

Act. Finally, CARB states that it is not aware of any new issues raised by the amendments which would affect the pending evaporative emission waiver request pending before EPA.

California's request, with regard to the ORVR standards and test procedures, will be considered according to the procedures for a waiver determination, thus an opportunity for a public hearing is being provided. Any party wishing to present testimony at the hearing and/or to submit written comments should address the following issues:

(1) Whether California's determination that its standards are at least as protective of public health and welfare as applicable Federal standards is arbitrary and capricious;

(2) Whether California needs separate standards to meet compelling and extraordinary conditions; and,

(3) Whether California's standards and accompanying enforcement procedures are consistent with section 202(a) of the Act.

California's request, with regard to the amendments to the evaporative emission test procedures, will be considered by EPA as a within the scope request. Thus, EPA plans to review whether CARB's amendments have undermined its protectiveness determination or whether CARB's amendments have caused its evaporative emission standards and test procedures to be inconsistent with section 202(a) or has raised any new issues with regard the previous waiver granted by EPA for such standards or test procedures. EPA is currently reviewing a request for waiver of federal preemption for California's evaporative emission standards and test procedures for the 1996-1998 model years. EPA plans to issue its waiver decision with regard to CARB's pending waiver request (see EPA Air Docket A-95-39, 60 FR 9185 (February 28, 1997)) and shall either include its review of CARB's recently adopted amendments within such decision or EPA shall include such review with the waiver decision associated with the present ORVR waiver request. Any party wishing to present testimony at the hearing and/or to submit written comments on CARB's amendments to evaporative emission test procedures should address the same criteria as that for the ORVR waiver request noted above and may also comment on the appropriate location (within the waiver decision that EPA will issue for the ORVR waiver request or the waiver decision associated with CARB's pending evaporative emission standards and test procedure waiver request) for EPA's review of CARB's amendments.

II. Procedures for Public Participation

Any party desiring to make an oral statement on the record should submit ten (10) copies, if feasible, of its proposed testimony and other relevant material to Mr. Dickinson of EPA's Vehicles Programs and Compliance Division at the address listed above not later than March 11, 1998. In addition, the party should submit 25 copies, if feasible, of the planned statement to the presiding officer at the time of the hearing.

In recognition that a public hearing is designed to give interested parties an opportunity to participate in this proceeding, there are no adverse parties as such. Statements by participants will not be subject to cross-examination by other participants without special approval by the presiding officer. The presiding officer is authorized to strike from the record statements which he or she deems irrelevant or repetitious and to impose reasonable limits on the duration of the statement of any participant.

If a hearing is held, the Agency will make a verbatim record of the proceedings. Interested parties may arrange with the reporter at the hearing to obtain a copy of the transcript at their own expense. Regardless of whether a public hearing is held, EPA will keep the record open until April 16, 1998. Upon expiration of the comment period, the Administrator will render a decision on CARB's request based on the record of the public hearing, if any, relevant written submissions and other information which she deems pertinent.

Persons with comments containing proprietary information must distinguish such information from other comments to the greatest possible extent and label it as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). If a person making comments wants EPA to base its waiver decision in part on a submission labeled as CBI, then a nonconfidential version of the document which summarizes the key data or information should be submitted for the public docket. To ensure that proprietary information is not inadvertently placed in the docket, submissions containing such information should be sent directly to the contact person listed above and not to the public docket. Information covered by a claim of confidentiality will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent allowed and by the procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies the submission when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public without further notice to the person making comments.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140265; FRL-5771-5]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Chemical Abstract Services

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, Chemical Abstract Services (CAS) and its subcontractor, TMC MICROIMAGE (TMC), both of Columbus, Ohio, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than March 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under contract number 68-W5-0015, contractor CAS, of 2540 Olentangy River Road, and its subcontractor TMC MICROIMAGE, of 2709 Sawbury Boulevard, Columbus, OH, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPTS) in microfilming and processing of TSCA CBI materials.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W5-0015, CAS and TMC will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8(b) of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract (microfilming and providing a permanent storage medium for the confidential data). CAS and TMC personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8(b) of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

In a previous notice published in the **Federal Register** of July 25, 1996 (61 FR 38728) (FRL-5386-2), CAS and TMC were authorized access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8 (b) of TSCA.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 5 and 8 (b) of TSCA that EPA may provide CAS and TMC access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place either at CAS' Columbus, Ohio facility or the subcontractor may take TSCA CBI materials to its facility for the purpose of microfilming, provided that the transfer of materials is done so only under the direct supervision of a CAS official authorized for TSCA CBI access and that all TSCA CBI materials be returned daily to CAS' facility.

CAS and TMC will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at their facilities under the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at CAS' site, EPA will perform the required inspection of its facility and ensure that the facility is in compliance with the manual. Upon completing review of the CBI materials, CAS will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until April 7, 1998.

CAS and TMC personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: February 11, 1998.

Oscar Morales,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5970-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Responses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's

(OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Call Sandy Farmer at (202) 260-2740, or E-mail at

"farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov", and please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

OMB Approvals

EPA ICR No. 0309.09; Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Requirements for Manufacturers; was approved 01/17/98; OMB No. 2060-0150; expires 06/30/2000.

EPA ICR No. 0916.08; Annual Updates of Emission Data to the Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS); was approved 01/17/98; OMB No. 2060-0088; expires 01/31/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1071.06; NSPS for Stationary Gas Turbines, Information Requirements—Subpart GG; was approved 01/30/98; OMB No. 2060-0028; expires 01/31/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1716.02; 40 CFR part 63, subpart JJ, Final Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Wood Furniture Manufacturing Operations; was approved 02/04/98; OMB No. 2060-0324; expires 02/28/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1658.02; Regulations Governing Constructed or Reconstructed Major Sources; was approved 02/02/98; OMB No. 2060-0373; expires 02/28/2001.

Extension of Expiration Dates

EPA ICR No. 1727.01; Evaluation of Mandated Drinking Water Filtration and its Effects on Community Health; OMB No. 2080-0050; expiration date was extended from 01/31/98 to 07/31/98.

EPA ICR No. 0559.05; Application for Reference or Equivalent Method Determination; OMB No. 2080-0005; expiration date was extended from 01/31/98 to 05/31/98.

EPA ICR No. 1463.03; National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP); OMB No. 2050-0096; expiration date was extended from 01/31/98 to 04/30/98.

EPA ICR No. 1808.01; Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental

Activities in Antarctica; OMB No. 2060-0028; expiration date was extended from 02/28/98 to 08/31/98.

EPA ICR No. 1696.01; Fuels and Fuel Additives Registration Regulations; OMB No. 2060-0297; expiration date was extended from 01/31/98 to 04/30/98.

EPA ICR No. 1702.01; Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses; OMB No. 2060-0302; expiration date was extended from 01/31/98 to 04/30/98.

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Joseph Retzer,

Division Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND PLACE: March 5 and 6, 1998. The White House Conference Center, Truman Room, Third Floor, 726 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20500.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) will meet in open session on Thursday, March 5 at approximately 9 am, and on Friday, March 6, at approximately 9 am to discuss PCAST Panels, the federal budget, science policy and energy/environment, and the 1998 PCAST agenda setting. This session on March 5 will end at approximately 5 pm; the session on March 6, will end at approximately Noon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There will be a time allocated for the public to speak on any of the above agenda items. We request that you notify us of the topic that you would like to address at the PCAST meeting at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting. Please notify Yolanda Comedy on 202-456-6100 or fax your requests/comments to 202-456-6026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding time, place, and agenda please call Yolanda Comedy at