approval within EPA, (6) preparation of final IRIS summaries and supporting documents, and (7) entry of summaries into the IRIS data base.

The appropriate level of external peer review will be determined for each chemical substance. Depending upon the complexity of the scientific information and other factors, the form of the peer review will either be via mail, forums of experts, or formal federal advisory committees.

The Pilot will also test some improvements in IRIS entries to more fully characterize health information associated with each chemical. For example, the IRIS summaries will provide greater elaboration of uncertainties in the data, and our confidence in the assessment.

Pilot Substances

The eleven Pilot chemical substances were chosen on the basis of the Agency's need for new or updated hazard or dose-response information, and in an effort to represent a range of technical complexity so the new process is realistically tested. Qualitative and quantitative information will be developed for non-cancer and cancer effects of all Pilot substances. In some cases, the assessment will be developed for the first time; in others, the assessment will be reviewed in light of new information and updated in IRIS if appropriate.

The following substances will be reviewed under the Pilot Program:

Name/CAS.No.

- Arsenic—7440–38–2
- Bentazon—25057–89–0
- Beryllium—7440–41–7
- Chlordane—57–74–9
- Chromium (III)—16065–83–1
  Chromium (VI)—18540–29–9
  Total chromium—7440–47–3
- Cumene—98–82–8
- Methyl methacrylate—80–62–6
- Methylene diphenyl isocyanate—101–68–8
- Naphthalene—91–20–3
- Tributyltin oxide—56–35–9
- Vinyl chloride—75–01–4

Note that EPA may initiate other chemical substance reviews during the Pilot period; the Pilot does not preclude additional work on IRIS.

Submittal of Information

The Pilot Program is designed to provide early opportunity for public involvement. While the Agency conducts a thorough literature search for each chemical substance, there may be other articles or unpublished studies we are not aware of. The Agency would greatly appreciate receiving scientific information from the public during the information gathering stage of the Pilot. Interested persons should provide scientific comments, analyses, studies, and other pertinent scientific information. The most useful documents for EPA are unpublished studies or other primary technical sources that we may not otherwise obtain through open literature searches. Also note that if you have submitted certain information previously, such as in response to the 1993 FR Notice, then there is no need to resubmit that information. Information from the public is being solicited for 30 days via this Notice.

As described in the 1993 FR Notice, submissions will be handled in a three-step process:

1. First, interested parties should simply provide a list (submission inventory), briefly identifying all the information they wish to submit to the IRIS Information Submission Desk. The list should specify by name and CAS (Chemical Abstract Registry) number the Pilot chemical substance(s) to which the information pertains, state the assessment that is being addressed (e.g., carcinogenicity), and describe briefly the information being submitted for consideration. Where possible, documents should be listed in scientific citation format, that is, author(s), title, journal, and date. A cover letter should state that the correspondence is an IRIS Submission, describe in general terms the purpose of the submission, and include names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons to contact for additional information on the submission.

2. In the second step, EPA will compare the submission inventory to existing files and identify the information that should be submitted. This step will help prevent an influx of duplicative information. The submitter will receive notification requesting full submission of the selected material.

3. In the third step, the submitter should promptly send in the information requested by EPA. Submittals should include a cover letter addressing all of the points in item 1 above. In addition, persons submitting results of new health effects studies should include a specific explanation of how and why the study results could change the information in IRIS.

Submitters sending paper copies are requested to send three copies, at least one of which should be unbound. As mentioned previously (see **ADDRESSES**), the Agency also welcomes electronic submittal of information in response to this Notice. EPA will transfer all correspondence received electronically into printed, paper form as it is received and will place the paper copies along with all information submitted directly in writing to the IRIS Submission Desk. Receipt of information will be acknowledged in the manner in which it is received, that is, in writing or electronically.

Other aspects of the information submittal process are unchanged and are detailed in the 1993 FR Notice. Most importantly, Confidential Business Information (CBI) should not be submitted to the IRIS Submission Desk. CBI must be submitted to the appropriate office via approved Agency procedures for submission of CBI as codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR, Part 2, Subpart B). If a submitter believes that a CBI submission contains information with implications for IRIS, it should be noted in the cover letter accompanying the submission to the appropriate office.

Dated: March 27, 1996.

Robert J. Huggett,

Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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 the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency PRA clearance requests. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer (202) 260–2740. Please refer to the EPA ICR No.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Responses to Agency PRA Clearance Requests

OMB Approvals

EPA ICR No. 1560.04; National Water Quality Inventory Reports—Clean Water Act Sections 305(b), 303(d), 314(a) and 106(e); was approved 02/21/96; OMB No. 2040–0071; expires 02/28/99.

EPA ICR No. 1698.02; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under

EPA's Wastewise; was approved 02/02/96; OMB No. 2050–0139; expires 05/31/97.

EPA ICR No. 0161.07; Purchaser Acknowledgement Statement for Unregistered Pesticides, Export Policy; was approved 03/18/96; OMB No. 2070–0027; expires 03/31/99.

Extensions of Expiration Dates

EPA ICR No. 0575.06; Health and Safety Data Reporting Submission of Lists and Copies of Health and Safety Studies; OMB No. 2070–0004; expiration date extended to 04/30/96.

EPA ICR No. 1031; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Allegations of Significant Adverse Reactions to Human Health or the Environment; OMB No. 2070–0017; expiration date extended to 04/30/96.

Dated: March 26, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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Proposed Administrative Agreement on Consent; XXKEM Company

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to settle a claim under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9607, for past response costs incurred during removal activities at the XXKEM Company site in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio (XXKEM Site). EPA has incurred $1,361,840 in response costs at the XXKEM Site. Settling parties participating thus far have agreed to reimburse the EPA in the amount of $762,585. Additional settling parties may join the settlement under the same terms, in which case the amount reimbursed would be higher. EPA today is proposing to approve this settlement because it reimburses EPA, in part, for costs incurred during EPA's removal action at this site.

On February 6, 1996, EPA sent a settlement agreement to approximately 893 potentially responsible parties (PRPs), providing an opportunity to settle for past response costs incurred during removal activities at the XXKEM Site. Subsequently, EPA received comments regarding various provisions of the settlement agreement.

In response to those comments, EPA changed the settlement agreement in three limited respects. First, as originally drafted, the covenant not to sue by EPA did not become effective for any settlor until all settlors paid the amount due pursuant to the settlement agreement. In addition, if any settlor did not pay on time, all settlors faced the possibility of paying interest, stipulated penalties or attorney's fees for other settlors' failure to pay. These provisions have been changed so that the consequences of any settlor's failure to pay or make late payments are reserved only for that specific settlor.

Second, the group of settlors includes one federal agency, the United States Postal Service. For a variety of reasons, including the fact that the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. 1341 *et seq.*, restricts a federal agency's ability to commit funds absent a Congressional appropriation, the settlement agreement addresses this federal agency separately. The payment provisions that apply to this settling federal agency have absolutely no effect on the terms of the settlement for any other party.

Third, EPA offered to consider ability to pay claims. EPA will be adding a certification to the signature page of parties for whom EPA agrees to reduce the amount of money owed. Such parties must certify that: (1) The financial information provided to EPA is complete and accurate, and that if this is not the case, the settlement as to that settlor is null and void; and (2) the settlor has not received insurance proceeds and if any insurance coverage becomes available, the settlor agrees to pay any proceeds recovered to the EPA.

EPA believes that the revised settlement is responsive to the comments received to date, and, from the standpoint of the prospective settlors, a more advantageous way to settle this matter.

DATES: Comments on this proposed settlement must be received on or before May 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed settlement agreement are available at the following address for review (It is recommended that you telephone Ms. Gloria Kilgore at (312) 886–0813 before visiting the Region 5 Office): U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Office of Superfund, Removal and Enforcement Response Branch, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Comments should be sent to Ms. Gloria Kilgore at the Office of Regional Counsel (C–29A), United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604–3590.

Arlene R. Haas,

Assistant Regional Counsel, United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collections Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

March 27, 1996.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commissions burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before May 2, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESS: Direct all comments to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to dconway@fcc.gov and Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 or fain_t@a1.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the