

and local government entities and other members of the public will also have access to this information for their own use.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 704). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to range between approximately 67 and 275 hours per response for an estimated four respondents making one or more submissions of information annually. These estimates include 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. No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for these regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are those persons who manufacture, import or process chemical substances and mixtures, or who propose to manufacture, import, or process chemical substances and mixtures, in the United States.

**Estimated No. of Respondents:** 4.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 275 hours.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Changes in Burden Estimates:** There is a decrease of 1,665 hours in the total estimated respondent burden as compared with that identified in the information collection request most recently approved by OMB, from 1,940 hours currently to an estimated 275 hours. At the time of the last clearance of this ICR in May 1994, EPA estimated the burden for respondents to be 276 hours annually, a decrease of 1,940 hours from the burden total in the OMB inventory at the time. However, OMB's action notice approving this ICR, dated August 8, 1994, appears to transpose

these two numbers: the action notice indicates a new status of 1,940 burden hours and a difference of -275 hours. EPA believes that this was a simple inversion mistake made at the time the approval was processed.

The current request for renewal estimates a total burden to respondents of 275 hours, a difference of one hour from that estimated in EPA's 1994 request for renewal. However, the current burden estimate of 275 hours represents a decrease of 1,665 hours from the (incorrect) burden total in the current OMB inventory. Note that the reason for the reduction in burden at the time of the 1994 clearance of this ICR was that the estimate for the number of TSCA section 8(a) chemical-specific rules to be promulgated annually was reduced from an anticipated ten rules per year to one rule per year.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days of this notice, as described above.

Dated: June 12, 1997.

**Joseph Retzer,**

*Director, Regulatory Information Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5843-8]

### Performance Evaluation Reports for Fiscal Year 1996 Section 105 Grants; Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of grantee performance evaluation reports.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA's grant regulations (40 CFR 35.150) require the Agency to conduct yearly performance evaluations on the progress of the approved State/EPA Agreements. The EPA's regulations (40 CFR 56.7) require that the Agency make available to the public the evaluation reports. The EPA has conducted evaluations on the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Kansas Department of Health and Environment. These evaluations were conducted to assess the agencies' performance under the grants made to them by the EPA pursuant to section 105 of the Clean Air Act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 18, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the evaluation reports are available for public inspection at the EPA's Region VII Air, RCRA, and Toxics Division; 726 Minnesota Avenue; Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Pawlowski at (913) 551-7920.

Dated: June 4, 1997.

**William Rice,**

*Acting Regional Administrator.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5844-2]

### Environmental Statistics Subcommittee of the National Advisory Council for Policy and Technology; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Statistics Subcommittee (of the Environmental Information, Economics and Technology Committee) of the National Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) will hold a one day meeting of the full Subcommittee.

The Environmental Statistics Subcommittee was formed to provide key recommendations and strategic advice on the statistical products and activities necessary to enhance the Agency's knowledge about environmental statistics and trends, and to explore information gaps from the perspective of the users/products of these data products. The meeting is being held to discuss and offer critical advice on initiatives of the Office of Strategic Planning and Environmental Data.

Scheduling constraints preclude oral comments from the public during the meeting. Written comments can be submitted by the mail, and will be transmitted to Committee members for consideration.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on July 22, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The meetings will be held at Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel 480 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. 2nd Floor Renoir Conference Room Washington, D.C. 20024. This meeting is open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis.