

information and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those operations that chemically pulp wood fiber using kraft or soda methods to produce bleached papergrade pulp, paperboard, coarse paper, tissue paper, fine paper, and/or paperboard; those operations that chemically pulp wood fiber using papergrade sulfite methods to produce pulp and/or paper; and State permitting and local pretreatment control authorities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130.

Frequency of Response: Initial plus annual and as-needed to respond to leaks or spills and to update records. Initial and annual recurring burden for state permitting and local pretreatment control authorities.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 122,383 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$7,255,000.

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. 1829.01 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: December 22, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; 1999 Hazardous Waste Report (Biennial Report)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: 1999 Hazardous Waste Report; 0976.09; OMB Control Number 2050-0024; expiration date 9/30/99. 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 January 28, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY: 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. 0976.09.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* The 1999 Hazardous Waste Report (Biennial Report); OMB Control Number 2050-0024, expiring 9/30/99. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: EPA collects and maintains information about the generation, management, and final disposition of the nation's hazardous waste regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA obtains this information in large degree through the 1999 Hazardous Waste Report, commonly called the Biennial Report. Every two years, the Hazardous Waste Report is sent to hazardous waste generators and facilities that treat, store, or dispose hazardous waste activities. Data provided is entered into a database by the states and/or EPA Regions. This data is used for planning and regulatory purposes by both the states and EPA. This collection is mandated under the authority of Sections 3002 and 3004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984. Section 3002 requires hazardous waste generators to report to EPA or authorized states, at least every two years, the quantities, nature, and disposition of generated hazardous waste. Under the authority of Section 3004, EPA requires reporting by treatment, storage, and disposal facilities for the wastes they receive. 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 Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 10/13/98 (63 FR 54691). Three comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12.8 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: Large Quantity Generators and Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,430.

Frequency of Response: Biennially.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 98,777 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$3,794,877.

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. 0976.09 and OMB Control No. 2050-0024 in any correspondence.

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