

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5863-2]

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: The National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), Subpart J, OMB Control Number: 2050-0141. EPA Control Number: 1664.03. Expiration Date: August 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 August 25, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at (202) 260-2740 and refer to EPA ICR No. 1664.03.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: The National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), Subpart J (OMB Control Number 2050-0141; EPA ICR Number 1664.03); expiring 8/31/97. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The use of dispersants, other chemical agents, and bioremediation agents to respond to oil spills in U.S. waters is governed by subpart J of the NCP (40 CFR 300.900). EPA's regulation, which is codified at 40 CFR 300.00, requires that EPA prepare a schedule of "dispersants, other chemicals, and other spill mitigating devices and substances, if any, that may be used in carrying out the NCP." Under subpart J, respondents wishing to add a product to the Product Schedule must submit technical product data specified in 40 CFR 300.915 to EPA. EPA places oil spill mitigating products on the Product Schedule if all the required data are submitted. The Product Schedule is available to Federal On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs), Regional Response Teams (RRTs), and Area Committees for determining the most appropriate products to use in various spill scenarios. Subpart J ensures that OSCs, RRTs, and Area Committees have necessary data regarding the toxicity,

effectiveness, and other characteristics of different products in order to make more informed decisions regarding the use of such products during time critical spill responses. Because local conditions may require additional information, RRTs may, under the revisions, require supplemental toxicity and effectiveness testing of products.

Section 300.920(c) allows respondents to assert that certain information in the technical product data submissions is confidential business information. EPA will handle such claims pursuant to the provisions in 40 CFR part 2, subpart B. Such information must be submitted separately from non-confidential information, clearly identified, and clearly marked "Confidential Business Information." If the submitter fails to make such a claim at the time of submittal, EPA may make the information available to the public without further notice.

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 April 11, 1997 (62 FR 17801); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 27 hours per response. 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: Manufacturers of dispersants, surface washing agents, surface collecting agents, bioremediation agents, and other chemical agents and biological additives used as countermeasures against oil spills.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14 per year.

Frequency of Response: One time, on occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 370 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$99,857.

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. 1664.03 and OMB Control No. 2050-0141 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: July 17, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director Regulatory Information Division.

[FR Doc. 97-19547 Filed 7-23-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5863-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Public Water Systems Annual Compliance Report**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: Public Water Systems Annual Compliance Report, EPA ICR# 1812.01. 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 August 25, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1812.01