

licenses expire between calendar years 2000 and 2010.

Staff from the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing will preside over the meetings.

The location of the Outreach Meeting is: Olympia Park Hotel & Conference Center, 1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT 84060, (801) 649-2900.

If you plan to attend, notify John Blair, Western Outreach Coordinator, fax: 202-219-2152; telephone: 202-219-2845.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00519; FRL-5762-6]

Renewal of Pesticide Information Collection Activities; Application and Summary Report for an Emergency Exemption for Pesticides; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) is coming up for renewal. This ICR, entitled "Application and Summary Report for an Emergency Exemption for Pesticides," EPA ICR No. 0596.05, OMB No. 2070-0032, will expire on May 31, 1998. Before submitting the renewal package to the Office of Management and Budget, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opdocket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit III. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any

part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cameo Smoot, Field and External Affairs Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code (7506C), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (703) 305-5454, e-mail: smoot.cameo@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability:

Internet

Electronic copies of this document and the ICR are available from the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register** - Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

Fax-on-Demand

Using a faxphone call 202-401-0527 and select item 6052 for a copy of the ICR.

I. Information Collection Request

EPA is seeking comments on the following Information Collection Request:

Title: Application and Summary Report for an Emergency Exemption for Pesticides.

ICR numbers: EPA No. 0596.05 and OMB No. 2070-0032.

Expiration date: Current OMB approval expires on May 31, 1998.

Affected entities: Parties affected by this information collection are states, territories and Federal agencies.

Abstract: Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, EPA may temporarily authorize states, territories, and Federal agencies to ship and use unregistered pesticides in emergency situations. To ensure that an emergency situation actually exists, and that use of the pesticide will not pose an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment, EPA requires exemption applicants to explain the circumstances necessitating the emergency use and to provide details on the pesticide and its proposed application. Following the application of the pesticide, applicants must submit a report to EPA describing

the pesticide treatment, and its effectiveness as well as any adverse effects.

Burden statement: The information covered by this request is collected when an emergency situation becomes apparent and only upon receipt of an emergency exemption application. Small businesses are not eligible to apply to this program. The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 103 hours per response for reporting and 2 hours per recordkeeper annually. This estimate includes the initial request for an emergency exemption and the time needed to complete and submit the summary report after the pesticide application. Included in this estimate is also the time needed to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain data needed, and review the collection of information.

II. Request for Comments

The Agency would appreciate any comments or information that could be used to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information described above are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. The Agency is particularly interested in comments and information about the burden estimates, including examples that could be used to reflect the burdens imposed.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of these information collections, including suggestions for reducing the burdens, to the docket under ADDRESSES listed above.

III. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this document, as well as the public version, has been established for this document under docket control number "OPP-00519" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record,

including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located at the Virginia address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPP-00519." Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Information collection requests.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Susan H. Wayland,

*Acting Assistant Administrator for
Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5973-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Superfund Site Evaluation and Hazard Ranking System

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 EPA is planning to submit the following proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Site Evaluation and Hazard Ranking System, ICR #1488.04, OMB #2050-0005, expiration date 7/31/98. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of this ICR, please contact Mary Ann Rich, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, (703) 603-8825 or by email: rich.maryann@epamail.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Mary Ann Rich at (703) 603-8825, please refer to ICR #1488.04.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

Title: Superfund Site Evaluation and Hazard Ranking System, EPA ICR #1488.04. This ICR requests renewal of a currently approved collection (OMB #2050-0005).

Abstract: Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, 1980 and 1986) amends the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP) to include criteria prioritizing releases throughout the U.S. before undertaking remedial action at uncontrolled hazardous waste sites. The Hazard Ranking System (HRS) is a model that is used to evaluate the relative threats to human health and the environment posed by actual or potential releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants. The HRS criteria take into account the population at risk, the hazard potential of the substances, as well as the potential for contamination of drinking water supplies, direct human contact, destruction of sensitive ecosystems, damage to natural resources affecting the human food chain, contamination of surface water used for recreation or potable water consumption, and contamination of ambient air.

Under this ICR the States will apply the HRS by identifying and classifying those releases that warrant further investigation. The HRS score is crucial since it is the primary mechanism used to determine whether a site is eligible to be included on the National Priorities List (NPL). Only sites on the NPL are eligible for Superfund-financed remedial actions.

HRS scores are derived from the sources described in this information collection, including field reconnaissance, taking samples at the site, and reviewing available reports and documents. States record the collected information on HRS documentation worksheets and include this in the supporting reference package. States then send the package to the EPA region for a completeness and accuracy review, and the Region then sends it to EPA Headquarters for a final quality

assurance review. If the site scores above the NPL designated cutoff value, and if it meets the other criteria for listing, it is then eligible to be proposed on the NPL.

Burden Statement: Depending on the number and type of activities performed, burden for the collection of site assessment information is estimated to range from 15 to 3,325 hours per site. The number of hours required to assess a particular site depends on how far a site progresses through the site assessment process. Sites where only a pre-CERCLIS screening action is performed will typically require approximately 15 hours, while sites that progress to NPL listing based on an integrated assessment approach may require up to 3,325 hours. The burden estimates include reporting activities and minimal recordkeeping activities. The States are reimbursed 100% of their costs, except for record maintenance. The ICR does not impose burden for HRS activities on local governments or private businesses.

Respondents: State agencies performing Superfund site evaluation activities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50 States.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 226,000 hours.

Frequency of Collection: One time; section 116(b) requires an HRS evaluation within four years of the site's entry into the EPA CERCLIS database.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

Larry G. Reed,

Acting Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5973-2]

Continuing Planning Process for the State of Delaware

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability for public review and comment of the continuing planning process (CPP) for the State of Delaware.

SUMMARY: The Clean Water Act (the Act) at section 303(e), and EPA's implementing regulation at 40 CFR 130.5, requires that each State shall establish and maintain a continuing planning process (CPP) consistent with the Act. Each State is responsible for managing its water quality program to