

(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: The estimated average public burden for renewing the existing ICR is about 21 hours per respondent. This estimate includes all aspects of the information collection including time for reviewing instructions, gathering the data needed, reviewing the collection of information, and submitting the form.

Respondents: Generators and Handlers of Hazardous Waste.

Estimated number of Respondents: 20,250.

Frequency of Collection: Biennial.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 234,900 hours.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This 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.

Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to the above address.

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Assistant Administrator.

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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; New Collection; Design for the Environment (DfE) Collection of Impact Data on Technical Information

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 the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) is seeking approval for a new Information Collection Request (ICR) from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). As such, OPPTS has forwarded the following ICR to OMB: Design for the Environment (DfE) Collection of Impact Data on Technical Information (OMB Control No. 2070—to be assigned); EPA ICR No. 1768), which is abstracted below. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument. On September 29, 1995, OPPTS published a notice in the Federal Register (60 FR 50568), requesting comment on this proposed collection and the draft ICR. OPPTS did not receive any comments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, 202-260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1768.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Design for the Environment (DfE) Collection of Impact Data on Technical Information (OMB Control No. 2070-(to be assigned); EPA ICR No. 1768). This is a new collection.

Abstract: EPA's DfE program is a voluntary, non-regulatory approach to encourage industry to adopt technologies and use materials that result in lower levels of pollution, lessened reliance on toxic materials, higher energy efficiency and lower environmental health risks. Through DfE, EPA creates partnerships with industry, professional organizations, state and local governments, other federal agencies and the public to develop and disseminate technical information.

This is a generic ICR for a series of surveys, referred to as DfE Technical Information Impact Studies, to undertake data collection in support of EPA's DfE program. The studies will focus on various industrial sectors such as printing, printed wiring board

circuitry, and dry cleaning. The purpose of all DfE Technical Information Impact Studies is to evaluate the impact of DfE technical information on industry practices, use of materials and waste generation. In each case, EPA, often in collaboration with industry associations and universities, will have developed technical information for industry on the use of product reclamation processes and other workplace practices that may lower health risks to workers and prevent pollution. The proposed studies will each involve two separate surveys of owners or operators of target industry establishments. The initial survey will establish a baseline representing pre-technical information receipt. A follow-up survey will be administered approximately two years later to establish longer-term impacts of the technical materials. The overall goal of this before-and-after design is to understand the impacts of DfE technical information on workplace practices and technologies that generate or prevent pollution. This generic ICR will allow EPA to conduct a series of small conceptually interrelated surveys. It will permit the DfE program the ability to collect information in a timely manner and to evaluate the effectiveness of the technical materials EPA provides to industry. EPA will be the principal user of information developed from the survey findings, but EPA expects that tens of thousands of small businesses in a variety of industry sectors will benefit from the results of the studies. Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. EPA and the EPA contractor administering the survey will observe strict confidentiality precautions, based on the Privacy Act of 1974, which are outlined in detail in the ICR.

Burden Statement: EPA plans to conduct no more than eight surveys under the three year life cycle of the generic clearance. For each study, EPA expects that there will be an average burden of approximately 1.25 hours per response, and that the number of respondents will average 300 for each study. Thus, the total expected respondent burden is estimated at 375 hours for each survey. Over the three year life of the clearance, the total estimated respondent burden would be 3000 hours based on an estimated eight collections; the annual average estimated respondent burden would be 1000 hours. 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 respond to a collection of information; search existing data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. No person is 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 displayed in 40 CFR part 9.

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Printing industry, Printed Wiring Board Circuitry, Dry Cleaning and other industry sectors that may interact with EPA in the Agency's Design for the Environment (DfE) program.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

300 per individual study.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 375 hours per individual study.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1768.02 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Information Policy Branch (2137), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460 and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 11, 1996.

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Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; Application for Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments (EPA Form 3540-8), Notification of Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments (EPA Form 3540-8A) and Pesticide Reports for Pesticide-Producing Establishments (EPA Form 3540-16) (ICR #0160 and OMB #2070-0078)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D)), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) for Application for Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments, and Pesticide Reports for Pesticide-Producing Establishments described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument, i.e., forms. Also included is the Notification of Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments, which EPA uses to notify the company of their newly registered pesticide-producing establishments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:

Sandy Farmer, 202-260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 0160.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments, Notification of Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments, and Pesticide Reports for Pesticide-Producing Establishments (OMB Control No. 2070-0078; EPA ICR No. 0160). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 7 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires producers of pesticide products, active ingredients, and devices to register their production establishments with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to submit an annual report on the types and amounts of products produced. The purpose of this notice is to request renewal of the collection processes and reporting processes needed to assure compliance with these requirements. These processes involve EPA Form 3540-8, Application for Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments, EPA Form 3540-8A, Notification of Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments, and EPA Form 3540-16, Pesticide Reports for Pesticide-Producing Establishments.

Establishment registration information, collected on EPA Form 3540-8, is a one-time requirement for all pesticide-producing establishments. Pesticide production information, collected on EPA Form 3540-16, is required to be submitted within 30 days of receipt by the producer of the Notification of Registration of Pesticide-

Producing Establishment (EPA Form 3540-8A, prepared by EPA and used to notify producers that their establishments have been registered) and then annually thereafter. The information is entered and stored in EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA)/Office of Compliance (OC) Section Seven Tracking System (SSTS), a computerized data processing and record-keeping system.

The OC collects the establishment and pesticide production information for compliance purposes and risk assessment. The information is used by EPA Regional pesticide enforcement and compliance staffs, OECA, and the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) within the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS), as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), other Federal agencies, States under Cooperative Enforcement Agreements, and the public.

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 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The Federal Register Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 9/28/95 (60 FR 50200), and no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to be an average of 18 minutes for a one time response for EPA Form 3540-8, and 1 hour and 26 minutes for the annual yearly response for EPA Form 3540-16. There is no public burden to fill out the notification form (EPA Form 3540-8A) because EPA completes this form. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This 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