

DATES: The public review meeting will be held on May 21, 1998 at the EPA headquarter's auditorium, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The meeting will be from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Eastern daylight savings time.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting should register by phoning Ms. Libby Bradley at (919) 541-5578. Please note that space is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Copies of the draft OMB Form 83-I, supporting statement, and questionnaire are available from Public Docket No. A-92-55 at the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. The docket is located at the above address in Room M-1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor), and may be inspected from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The draft materials (docket entries A-92-55, I-J-2, I-J-3, and I-J-4) are available for review in the docket center or copies may be mailed on request from the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center by calling (202) 260-7548 or 7549. The FAX number for the Center is (202) 260-4400. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying. The draft materials are also available free of charge from the EPA's website listing **Federal Register** notices at "<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/t3pfpr.html>" or by contacting one of the people listed below.

Docket. Docket No. A-92-55 is available for public inspection and copying as noted above. The docket is an organized file of information used by the EPA in the development of the Final Report to Congress required by section 112(n)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act. Comments received on the proposed ICR are in category I-J of the docket for review by interested parties.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning specific aspects of this meeting, contact Mr. William Maxwell [telephone number (919) 541-5430; facsimile number (919) 541-5450; e-mail "maxwell.bill@epa.gov"], Combustion Group, Emission Standards Division (MD-13); or Mr. William Grimley [telephone number (919) 541-1065; facsimile number (919) 541-1039; e-mail "grimley.william@epa.gov"], Emission Measurement Center, Emission Monitoring and Analysis Division (MD-19), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA has prepared the proposed ICR Electric

Utility Steam Generating Unit Mercury Emissions Information Collection Effort Information Collection Request; EPA ICR No. 1858.01, for submittal to the OMB.

A public meeting is being held as part of the process of public review of the proposed ICR required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this meeting is for the EPA to listen to public opinion on the draft ICR and any suggested recommendations the public may have regarding changes the Agency should take. Members of the public wishing to present formal comments at the meeting should so indicate when registering. Individual speaking times will be limited to 10 minutes in order to give everyone an equal opportunity to speak.

Seating will be limited for the meeting and advance registration is suggested. Information about attending the meeting and obtaining a copy of the draft materials is provided elsewhere in this notice.

In addition to the public meeting announced herein, the EPA is also willing to meet with interested constituencies in an open exchange of information at other times. Persons wishing to schedule such a meeting should contact Mr. William Maxwell at the number noted above.

After the meeting and the close of the public comment period on June 8, 1998, the draft ICR will be revised based on the comments received and then submitted for OMB review. Another period of public comment will accompany this OMB review. Those wishing to present comments on the draft ICR and those wishing to comment but unable to attend the public meeting are requested to submit written comments. Written comments on the draft ICR must be received by the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center by June 8, 1998 at the address noted above. The EPA requests that a separate copy of all comments also be provided to Mr. William Maxwell at the address noted above.

Dated: April 24, 1998.

Bruce C. Jordan,

Director, Emission Standards Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6007-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Construction Grants Program

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):

Construction Grants Program Information Collection Request, EPA ICR No. 0827.05 and Control No. 2040-0027, current expiration date May 31, 1998. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Lucille Liem, Office of Wastewater Management, Mail Code 4204, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by writing to the preceding address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucille Liem, Telephone Number: (202) 260-5844/Facsimile Number: (202) 260-1827/E-mail:

LIEM.LUCILLE@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are State, Tribal, and Local governments, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Outer Pacific Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

Title: Construction Grants Program (OMB Control No. 2040-0027; EPA ICR 0827.05) expiring 05/31/98.

Abstract: This Information Collection Request (ICR) extends the clearance for the information collection activities required under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Construction Grants Program. The program is authorized by Title II of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Under this program, municipalities and Indian Tribes may obtain grants for wastewater treatment construction projects.

In order to obtain a construction grant, a municipality must submit information describing the project and its ability to manage it. Municipal

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.)

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 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

[FRL-6007-1]

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