

Need for and Use of the Collection Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make one-time-only notifications and reports, must keep records as required of all facilities subject to NSPS requirements. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. Monitoring requirements specific to NSPS subpart Ea and subpart Eb provide information on the operation of the emissions control devices and compliance with the MWC organics, MWC metals, MWC acid gases, good combustion practices (GCP), and nitrogen oxides. Owners and operators must submit semiannual and annual compliance reports. In addition, facilities subject to subpart Eb are required to keep records of the weekly amount of carbon used for carbon injection and to calculate the estimated hourly carbon injection rate for hours of operation as a means of determining continuous compliance for mercury. Quarterly reports of excess emissions are required under subpart Ea, while semi-annual reports of excess emissions are required under subpart Eb. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance; and are required, in general, of all sources subject to NSPS.

Any owner or operator subject to the provisions of subpart Ea shall maintain a file of these measurements, and retain the file for at least 2 years. For MWCs subject to subpart Eb all records are required to be maintained at the source for a period of 5 years. All reports are sent to the delegated State or Local authority. In the event that there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA Regional Office.

The required notifications are used to inform the Agency or delegated authority when a source becomes subject to the standard. The reviewing authority may then inspect the source to check if the pollution control devices are properly installed and operated, and the standard is being met. Performance test reports are needed as these are the Agency's record of a source's initial capability to comply with the emission standards, and serve as a record of the operating conditions under which compliance was achieved. The information generated by monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements described in this ICR issued by the Agency to ensure that facilities affected by the NSPS continue to operate the control equipment and achieve continuous compliance with the

regulation. The collection of this information is mandatory. 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 9/4/98 (63 FR 47279); No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 316 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. The total annualized cost burden includes the capital cost for continuous emission monitors (CEMs) of \$240,000 and the annualized operation and maintenance costs of \$323,010, which includes costs for calibrating the CEMs.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Owners and operators of municipal waste combustors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Response: one-time, quarterly, semi-annual and annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 67,004 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$563,010.

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. 1506.08 and OMB Control No. 2060-0210 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy.

Regulatory Information Division
(2137), 401 M Street, SW,
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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: November 20, 1998.

Richard Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6194-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; EPA EMPACT Urban Environmental Issues Study of 86 Cities

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: EPA EMPACT Urban Environmental Issues Study of 86 Cities; EPA ICR No. 1864.01. 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 December 30, 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. 1864.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: EPA EMPACT Urban Environmental Issues Study of 86 Cities, EPA ICR No. 1864.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: The Environmental Monitoring for Public Access and Community Tracking Program (EMPACT) is a pilot program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. By the year 2001, it will provide to citizens in 86 of the largest urban areas in the country, up-to-date urban

environmental information they can understand and use in their day-to-day decision making about their health and the environment. As a part of program planning efforts, EMPACT is currently developing a telephone survey. The objective of the survey is to rank citizens' top local urban environmental concerns in each of the 86 EMPACT cities. EMPACT will use this information for the following purposes:

- Direct successful FY '99 projects into new metropolitan areas
- Guide the selection of EMPACT urban grant recipients
- Directing the development of information delivery systems in urban areas
- Guiding the development of new/innovative information delivery and public access media and models
- Support information needs of concurrent programs

Participation in this data collection effort is 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 **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 3, 1998. Two comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .20 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: citizens within 86 designated EMPACT cities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,600.

Frequency of Response: one-time collection.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1720 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$0.00.

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 and OMB Control No. in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OP 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: November 19, 1998.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6194-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Environmental Information Customer 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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Center for Environmental Information and Statistics, Environmental Information Customer Survey. The ICR describes the nature of this 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 December 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION 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. 1853.01

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CEIS Environmental Information Customer Survey (EPA ICR Number 1853.01) This is a new collection.

Abstract: This information collection request covers a *voluntary* program of activities to be implemented by the EPA's Center for Environmental Information and Statistics (CEIS) over the next three years (FY1999-2001). The CEIS was established in EPA's Office of Policy starting in 1997, to provide the public with a single, convenient source of EPA's information on environmental quality, status and trends. In brief, CEIS compiles existing data and information from major EPA databases and makes that information available to the public in plain English and in graphical, easy-to-use formats. The CEIS is providing this information to the public via a Web site on EPA's home page (www.epa.gov/ceis), publications, and in other suitable formats identified by EPA's information customers. Soon after the announcement of the Center, a *Customer Survey Plan* was drafted and peer reviewed to establish a three-year series of survey activities to keep CEIS informed of the public's changing environmental information needs and access preferences. The survey activities identified in this information collection request will ultimately support the achievement of EPA's goals to, "Expand Americans' Right to Know About Their Environment" (per EPA's *Strategic Plan* (EPA/190-E-97-002)). The results of these survey activities will also shape the development and delivery of the Center's products and services over time.

The survey activities in the *Customer Survey Plan* will enable the Center to:

- Identify who among the general public uses environmental information;
- Understand who, among the public, considers themselves to be an EPA environmental information customer;
- Understand, who among the public, considers themselves to be a customer of the new Center,
- Assess what types of data and information CEIS customers need and how they would like to access these data and information, and,
- Develop the capacity to use customer feedback in developing and improving the Center's products and services.

The CEIS *Customer Survey Plan* calls for a three year, iterative program of qualitative and quantitative survey activities including telephone surveys, focus groups, interviews, and self-