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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Renewal for Application Requirements for the Approval and Delegation of Federal Air Toxics Programs to State and Local Agencies

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB):
 Renewal for Application Requirements

for the Approval and Delegation of Federal Air Toxics Programs to State and Local Agencies, OMB No. 2060-0264 (ICR # 1643.02), expiration date July 31, 1996. Before submitting the 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 May 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Information Transfer and Program Integration Division, Integrated Implementation Group, MD-12, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by contacting Pamela J. Smith, at (919) 541-5319. Electronic copies of the ICR can be obtained from the Technology Transfer Network (TTN) Bulletin Board under "Recently Signed Rules".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gil Wood, (919) 541-5272 (phone)/(919) 541-4028 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are State and local agencies participating in this voluntary program.
 Title: Renewal for Application Requirements for the Approval and Delegation of Federal Air Toxics Programs to State and Local Agencies, OMB No. 2060-0264 (ICR # 1643.02), Expiration date July 31, 1996.

Abstract: The rule was developed in accordance with section 112(l)(2) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990, which calls for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to "publish guidance that would be useful to the States in developing programs. . . allowing for delegation of the Administrator's authorities and responsibilities to implement and enforce emissions standards and prevention requirements." Affected entities include State and local agencies choosing to participate in this voluntary program. No industries are included among respondents. The approval process consists of selecting one or any combination of three options that allow the respondent to adjust or substitute for a Federal rule or program. These three options include (1) approval of a rule which adjusts a section 112 rule, (2) approval of a rule which substitutes for a section 112 rule, and (3) approval of a program which substitutes for some or all of section 112 emission standards. These three approval options vary in the types of changes allowed and in the level of demonstrations required for

approval. Respondents interested in utilizing this program are required to submit an application package to the reviewing agency. The contents of each submission varies with the option(s) chosen. Criteria applicable to all options include a letter from the State Attorney General assuring delegation authority, a copy of State statutes, resource demonstration, implementation schedule, compliance plan, and enforcement procedures. All submissions are voluntary on the part of the State or local agency and, therefore, the information collection requirements apply only to those agencies that voluntarily submit applications for delegation of authority. All application packages are submitted to the Administrator for approval. The information is needed to determine if a State or local agency submitting a request has met the criteria established in the 40 CFR part 63, subpart E rule. Certain information is necessary for the Administrator to determine acceptability of approving State rules or programs in lieu of Federal rules or programs. This collection is a one-time collection of information in the application package for the purpose of determining that the State or local agency has met the criteria specified in the rule. Resubmission is only required in instances where the State rule or program has been revised or if the approval has been withdrawn. The collection of information is authorized under 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q. Information obtained by EPA is safeguarded according to the Agency policies set forth in Title 40, Chapter 1, part 2, subpart B, Confidentiality of Business Information. See 40 CFR 2; 41 FR 36902, September 1, 1976; amended by 43 FR 39999, September 8, 1978; 43 FR 42251, September 28, 1978; 44 FR 17674, March 23, 1979.

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 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: As a part of this ICR renewal, the Agency will evaluate this rulemaking's burden and cost. "Burden" means the total time and effort expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency, including 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. "Cost" means the value of resources expended to accomplish the tasks listed above, including the cost of labor and capital expenditures.

States, Tribal entities, and local entities will be the only affected entities for this rulemaking. Out of 54 States and Territories, the Agency estimates 40 percent (or 22) States will submit applications under this program. The Agency also expects each participating State will submit two applications under Options 1 and 2 during a 1-year period following promulgation of the rule and will submit a one-time application under Option 3.

Out of 80 local agencies, Indian tribes, etc., the Agency estimates 25 percent (or 20) local agencies, Indian tribes, etc. will submit applications under this program. It also estimates each participating agency will submit two applications under Options 1 and 2 during a 1-year period following promulgation of the rule and submit a one-time application under Option 3.

The Agency believes these submission estimates establish an upper bound to the potential scope of this rulemaking since State and local agencies may choose any combination of the three options and since reports for approval are expected to decrease in later years.

The Agency estimates the annual burden for the General criteria common to all options to be 39,608 person-hours

per year. The estimated cost to State and local agencies is \$1,269,232 per year.

The annual burden for Option #1, Adjusting a section 112 Rule, is estimated to be 4,367 person-hours per year. The Agency estimates the associated cost to State and local agencies is \$148,599 per year.

The annual burden for Option #2, Substituting a section 112 rule, is estimated to be 26,082 person-hours per year. The Agency expects Option #2 will cost \$835,858 per year.

The annual burden and cost for Option #3, Substituting a section 112 program, is estimated to be 8,936 person-hours and \$286,354 per year.

The Agency estimates the annual burden for Review and Withdrawal at 621 person-hours per year, at a cost of \$19,899 per year.

The total estimated cost for the three approval options including General criteria and Review and Withdrawal cost is \$2.6 million; or \$60 thousand per affected entity. The total burden for all options totals 80 thousand person-hours per year or two thousand person-hours per year for each affected entity. There may be variations in the annual bottom line since this is a one-time submittal. Periodic audits may occur at the discretion of the compliance and enforcement authorities.

Use of this rulemaking allows State and local agencies to gain approval of State air toxics rules and programs, which they can implement at a lower cost, thus providing them with a net decrease in terms of overall program expenditure. Because the above burdens and costs are based upon the *voluntary* participation of affected entities, it is believed that the use of this rulemaking will result in a net reduction in burden and costs to States, Tribal entities, and local entities. Additionally, the Agency believes this rulemaking is not significant because its cost is less than the \$25 million significance level established under Executive Order 12866.

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

Dated: March 13, 1996.

Karen Blanchard,

Acting Director, Information Transfer and Program, Integration Division.

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Ecosystem Monitoring Survey

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 the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Ecosystem Monitoring Survey. Before submitting the 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 May 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Pacific Northwest Ecorisk Assessment Research Program, Western Ecology Division, National Health and Environmental Effects Laboratory, Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 200 SW 35th St., Corvallis, OR 97333. A copy of the ICR may be obtained without charge from the contact identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul L. Ringold, Ph.D., (503) 754-4565, FAX (503) 754-4716, EMail: ringold@heart.cor.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which are involved with the use of monitoring data to support natural resource-related decisions in the Pacific Northwest.

Title: Ecosystem Monitoring Survey.
Abstract: The primary goal of the survey is to obtain information regarding the possible future requirements and applications of natural resources monitoring data in the Pacific Northwest. The survey will contribute to the process of designing monitoring programs for ecosystem management in the region, and will advance the ability of scientific and regulatory entities in the region to make informed decisions regarding resource management. Results of the survey will be used by the EPA in developing an integrated monitoring plan for the region. The survey will identify strengths and weaknesses of monitoring data, and suggest areas of broad data gaps in monitoring data specific to future regional natural resource management issues. The survey is targeted at monitoring issues which have not been specifically addressed by