

the statutory requirement to maintain reporting on a substantial majority of releases for all listed toxic chemicals. Without the Form A, users of TRI data would not have access to any information on these chemicals. The Form A may also serve as a de facto range report, which may be useful to any party interested in amounts being handled at a particular facility or for broader statistical purposes. Additionally, the Form A provides compliance monitoring for enforcement programs and other interested parties with a means to track chemical management activities and verify overall compliance with the rule.

Responses to this collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR Part 372) and facilities subject to reporting must either submit a Form A or a Form R.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 67.8 hour per response for an estimated 13,157 respondents making one or more submissions of information. These estimates include 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. No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for these regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are those chemical facilities that manufacture, process or otherwise use certain toxic chemicals listed on the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) and which are required, under section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), to report annually to EPA their environmental releases of such chemicals.

**Estimated No. of Respondents:** 13,157.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 909,392 hours.

**Frequency of Collection:** Annual.

**Changes in Burden Estimates:** There is a decrease of about 82,000 hours in

the total estimated respondent burden as compared with that identified in the information collection request most recently approved by OMB, from 991,301 hours currently to an estimated 909,392 hours. This reflects downward adjustments made in calculating the number of eligible respondents and responses based on TRI reporting data from the 1996 reporting year (the most recent TRI data available). In addition EPA has modified the Form A to permit respondents to make multiple certifications on a single form, with an accompanying change in the number of estimated responses, producing another downward change in the burden of respondents.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days of this notice, as described above.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Announcement of National Drinking Water Advisory Council Benefits Working Group; Open Meeting

Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a conference call for the Benefits Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f et seq.), will be held on August 11, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. EDT. The conference call meeting location will be in the Carson Room at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Education Center, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460. The meeting is open to the public but conference lines and/or seating will be limited and access will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The purpose of this conference call is to review a draft report of advice and recommendations to NDWAC, based on the discussions and presentations of the May 19-20, 1998 meeting of the working group. The meeting is open to the public to observe and statements

will be taken from the public as time allows.

For more information, please contact, John Bennett, Designated Federal Officer, Benefits Working Group, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4607), 401 M Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. The telephone number is 202-260-0446, fax 202-260-3762, and e-mail address bennett.johnb@epamail.epa.gov.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Notice of Receipt of Requests for Amendments to Delete Uses in Certain Pesticide Registrations

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request for amendment by registrants to delete uses in certain pesticide registrations.

**DATES:** Unless a request is withdrawn, the Agency will approve these use deletions and the deletions will become effective on January 19, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: James A. Hollins, Office of Pesticide Programs (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Office location for commercial courier, delivery, telephone number and e-mail: Rm. 216, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5761; e-mail: hollins.james@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Introduction

Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be amended to delete one or more uses. The Act further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any such request in the **Federal Register**. Thereafter, the Administrator may approve such a request.