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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

States. The purpose of the foreign purchaser acknowledgement statement (FPAS) requirement is to allow EPA to notify the government of the importing country that an unregistered pesticide for which no hazard assessment has been made, will be imported into that country. This information is submitted in the form of annual of per-shipment statements to EPA, which maintains original records and transmits copies thereof to appropriate government officials of the countries which are importing the pesticides.

EPA is also including in this renewal of the ICR an estimate of the burden imposed by export labeling requirements, which meet the definition of third party labeling. The labeling requirement may be met by supplemental labeling attached to either the product container or the shipping container.

Burden Statement: The burden for this information collection reflects EPA's experience implementing the 1993 pesticide export policy governing the export of pesticides, devices, and active ingredients used in producing pesticides. EPA revised the information collection estimates to reflect the actual numbers of export notifications received under the policy. This ICR renewal includes an increased burden estimate of 2,167 hours for the submission of the FPAS, which is 1,273 hours higher than in the current ICR. The 2,167 hours is based on the approximately 2,000 notices annually received pursuant to the export policy. The ICR for the export policy had a burden estimate of 1,057 hours, based upon an estimated 976 notices annually.

The previous ICR did not estimate the respondent burden of the export labeling requirement, because an estimate of third-party notification burden was not required at that time. The labeling burden for the estimated 3,600 annually exported products is estimated to be 22,050 hours.

The total estimated burden for this ICR renewal is 24,217 hours. The change in respondent burden from the current 894 hours is due to two factors: (1) EPA has revised the burden estimate for the purchaser acknowledgement requirement to reflect the numbers of FPASs submitted to EPA under the revised policy; (2) EPA has also estimated the burden imposed by the export labeling requirement, due to the new requirement in the Paperwork Reduction Act to estimate the cost of third party notifications.

Title: Notice of Pesticide Registration by States to Meet a Special Local Need (SLN) under FIFRA Section 24(c). ICR

No. 595.05. OMB No. 2070-0055.

Expiration date: April 30, 1996.

Affected Entities: Parties affected by this collection activity are the States which are defined to include Washington, DC, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and the islands of the Pacific Territory, and American Samoa; manufacturers of pesticide chemicals; and grower groups.

Abstract: FIFRA section 24(c) authorizes the States to register additional uses of federally registered pesticides for distribution and use within the State to meet a special local need. A state-issued registration under FIFRA section 24(c) is deemed a federal registration, for the purposes of the pesticide's use within the State's boundaries. A State must notify EPA, in writing, of any action it takes, i.e., issues, amends, or revokes, a state-registration. The Agency has 90 days to disapprove the registration. In such cases, the State is responsible for notifying the affected registrant. EPA requires this information to ensure that the States do not issue any registration that might conflict with other requirements in FIFRA, or with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act which require that tolerance exist for any pesticide used on a food or feed commodity. The States are required by federal regulation to collect from the manufacturer, or grower group, adequate information to support the section 24(c) application for registration or amendment. Both the State and the manufacturer or grower group are required to keep records for as long as the registration is active. In this case, the manufacturer, or grower group, represents a third party. The information collected from the third party is required to obtain a benefit, while that collected from the States by EPA is mandatory.

Burden Statement: The overall respondent burden hours associated with this collection has increased from the current ICR estimate of 1,375 hours to 38,775 hours per year. This change is the result of new requirements imposed to include third party notification and recordkeeping estimates in the tally. The respondents include both the State governments and the company, or grower group, filing for a state registration. The number of applications made by the States since the last ICR has not changed, and no changes have been made in the requirements for section 24(c) applications. Costs have increased due to more realistic labor rates supplied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which reflect more accurately the costs borne by the registrants and

State government personnel who submit 24(c) applications.

The annual respondent burden for this program is estimated to average 70.5 hours per response, including time for: Compiling the information/data submitted by the registrant, reviewing the information for special local needs determination, completing paperwork to notify the federal government, storing/filing/maintaining the data, and responding back to the registrant if the registration is disapproved by EPA. In addition, the burden includes that incurred by the applicant (third party) for data gathering, reporting and recordkeeping purposes.

Any 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 contained in 40 CFR part 9.

II. Request for Comments

EPA solicits 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 estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information.

(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 or electronic collection technologies of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

III. Public Docket

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPP-00417" (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 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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Establishment of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces the establishment of a Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee. This Committee is being established to provide a forum for a diverse group of individuals to provide advice and assistance to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) regarding pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and science issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. The Agency has determined that this is in the public interest and will assist the Agency in performing its duties as prescribed in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). Copies of the Committee Charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress. The Committee's first meeting will be scheduled in the Fall of 1995 and will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons needing further information or seeking to obtain a copy of the Committee Charter should contact: Margie Fehrenbach, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 7501C, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (703) 305-7090, e-mail: fehrenbach.margie@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the safety of the American food supply; the protection from unreasonable risk or exposure of those who apply pesticides, or are exposed to pesticides occupationally or through use of products; and, general protection of the environment and special ecosystems from potential risks posed by pesticides. OPP must also make sure that pesticides are regulated fairly and help ensure that effective measures for controlling pests are available through careful balancing of pesticide risks and benefits.

Pesticides are used in a remarkably diverse array of products, including insect repellents, agricultural weed killers, household disinfectants, swimming pool chemicals, to name a few. They are likely to be found or used in nearly every home and business in the United States, where over one billion pounds of pesticide chemicals are used each year. Thus, public concern over potential risks to human health and the environment from pesticides is significant.

While several mechanisms are in place to try to involve the public in pesticide decisionmaking activities, the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee will bring together a broad cross-section of knowledgeable individuals from organizations representing divergent views to discuss pesticide regulatory, policy and implementation issues. EPA proposed the establishment of a dialogue committee to foster the exchange of ideas and information so that feasible regulatory and policy changes could be developed. Dialogue with outside groups is essential if OPP is to be responsive to the needs of the affected public and industry organizations.

The creation of a Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) will provide the structured environment for meaningful information exchanges and consensus building discussions.

II. Participants

The Group will have approximately 20 members. OPP will carefully monitor membership to ensure that there is a balanced representation from industry/trade associations; pesticide user and commodity groups; consumer and environmental/public interest groups; and others.

EPA anticipates that the committee will contain the following types of representatives: environmental/public interest groups, chemical industry/trade associations, commodity and user groups, State and Regional representatives, other Federal agencies, the public health community, congressional committees, academia, and the general public.

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Access to Confidential Business Information by Armstrong Data Services

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, Armstrong Data Services (ADS) of Vienna, Virginia, for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than October 16, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under contract number 68-W5-0024, contractor ADS, of 2070 Chain Bridge Rd., Suite 150, Vienna, VA, 22182 will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in managing and operating the TSCA Confidential and Nonconfidential Business Information