

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by § 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Expanded Use of the Docket Prefix "IS" for Oil Pipeline Filings and Availability of Information

February 25, 1998.

Take notice that on March 1, 1998, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will cease using the oil pipeline docket prefix "OT" and instead will use an "IS" docket prefix.

The Commission receives tariff filings and related materials from jurisdictional oil pipeline companies pursuant to the requirements of 18 CFR Parts 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 346, and 348. Filings previously given an "OT" docket prefix will now be assigned an "IS" prefix. The "IS" docket prefix has been used for oil pipeline filings which were likely to require formal action. Now this prefix will also be assigned to and designate the more routine, non-controversial, oil pipeline filings. Future use of the "OT" docket prefix will terminate upon institution of this policy.

The format of the "IS" docket prefix will remain unchanged. The "IS" prefix will be followed by the last two digits of the fiscal year in which the filing is received at the Commission, and a number assigned in numerical sequence beginning with "1" at the start of each fiscal year.

Also, as part of the Commission's continuing effort to provide easier access to its information, future oil pipeline filings will be available through the Commission's Records and Information Management System.

This notice is issued for the information and aid of jurisdictional companies, the public and practitioners before the Commission as an

explanation of the docketing prefix used by the Commission.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Revision—Application for Reference and Equivalent Method Determination

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Application for Reference and Equivalent Method Determination; OMB Control Number 2080-0005, expiration date May 31, 1998. 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 April 2, 1998.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 559.06.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Application for Reference and Equivalent Method Determination (OMB Control No. 2080-0005); EPA ICR No. 0559.06, expiring May 31, 1998. This is a request for a revision of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** State air monitoring agencies are required to use EPA-designated reference or equivalent methods in their air monitoring networks to determine compliance with the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). A manufacturer or seller of an air monitoring method (more specifically, an air monitoring sampler or analyzer that is the basis of the method) which seeks EPA designation of the method must carry out prescribed tests of the method. The test results along with other information must then

be submitted to the EPA in the form of an application for a reference or equivalent method determination in accordance with 40 CFR part 53. The EPA uses this information to determine whether the particular method should be designated as either a reference or equivalent method. After designation of a method, the applicant must also maintain records of the names and mailing addresses of all ultimate purchasers of all analyzers or samplers sold as designated methods under the method designation. Following designation of a method for PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the applicant must also maintain its manufacturing facility as a ISO 9991-registered facility and annually submit a checklist signed by an ISO-certified auditor to verify adherence to specific quality assurance requirements in the manufacture of the samplers or analyzers sold as part of a designated method. Responses to the collection of information are voluntary but are required to obtain the benefit of EPA-designation of a method or product as a reference or equivalent method (40 CFR part 53). Submission of information that is claimed by the applicant to be confidential business information may be necessary to make a reference or equivalent method determination. The confidentiality of any submitted information identified as such will be protected in full accordance with 40 CFR part 53.15 and all applicable provisions of 40 CFR part 2.

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 10/07/97 (62 FR 52333); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1,129 hours per response, although individual burdens may vary substantially from that average. 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