complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: NPDES permittees including publicly owned treatment works, privately owned treatment works industrial facilities, and storm water permittees. The sewage sludge record keeping and reporting requirements identified in this ICR apply to treatment works (public and private) treating domestic sewage and to domestic septage haulers. Estimated Number of Respondents: 130,380.

Frequency of Response: Varies depending on nature and effect of the discharge, but, except for storm water discharge, is not less than annually. Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 6,540,416 hours. Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: $278,450,948.

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. 0229.11 and OMB Control No.2040-0004 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.


Joseph Retzer,
Director, Regulatory Information Division.

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; Comment Requests; Identification, Listing and Rulemaking Petitions

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: Identification, Listing and Rulemaking Petitions, expiring 06/30/98. 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 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, or download off the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm and refer to EPA ICR No. 1189.06.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Identification, Listing and Rulemaking Petitions, OMB Control No. 2050-0053; EPA ICR No. 1189.06. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Under 40 CFR 260.20(b), all rulemaking petitioners must submit basic information with their demonstrations, including name, address, and statement of interest in the proposed action. Under section 260.21, all petitioners for equivalent testing or analytical methods must include specific information in their petitions and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Administrator that the proposed method is equal to or superior to the corresponding method in terms of its sensitivity, accuracy, and reproducibility. Under section 260.22, petitions to amend part 261 to exclude a waste produced at a particular facility (more simply, to delist a waste) must meet extensive informational requirements. When a petition is submitted, the Agency reviews materials, deliberates, publishes its tentative decision in the Federal Register, and requests public comment. EPA also may hold informal public hearings if requested by an interested person or at the discretion of the Administrator to hear oral comments on its tentative decision. After evaluating all comments, EPA publishes its final decision in the Federal Register.

40 CFR 260.30, 260.31, and 260.33 comprise the standards, criteria, and procedures for variances from classification as a solid waste for three types of materials: materials that are collected speculatively without sufficient amounts being recycled; materials that are reclaimed and then reused within the original primary production process in which they were generated; and industrial residuals which have been reclaimed, but must be reclaimed further before the materials are completely recovered. This variance is available to owners or operators of enclosed flame combustion devices. 40 CFR 261.33 and 261.4 contain provisions that allow generators to obtain a hazardous waste exclusion for certain types of wastes. Facilities applying for these exclusions must either submit supporting information or keep detailed records. Under section 261.3(a)(2)(iv), generators may obtain a hazardous waste exclusion for wastewater mixtures subject to Clean Water Act regulation. Under section 261.3(c)(2)(ii)(C), generators may obtain an exclusion for certain non-wastewater residues resulting from high metals recovery processing (HTMR) or K061, K062 and F006 waste. In addition, under section 261.4(b)(6), generators of chromium-containing waste may obtain a hazardous waste exclusion under certain conditions.

Also addressed under this section is the shipment of samples between generators and laboratories for the purpose of testing to determine its characteristics or composition. Sample handlers who are not subject to DOT or USPS shipping requirements must comply with the information requirements of section 261.4(d)(2). When intended for treatability studies, hazardous waste otherwise subject to regulation under Subtitle C of RCRA is exempted from these regulations, provided that the requirements in section 261.4(e)-(f) are met, including the following information requests: Initial notification, recordkeeping, reporting, and final notification. In addition, generators and collectors of treatability study samples also may request quantity limit increases and time extensions, as specified in section 261.4(e)(3).

40 CFR 261.31(b)(2)(ii) governs procedures and informational requirements for generators and treatment, storage and disposal facilities to obtain exemptions from listing as F037 and F038 wastes. Also under this section are regulations promulgated in 1990 under section 261.35(b) and governing procedures and informational requirements for the cleaning or replacement of all process equipment that may have come into contact with chlorophenolic formulations or constituents thereof, including, but not limited to, treatment cylinders, sumps, tanks, piping systems, drip pads, fork lifts, and transms.

EPA anticipates that some data provided by respondents will be claimed as confidential Business Information (CBI). Respondents may make a business confidentiality claim by marking the appropriate data as CBI.
Respondents may not withhold information from the Agency because they believe it is confidential. Information so designated will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent set forth in 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 document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 23, 1998 (63 FR 3561-3562). One comment was received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 57 hours per response. 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: Hazardous Waste Handlers, Generators, or Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities

Estimated Number of Respondents: 330

Frequency of Response: 1

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 18,670 hours

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: $41,000

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. 1189.06 and OMB Control No. 2050-0053 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 (or E-Mail Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov); and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.


Joseph Retzer,
Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology, Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Amendment to Notice

Published April 28, 1998.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) now gives notice of a meeting of the Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT).

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities. The purpose of the Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee is to advise the Administrator and Deputy Administrator of EPA on techniques that may be used by EPA funding recipients to operate environmental permitting programs in compliance with Title VI. The Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee is one of four standing committees of NACEPT.

The Committee consists of 23 independent representatives drawn from among state and local governments, industry, the academic community, tribal and indigenous interests, and grassroots environmental and other non-governmental organizations.

DATES: The previous notice announced in error that the Committee would meet on April 18 and 19. We regret the confusion and any inconvenience that this error may have caused.

The Committee will meet on May 18, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and May 19, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The public comment session will be held on May 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Members of the public who wish to make brief oral presentations should contact Lois Williams at 202–260–6891 by May 11, 1998 to reserve time during the public comment session. Individuals or groups making presentations will be limited to a total of five minutes. Those who have not reserved time in advance may make comments during the public comment session as time allows.

ADDRESS: The Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike and Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204. The meeting is open to the public. However, seating will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.


Gregory Kenyon,
Designated Federal Officer, NACEPT Title VI Implementation Advisory Committee.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6008–5]

Notice of Stakeholder Meeting on the Draft 1999 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey Approach

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Announcement of stakeholder meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting to brief interested parties and collect their opinions on the Draft 1999 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey Approach. The EPA will consider the comments and views expressed at these meetings in developing the final survey approach. EPA encourages the full participation of all stakeholders.

DATES: The stakeholder meeting regarding the Draft 1999 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey Approach will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 1998, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM EDT.

ADDRESS: The May 19, 1998 stakeholder meeting will be held in the WIC Conference Room 17, U.S. EPA Headquarters, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC. To register for the meeting, please contact the EPA Safe