

suggestions for reducing the burden to the above address.

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Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal

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 Information Collection Request (ICR) listed below is coming up for renewal. Before submitting the renewal package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: U.S. EPA, Wetlands Division (4502F), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Williams, 202-260-5084, fax 202-260-8000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are states requesting assumption of the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permit program, states/tribes with approved assumed programs, and permit applicants in states or tribes with assumed programs. Tribes submitting a request to assume the federal permit program are covered under a separate, approved ICR. The approved tribal ICR will be incorporated into this ICR when it is finalized, so that there will be only one ICR for all Section 404 state assumption collections.

Title: State Assumption of the federal CWA Section 404 permit program. OMB# 0220-2040-0168, expires on October 31, 1996.

Abstract: Section 404(g) of CWA authorizes states to assume the Section 404 permit program. States must demonstrate that they meet the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements (40 CFR Part 233) for an approvable program. Specified information and documents must be submitted by the state to EPA to request program assumption. Once the required information and documents are submitted and EPA has a complete assumption request package, the statutory time clock for EPA's decision to either approve or deny the state's

assumption request starts. The information contained in the assumption request is made available to the other involved federal agencies (Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service) and to the general public for review and comment.

States must have the ability to issue permits that comply with the 404(b)(1) Guidelines, the environmental review criteria. States and the reviewing federal agencies must be able to review proposed projects to evaluate and/or minimize anticipated impacts. EPA's state program regulations establish recommended elements that should be included in the state's permit application, so that sufficient information is available to make a thorough analysis of anticipated impacts. These minimum information requirements are based on the information that must be submitted when applying for a Section 404 permit from the Corps of Engineers.

EPA is responsible for oversight of assumed state programs to ensure that state programs are in compliance with applicable requirements and that state permit decisions adequately consider and minimize anticipated impacts. States must evaluate their program annually and submit an annual report to EPA assessing their program. EPA's state program regulations establish minimum requirements for the state's annual report.

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;

(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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

Burden Statement: EPA's currently approved ICR includes 27,100 hours for these activities. The state's assumption request is a one-time request, a permit application is made each time someone desires to do work that involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, and a state with an approved, assumed program must submit an

annual report to EPA each year. No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB number for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

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 25, 1996.

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Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds.

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Public Hearings on Recommendations to the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of hearings.

SUMMARY: The EPA is announcing a series of public hearings seeking comments on broad-based strategies for improving visibility in national parks and wilderness areas on the Colorado Plateau being proposed to the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission (Commission).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John T. Leary, Project Manager for the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission, Western Governor's Association, 600 17th Street, Suite 1705, South Tower, Denver, Colorado 80202; telephone number (303) 623-9378; facsimile machine number (303) 534-7309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the spring the Commission will consider a set of draft recommendations developed by its Public Advisory Committee, which is composed of representatives from industry, environmental groups and all levels of government. The recommendations address seven areas for managing emissions: stationary sources (large industrial facilities, etc.); mobile sources (vehicles, including cars, trucks, ships, trains, etc.); managed fire; pollution sources in and near class I areas; pollution prevention; clean air corridors; and Mexican emissions. Consideration is also given to tribal concerns; the future role of the commission; and additional monitoring. The recommendations can be obtained by calling 1-800-659-5858 and leaving a name and address. Copies are also available by accessing the Commission's