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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

[FRL-6102-6]

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

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: Information Collection Request for the Underground Injection Control Program (OMB Control No. 2040-0042; EPA ICR No. 0370.16), expiring June 30, 1998. 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 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-mail at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 370.16.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Information Collection Request for the Underground Injection Control Program (OMB Control No. 2040-0042; EPA ICR No. 370.16), expiring June 30, 1998. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program under the Safe Drinking Water Act established a Federal and State regulatory system to protect underground sources of drinking water from contamination by injected fluids. Owners and operators of underground injection wells must obtain permits, conduct environmental monitoring, maintain records, and report results to EPA or the State primacy Agency. States must report to EPA on permittee compliance and related information. The information is reported using standardized forms, and the regulations are codified at 40 CFR parts 144 through 148. The data is used to ensure the safety of underground sources of drinking water. 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. 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 February 19, 1998 (63 FR 8449). One comment was received by EPA.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.59 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: Entities potentially affected by this action are owners and operators of underground injection wells and their States' Agencies including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Trust Territories, Indian Tribes, and Alaska's Native Villages.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53,268.

Frequency of Response: Operators of Class I, III and some Class V wells must report monitoring results quarterly; Class II operators report annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,135,273 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$27,648,934.

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 2040-0042 and OMB Control No. 370.16 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: May 20, 1998.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6102-7]

Science Advisory Board, Environmental Health Committee; Notification of Public Meeting, June 9-10, 1998

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, notification is hereby given that the Environmental Health Committee (EHC) (henceforth, the "Committee") of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Tuesday June 9 and Wednesday June 10, 1998, beginning no earlier than 8:30 am and ending no later than 5:00 pm on each day. The meeting will be held in the Main Auditorium, U.S. EPA, Environmental Research Center, Route 54 and Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. The meeting is open to the public, however, due to limited space, seating will be on a first-come basis.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to review: (a) Case studies on the application of the Inhalation Reference Concentrations (RfC) Methods; and (b) the Acute Reference Exposure Methodology (ARE). Both the RfC Methods and the ARE Methods were developed by the U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD), National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA).

Charge for the RfC Methods Case Studies Review

The Methodology document provides the general conceptual framework for evaluation of inhalation toxicity, as well as the specifics and operational procedures for this evaluation. The procedures of the methodology will continue to develop as the state-of-science changes. The general charge to the Committee is to conduct a review on the utility of the conceptual framework through examination of case studies of chemicals across various types of agents (particle versus gas category) and data base (human versus laboratory animal; incomplete or comprehensively complete). The Committee is also charged to comment on specific aspects