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**David P. Boergers,**  
Acting Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6103-2]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; 1999 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey**

**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 EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): 1999 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey, EPA ICR # 1708.02. 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 July 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the ICR without charge please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, (800) 426-4791. Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (ET), Monday—Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Copies are also available from the Office of Water Resource Center (RC4100), U.S. EPA Headquarters, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Safe Drinking Water Hotline, (800) 426-4791,

e-mail: hotline-sdwa-group@epamail.epa.gov; or Richard Naylor, (202) 260-5135, fax (202) 260-0732, e-mail: naylor.richard@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which own, operate or regulate community water systems but not limited to: Owners/operators of community water systems, State Environmental Water Quality Agencies, and State Departments of Health.

**Title:** 1999 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey, EPA ICR # 1708.02.

**Abstract:** The purpose of this information collection is to identify the current and future infrastructure needs of community and nonprofit noncommunity public water systems for the 20-year period from January 1999 through December 2018. The collection will be conducted by EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) in order to comply with Sections 1452(h) and 1452 (i)(4) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (Public Law 104-182).

The collection will involve two methods. A questionnaire will be used to collect information from large and medium community water systems. For small systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems, data will be collected through a site visit by the EPA contractor. Questionnaires and site visit reports will be reviewed by State Needs Survey Coordinators before submission to EPA.

The data from the questionnaires and the site visits will provide EPA with a basis for estimating the drinking water infrastructure needs of community water systems for the 20-year period, January 1999 through December 2018. Furthermore, under section 1452 (a)(1)(D) of SDWA, the results of the needs survey must be used as the basis for allocating Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund capitalization grant funds among the States. Responses to the collection of information are voluntary.

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:** It is estimated that this information collection will involve a total cost burden to the Respondents of \$1,533,029 and a total hour burden to the Respondents of 44,096 hours. There will be no capital, start-up or operation and maintenance costs but the collection will involve a one time response, from 4,670 respondents, of approximately 9.4 hours per respondent. 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: May 21, 1998.

**Cynthia Dougherty,**

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Underground Injection Control Program**

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