

introduction into commerce. Registration involves providing a chemical description of the fuel or additive, certain technical and marketing information, and any health-effects information in possession of the manufacturer. The development of health-effects data, as required by 40 CFR 79, Subpart F, is not included in this ICR due to upcoming changes in the requirements. Manufacturers are also required to submit periodic reports (annually for additives, quarterly and annually for fuels) on production volume and related information. The information is used to identify products whose evaporative or combustion emissions may pose an unreasonable risk to public health, thus meriting further investigation and potential regulation. The information is also used to ensure that gasoline additives comply with EPA requirements for protecting emission controls and controlling intake valve and injector deposits. The data have been used to construct a comprehensive data base on fuel and additive composition. These data have been useful in related assessments, such as the potential for dioxin emissions from motor vehicles. The Mine Safety and Health Administration of the Department of Labor restricts the use of diesel additives in mines to those registered by EPA. Most of the information is confidential. 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:* There are approximately 100 fuel manufacturers,

1300 additive manufacturers, 800 registered fuels, and 6000 registered additives. For each additive, an annual report is required, at an estimated burden of one hour and cost of \$52.60. For each fuel, quarterly and annual reports are required, at an estimated burden of one hour and cost of \$52.60 for each report. EPA estimates that there will be 550 new additives registered each year, with a reporting burden 3 hours and \$169.60 each. EPA estimates that there will be 200 additive update letters each year, with a burden of one hour and \$43.00 each. EPA estimated that there will be 100 new gasoline and diesel fuels registered each year, with a burden of 3 hours and \$169.60 each. EPA estimates that there will be fuel update letters each year, with a burden of one hour and \$43.00 each. There are no capital and start-up costs. There are no operation and maintenance costs beyond copying and postage. The total annual estimated burden for industry is 12,900 hours and \$722,000. 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of New Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is pleased to announce its Small Business Compliance Assistance Centers Program. This program is one of 25 regulatory reinvention initiatives proposed by President Clinton on March 16, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Vendinello at 202-564-7066. You may also forward your questions via the Internetto: vendinello.lynn@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Developed by EPA's Office of Compliance in partnership with industry, academic institutions, environmental groups, and other federal and state agencies, Compliance Assistance Centers are intended to help small and medium-sized businesses nationwide better understand and comply with federal environmental requirements. The centers also provide state and local government officials with industry-specific information on federal rules and pollution prevention technologies to help them improve their services to small businesses and to avoid duplication of effort among technical assistance providers.

Four Compliance Assistance Centers are currently up and running, serving the printing, metal finishing, automotive services and repair, and agriculture industries. Over the next year, four additional compliance assistance centers will be opened for transportation, local government, printed wiring board manufacturers, and chemical manufacturers. In addition, EPA is expanding its metal finishing center to cover organic coatings.

I. Why Compliance Assistance Centers

Some industry sectors are populated with small businesses many of whom have fewer than 10 employees. It is often very difficult for these businesses to keep on top of their environmental requirements, especially since historically the EPA has produced regulatory guidance on a media-specific basis (e.g., air, solid wastes, water) rather than on a industry-specific basis. Recognizing this, EPA and states have begun to produce industry-specific compliance guides and tools. Facilitating the transfer of information to small businesses about these industry-specific regulatory guides and enabling them to get answers to their questions about regulatory requirements is a goal of the Compliance Assistance Centers. By offering access to information via the communications medium that small businesses are most comfortable with (i.e. telephone, fax/back, e-mail or the Internet), small businesses can readily access the information they need to better understand their environmental requirements.

Similarly, state and local technical assistance providers and regulators are increasingly aiming to better understand

their business clients. They too are developing industry-specific compliance guides; however, an essential first step in developing industry-specific guides is knowing what has already been developed and what is underway. By serving as a focal point for the distribution and notification of sector-specific activities throughout the nation, the compliance assistance centers can potentially prevent the duplication of efforts of state and local assistance programs.

II. What Do the Centers Provide

Compliance Assistance Centers function as communication centers rather than physical "walk-ins." Each center provides some or all of the following services via the Internet and toll-free telephone numbers:

- Easy access to industry-specific, multi-media federal regulations, interpretations, and compliance guides; also, certain state and local information;
- Compliance tools that can be used by small business, regulators, inspectors, and technical assistance providers to audit, determine emissions and wastes, and calculate the costs of compliance;
- Process-specific training for regulators and technical assistance providers who seek more in-depth knowledge of the businesses they regulate;
- A place to ask questions and get answers, through specialized conferences and forums, and access to experts who can answer compliance and technical questions;
- Databases of technologies and techniques that can help small businesses come into compliance, with an emphasis on pollution prevention methods that save money.

III. How To Reach the Centers

Following are the Internet addresses and contact names and telephone numbers for the four existing centers:

a. National Metal Finishing Resource Center

NMFRFC provides technical assistance and information on environmental compliance and pollution prevention to the metal finishing industry.

Internet: <http://www.nmfrfc.org>

Contacts: National Center for Manufacturing Science, Paul Chalmer, 313-995-4911; U.S. EPA, Scott Throwe, 202-564-7013.

b. Printer's National Compliance Assistance Center

PNEAC provides compliance assistance and pollution prevention information to the printing industry.

Internet: <http://www.hazard.uiuc.edu/pneac/pneac.html>

Contacts: Illinois Hazardous Waste Research and Information Center, Gary Miller, 217-333-8942; U.S. EPA, Doug Jamieson, 202-564-7041.

c. GreenLink™—the Automotive Compliance Information Assistance Center.

GreenLink™ provides compliance assistance to the automotive service industry. To obtain voice, facsimile, or mailed information, call the center's toll-free number, 1-888-GRN-LINK.

Internet: <http://www.ccar-greenlink.org>

Contacts: U.S. EPA, Everett Bishop, 202-564-7032; Coordinating Committee for Automotive Repair, Sherman Titens, 816-561-8388.

d. National Agriculture Compliance Assistance Center

This Center provides information to help producers of agricultural commodities and their supporting businesses meet their environmental requirements; prevent pollution before it occurs; and reduce costs by identifying flexible, common-sense ways to achieve compliance.

Internet: <http://es.inel.gov/oeca/ag/aghmpg.html>

Contacts: U.S. EPA, Ginah Mortensen, 913-551-7207 (fax: 913-551-7270).

IV. How to Get Involved With Future Centers

EPA has developed partnerships for the Transportation Compliance Assistance Center and the Printed Wiring Board Manufacturing Center. For more information, contact Virginia Lathrop (transportation) at 202-564-7057 and Keith Brown (PWB manufacturing) at 202-564-7124. EPA is currently developing the Chemical Manufacturing and Local Government Centers. If you are interested in learning more about the Chemical Manufacturing Center please contact Emily Chow at 202-564-7071. For more information on the Local Government Environmental Network, which will provide a central location for state and local access to federally-developed compliance assistance information related to local governments, contact Wendy Miller at 202-564-7102 or John Dombrowski at 202-564-7036.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various agricultural commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-730, must be received on or before May 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit written comments to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7505C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI 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 address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Joanne Miller, PM-23, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 237, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305-6224; e-mail: miller.joanne@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received pesticide petitions as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues