

managers use the information to plan, design, build, operate, and maintain a treatment works that protects public health and the environment. In addition, the appropriate State or EPA Regional office reviews the information to determine if the project is necessary, reasonable, in accordance with sound planning principles, and a prudent use of Federal funds.

In general, Indian Tribes submit the same type of information as municipalities. Therefore, estimates of the municipal burden in descriptions of the individual information collections include the Indian Tribes' time, where applicable. EPA Regions assist the Tribes in preparing grant applications, which decreases the burden of the information requirements. In addition, the Indian Health Service provides technical assistance.

EPA collects information from the State to meet statutory and administrative program management requirements. Under this ICR, the only requirement for States is the listing of projects for funding in priority order. State program managers would develop this type of list for their own administrative needs. EPA reviews the information to determine if the State's program meets CWA requirements and evaluates the effectiveness of the State's program management.

Under Title II, construction grant programs may be administered by EPA or delegated States. The requirements for the construction grants program are at 40 CFR Part 35, Subpart I, and Title II of the CWA. These provisions require grantees to submit information to EPA or delegated States, and also require States that award construction grants to submit information to EPA. Authority for collecting this information comes from the Construction Grants Information Collection Request (OMB No. 2040-0027, ICR 0827.05).

EPA is currently phasing out the Construction Grants Program. The program is being replaced by the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Program (Title VI of the Clean Water Act). Established in the 1987 amendment to the CWA, the SRF program provides a continuous source of funding for publicly owned treatment works (POTWs). Because most States are now funding construction projects through the SRF program rather than the Construction Grants Program, the burden associated with the Construction Grants Program has decreased significantly. (The information collection request associated with the SRF program are cleared under a separate ICR, OMB No. 2040-0118, ICR No. 1391.)

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The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement:

Average Burden Hours per Response: 4.7.

Frequency of Response: 280.

Number of Likely Respondents: 60.

Average Annual Cost Burden: \$23,823.68.

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.

Dated: April 27, 1998.

Michael B. Cook,

Director, Office of Wastewater Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Compliance Information Project

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: Compliance Information Project. 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 June 1, 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. 1802.01

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Compliance Information Project (CIP); EPA ICR No. 1802.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the CIP is to test creative new strategies for identifying compliance information which, to date, EPA or the States may have failed to capture or utilize. Sources of such information may include unutilized studies or reports, produced by States, private parties, or other government agencies, and observations by field personnel which, for one reason or another, escape our traditional methods for collecting and documenting information. The CIP is designed to channel such unidentified or unutilized compliance information to the personnel who design and implement our information, targeting, and planning systems to fill gaps in the Agency's or the States' databases, guide us to previously unidentified compliance problems, enhance our ability to describe our successes, or help us in other ways.

Non-Federal respondents will be State compliance and enforcement personnel, especially field inspectors and persons who manage inspectors. Through the CIP, the Agency will conduct field personnel roundtable interviews in each

of the ten EPA Regions, and invite one or two representatives from each State to participate along with Regional personnel. At the request of the States which participated in the pilot roundtable in Region III, the Agency will provide the interview questions in the form of a questionnaire to each of the participants in advance of the roundtable so that each participating organization may prepare for the roundtables and afterwards prepare detailed written responses. The Agency will conduct the roundtables as a group discussion of the questionnaire topics with managers and/or inspectors from the Region and each of the states in the Region. Participants will then return to their states, distribute the questionnaire across media organizations, complete written responses to the questionnaire, and then forward the responses to EPA.

State involvement and participation is essential if the CIP is to succeed. Consultation and coordination with each State participating in the roundtable process is an integral part of the overall project design. Each participating State will receive opportunities to comment on all aspects of the Project, including the design and the content of our discussion questions and work products, and how the new information is used. EPA has extended similar opportunities for involvement to the Environmental Council of States and all of the major State environmental associations. Initial responses to the Project from the States have been positive. In general, the States appear to share EPA's interest in exploring for new sources of compliance information. The States will receive access to all of the compliance information gathered by EPA through the Project, whether from federal, state, or non-governmental sources.

Responses to the information collection request are voluntary and not required to obtain or retain any benefit. The Agency will ask persons who participate in the CIP not to refer to specific persons, facilities, or cases by name, nor collect, as part of this project, references to specific persons, facilities, or cases in any form, unless such information is already in the public record. The Agency will not, and in fact will be unable to, use compliance information collected through the CIP to form compliance conclusions, rank or index performance of specific persons, facilities, or cases. The Agency will not ask for, nor collect, any confidential business information (CBI). All information submitted to the Agency for which a claim of confidentiality is made will be safeguarded. 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** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 12/30/97. No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 117 hours per responding entity. 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: States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 5,850 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$260,667.

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. 1802.01 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: April 27, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed April 20, 1998 Through April 24, 1998

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 980142, Final EIS, AFS, ID, Sandpoint Noxious Weed Control Project, Implementation, Proposing to control noxious weeds on 46 sites, Idaho Panhandles National Forests, Sandpoint Ranger District, Bonner County, ID, Due: June 01, 1998, Contact: Betsy Hammet (208) 263-5111.

EIS No. 980143, Draft EIS, OSM, TN, Fall Creek Falls Petition Evaluation Document, Implementation, Designate the Land as Unsuitable for Surface Coal Mining Operation, Van Buren and Bledsoe Counties, TN, Due: July 30, 1998, Contact: Sam K. Bae (202) 208-2633.

EIS No. 980144, Final EIS, FRC, WA, Skagit River Basin Hydroelectric Projects, Eight Projects—(FERC. No. 10100) (FERC. No. 4437) (FERC. No. 4376) (FERC. No. 9787) (FERC. No. 10311) (FERC. No. 6984) and FERC No. 10269 and No. 10416) Construction and Operation, Licensing, Whatcom and Skagit Counties, WA, Due: June 01, 1998, Contact: Gordon Warren (202) 219-2836.

EIS No. 980145, Legislative Draft, COE, WA, Howard A. Hanson Dam (HHD Additional Water Storage (AWS) Phase I Project, Construction and Operation, Green River Basin, Pierce and King Counties, WA, Due: June 15, 1998, Contact: Ms. Kris Loll (206) 764-3548.

EIS No. 980146, Draft Supplement, AFS, SD, Anchor Hill Mine Expansion Project in Gilt Edge Mine, Additional Information and Clarification, Plan-of-Operations, Approval Black Hills National Forest, SD, Due: June 15, 1998, Contact: Don Murray (605) 578-2744.

EIS No. 980147, Final EIS, USN, CA, Mare Island, Naval Shipyard Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, City of Valley, Solano County, CA, Due: June 01, 1998, Contact: Jerry Hemstock (650) 244-3023.