

information on the location and condition of swimming beaches and the agencies and persons responsible for maintaining and issuing advisories or closings for those beaches at freshwater sites (the Great Lakes and others) and saltwater (estuarine and coastal) sites around the Nation. Responses to the questionnaire (either on paper or electronically via the Internet) are required to determine compliance with water quality standards, to assess public health risks, and to determine what steps EPA should take next, if any. Completion of the questionnaire and map marking will be voluntary.

EPA will assemble the information (maps and questionnaire responses) into electronic database and graphic formats that can be readily analyzed and shared with responsible parties (e.g., EPA program and regional offices, other federal, state, tribal, county, and city agencies), as well as the public. The nationwide collection of information is being phased in, beginning with a pilot survey of Great Lakes and other selected beaches in 1998. When the survey is fully implemented, it is estimated that 2,000 respondents will be involved each year. The estimated annual cost for the survey per respondent is anticipated to decrease each year, since respondents will only be requested to provide information that has changed during the year.

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 5/5/97 (**Federal Register** vol. 62, no. 86, pp. 24442-24443); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.33 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: County or other entity public health and environmental protection agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2000.

Frequency of Response: One time per year.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 4160 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$160,000.

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. 1814.01 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: December 30, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5947-2]

Local Government Advisory Committee; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. appl.2 section 9(c). The purpose of LGAC is to provide advice and counsel to the Administrator of EPA on issues associated with enhancing the Agency's partnership with local governments in order to provide more efficient and effective

environmental protection. It is determined that LGAC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Zabinski Ney, Designated Federal Officer, LGAC, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW (1502), Washington, DC 20460 or via electronic mail at <ney.denise@epamail.epa.gov>.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

Denise Zabinski Ney,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA's National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of a Joint Requirements Planning Meeting on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a three-day Joint Requirements Planning (JRP) meeting on EPA's development of a National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base (NCOD). The JRP is a structured meeting designed to gather requirements on a new information system from a varied body of stakeholders with an interest in the system. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking review and comment from key national, state, individual stakeholders, and other interested parties concerning the data elements to be included in the development of the NCOD.

DATES: The Joint Requirements Planning Meeting on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base will be held on January 26-28, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA Systems Development Center (SDC), Suite 300, conference rooms 1-3. The SDC is located at 200 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. For additional information, please contact Harriet Colbert, at phone: (202) 260-2302, fax: (202) 260-3762, or by e-mail at colbert.harriet@epamail.epa.gov. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting Harriet Colbert by January 16, 1998.