data Call-In for Special Review Chemicals. ICR No. 922.04. OMB No. 2070-0057. Expiration date: March 31, 1996.

Affected Entities: Parties affected by this information collection are manufacturers of pesticide chemicals.

Abstract: The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act as amended (FIFRA) mandates that EPA register pesticide products. Under FIFRA, EPA may require pesticide registrants to generate and submit data to the Agency where such data are needed to assess whether registration of an existing pesticide causes an unreasonable adverse effect on human health or the environment. Pesticide registrants must generate and report the required data.

The purpose of this information collection activity is for EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to obtain data to assess whether certain pesticides pose unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment, and therefore should continue to be registered. Data may consist of toxicology studies, fish and wildlife studies, environmental fate studies, chemistry studies, or other data needed to analyze the potential risks and benefits associated with pesticide chemicals. EPA gathers much of the additional information needed to reassess a chemical by requesting data from the registrant under FIFRA section 3(c)(2)(B).

No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection.

Burden Statement: The current total annual respondent burden estimate is 58,880 hours. The current ICR estimated 8 Special Review Data Call-Ins (DCIs) and 64 respondents annually; included in the renewal the Agency predicts an average of 4 Special Review DCIs and 32 respondents annually. This revised prediction reduces the total burden estimates to 29,440 hours annually. Each respondent is required to respond only once per event. Small businesses are generally exempt from generating data on purchased registered active ingredients. Most small entities are formulators, who need only respond to a data call-in for basic data by indicating a legitimate claim for exemption. They do not incur any other information burden associated with the call-in.

Title: Export Policy: Foreign Purchaser Acknowledgement Statement of Unregistered Pesticides. ICR No. 161.06. OMB No. 2070-0027. Expiration date: March 31, 1996.

Affected Entities: Parties affected by this action are exporters of pesticides.

Abstract: Section 17 of FIFRA requires an exporter of any pesticide not registered under FIFRA to obtain a signed statement from the foreign purchaser acknowledging that the purchaser is aware that the pesticide is not registered for use in the United States and cannot be sold in the United