

the accrual information on the specific grant, and not all EPA grants to that grantee. Further, other EPA grant recipients would not be affected by this information collection request. EPA will also request information from the selected grant recipients on their billing practices in order to conduct additional analyses to improve our accrual estimates.

Unless EPA is able to obtain this information from the selected grant recipients, and develop a reasonable estimate of accruals based on that data, EPA does not believe it will be able to obtain an unqualified ("clean") audit opinion from the OIG on its financial statements. Thus the information is crucial for EPA to meet its fiduciary responsibilities.

Burden Statement: 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.

EPA believes that a grant recipient should require no more than 6 hours to prepare the information requested, and the data collection will not require grant recipients to purchase new equipment or develop new procedures to compile and report the data. Thus, the total reporting burden would be 660 hours, or a total estimated annual cost of \$14,600.

Confidential information: FMD does not believe this information is confidential in nature. Therefore the additional protections afforded confidential data will not be provided.

OMB Control Numbers: 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. In this specific information collection, grant recipient responses will be voluntary.

Comments requested: EPA would like to solicit public comments on:

(i) 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) Whether the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information is accurate, and whether methodology and assumptions used are valid;

(iii) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Means to 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.

Dated: May 28, 1997.

Jack Shipley,

Director, Financial Management Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5833-2]

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 that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: National Request for Information (RFI) for Vendor Information System for Innovative Treatment Technologies (VISITT) and Vendor Field Analytical and Characterization Technologies System (Vendor FACTS), OMB Control Number 2050-0114, expiration date July 31, 1997. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 3, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1583.03.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Request for Information (RFI) for Vendor Information System for Innovative Treatment Technologies (VISITT) and Vendor Field Analytical and

Characterization Technologies System (Vendor FACTS) (OMB Control No. 2050-0114; EPA ICR No. 1583.03) expiring 7/31/97. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: EPA needs to collect data on innovative treatment technologies and measurement and monitoring technologies to address specific problems at contaminated waste sites. EPA will use this information to maintain two publicly available databases used by the remediation, manufacturing, and investment communities, and the general public. More accessible information may lead to increased technology use and export, and to improved environmental protection. One of EPA's highest priorities has been to encourage the use of innovative technologies to speed-up the site remediation process and at the same time to reduce project costs. EPA is working toward these goals by providing the site managers with the necessary information to select the most applicable and cost-effective technology for their site. In order to obtain such critical information, once a year, EPA invites vendors to participate in the databases by submitting or updating information on new technologies as they emerge or become commercially available. Participation in the databases is voluntary. 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 1/29/97 (62 FR 4282); No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 25 hours for Vendor Information Form (VIF) per response and 13 hours for a VIF update. 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Hazardous waste remediation contractors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 658.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 8,232 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: 0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1583.03, and OMB Control No. 2050-0114 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (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: May 20, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00483; FRL-5722-6]

State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation (SFIREG) Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal Working Committee will hold a 2-day meeting, June 9, and 10, 1997. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The SFIREG Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal will meet on Monday, June 9, 1997,

from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 10, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Airport Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington-Crystal City, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Elaine Y. Lyon, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: (703) 305-5306, (703) 308-1850 (fax); e-mail: Lyon.elaine@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tentative agenda of the SFIREG Working Committee on Water Quality and Pesticide Disposal includes the following:

1. Update on state management plan review.
2. Status of special review for state management plan products, i.e. simazine.
3. Update on source water protection and assessment and how the comprehensive state groundwater protection program will fit in.
4. Surface water - The generic expected environmental concentration program (GENEEC) - Tier one screening model for aquatic pesticide exposure.
5. Ecological committee on FIFRA risk assessment methods (ECOFAME).
6. Environmental quality incentives program (EQUIP).
7. Tribal management plans.
8. Office of Pesticide Program's water quality web site.
9. Reports from committee members.
10. Other topics as appropriate.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: May 29, 1997.

Jay Ellenberger,

Acting Director, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5834-1]

Notice of Proposed Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative cost recovery settlement under Section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA concerning the Huth Oil Site, in Cleveland, Ohio, which was signed by the EPA Regional Administrator, Region V, on April 25, 1997. The settlement resolves an EPA claim under Section 107(a) of CERCLA against a group of twenty-one (21) settling respondents. The settlement requires the settling respondents to pay \$210,000 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. EPA District Office, 25089 Central Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145, and at the U.S. EPA Records Center Room 714, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. **DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at U.S. EPA Eastern District Office, 25089 Central Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145, and at the U.S. EPA Records Center, Room 714, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Comments should reference the Huth Oil Site, Cleveland, Ohio and EPA Docket No. 5-CERCLA-97-00 and should be addressed to Mr. Jerome Kujawa, U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jerome Kujawa, U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, Illinois.

William E. Munro,

Director, Superfund Division.

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