

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6329-4]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for the Water Quality Standards Regulation****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 Water Quality Standards Regulation, EPA ICR # 988.07; OMB Control #2040-0049; Expiration Date: June 30, 1999. 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 May 20, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 988.07.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Information Collection Request for the Water Quality Standards Regulation, OMB Control #2040-0049; EPA ICR No. 988.07; expiring on June 30, 1999. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** Water Quality Standards (WQS) are provisions of State, Tribal, and Federal law which consist of designated uses for waters of the United States, numeric or narrative water quality criteria to protect the designated uses, and an antidegradation policy to protect existing uses and high quality waters. States are required by Federal law to establish water quality standards. Clean Water Act Section 303(c) requires States and certain Indian Tribes (those Tribes that have received EPA authorization to administer the water quality standards program and have had their water quality standards approved by EPA) to review and, if appropriate, revise their water quality standards regulations once every three years and to submit to EPA the results of the review. EPA then reviews each State

and Tribal submission for approval or disapproval.

The WQS Regulation (40 CFR part 131) is the EPA regulation governing the implementation of the water quality standards program. The WQS Regulation describes requirements and procedures for the States and Tribes to develop, review, and revise their water quality standards, and EPA procedures for reviewing and approving the water quality standards. Additionally, the regulation specifies information that an Indian Tribe must submit to EPA in order to determine whether a Tribe is qualified to administer the WQS Program. Finally, the WQS Regulation describes a dispute resolution mechanism that will assist in resolving disputes that arise between States and Tribes over water quality standards on common waterbodies.

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 11/30/98 (63 FR 65776); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2293 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:** State and Tribal governments.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 83.

**Frequency of Response:** once every three years for water quality standards submittal to EPA; once per Tribal application for the water quality standards program; once per dispute resolution request.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 190,336 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (O&M and capital/startup costs only):** \$0.

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. 988.07 and OMB Control No. 2040-0049 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, 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: April 14, 1999.

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**Effluent Guidelines Task Force Open Meeting****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Correction, announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Effluent Guidelines Task Force public meeting notice was published on April 5, 1999, at 64 FR 16449. Today's notice changes the meeting location to the DoubleTree Hotel—National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, May 5, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel—National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Randolph, Office of Water (4303), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460; telephone (202) 260-5373; fax (202) 260-7185.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act