

j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* June 17, 1999.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please include the project numbers (3755-011 and 3756-012) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Filing:* The City of Bountiful, Utah, (City) applied to amend the license of the Echo Project to include within the project boundary an existing 18-mile-long transmission line extending from the East Canyon Dam to Bountiful. The transmission line was originally licensed as part of the East Canyon Project and was the only feature of the East Canyon Project constructed. The 18-mile-long transmission line is a part of the existing 30.5-mile-long transmission line between the Echo Project and Bountiful.

The City also proposes not to construct the remaining project features of the East Canyon Project and surrender the license. The East Canyon Project is licensed to use the existing U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Bureau) East Canyon Dam and Reservoir. The City reports that in May 1988, the Bureau notified the City it would not permit the construction of the hydroelectric project until certain dam safety issues were resolved. The City states the Bureau has not fully resolved the dam safety issues, to date. The City maintains that uncertainties regarding the dam's stability make it difficult or impossible to secure adequate financing to develop the project.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in items h above.

m. *Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.*

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211 and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the

Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

**Filing and Service of Responsive Documents**—Any filing must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

**Agency Comments**—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6341-7]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; 1999 EPCRA Implementation Status Questionnaire for State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and California Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs)

**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 EPCRA Implementation Status Questionnaire for State Emergency

Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and California Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs), EPA ICR No. 1905.01. 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 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, ATTN: Lauren Volpini, EPCRA Enforcement and Compliance Program Manager, 75 Hawthorne Street, Mailstop: SFD-1-2, San Francisco, CA 94105.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lauren Volpini, (415) 744-2333 or via electronic mail at [volpini.lauren@epa.gov](mailto:volpini.lauren@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are state and local emergency planning organizations, each of which could be considered a "small entity." Therefore, establishing differing requirements and/or exemptions from coverage is not practicable. However, Region IX will make every effort to minimize "the burden on persons who shall provide information." This will be accomplished by ensuring that the questionnaire is as concise as practicable, the instructions clarify the respondent's burden, and the survey questions are simple to answer with information that is readily available to the respondent.

The perception of burden is inherently reduced by the fact that participation in this information collection is voluntary, which will be clearly stated at the beginning of the survey.

*Title:* 1999 EPCRA Implementation Status Questionnaire for State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and California Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs), EPA ICR No. 1905.01.

*Abstract:* The Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, proposes to conduct a Regional survey of State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and California Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs). The information collected in this survey will be used to assess the general progress, status, and activity level of SERCs, LEPCs and CUPAs. The information will also be used by Region IX staff to have a better understanding of their Region's actual implementation of EPCRA.

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) introduced a fundamental change in the regulation of chemical facilities and the prevention of and preparedness for chemical accidents. This law seeks to improve emergency preparedness and reduce the risk of chemical accidents by providing information to citizens about the chemicals in their community. EPCRA is premised on the concept that the more informed local citizens are about chemical hazards in their communities the more involved they will be in prevention and preparedness activities. For this "informational regulation" to be effective, the public must receive accurate and reliable information, which is easy to understand and practical to use. EPCRA sought to create partnerships between all levels of government, the public and the regulated community to identify, prevent, plan, prepare and respond to hazardous material risks in our communities, and the purpose of this survey is to obtain input from these organizations to improve Region IX's EPCRA program.

The key obligations of each of the EPCRA partners include the following. Every Governor was to appoint a SERC, and every SERC was to establish one or more LEPCs. Every facility subject to EPCRA (including Federal installations) is required to submit annual chemical inventory reports to their SERC, LEPC and local Fire Departments. Upon release of a hazardous substance into the environment, immediate notification and written follow-up reports must be made to the SERC, LEPC and the National Response Center (NRC). Information generated by the SERCs, LEPCs and facilities is to be made available to the public upon request. In California, many of the responsibilities of an LEPC are met by the CUPAs and other designated local agencies. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (State OES) has traditionally served as the point of contact for the SERC in California under EPCRA.

Region IX's role has been to provide guidance and assistance to SERCs, LEPCs, emergency responders, the regulated community and the public as well as take enforcement action against those who violate EPCRA requirements. Over the years, Region IX has distributed grant monies and has provided technical, programmatic and legal support to the SERCs and LEPCs in the region. Region IX has provided regulatory, CAMEO and other training to hundreds of public and private sector participants and continues to support a variety of EPCRA related projects

initiated by our state and local counterparts.

The primary goals of this research are to: (1) Track the progress of SERCs, LEPCs and CUPAs by updating baseline data on a series of key performance indicators; and (2) probe current SERC, LEPC and CUPA practices and preferences regarding several important sets of issues—particularly including communications with local citizens, proactive accident prevention efforts, and the effectiveness of selected Region IX products and services. Region IX wants to improve our customer service and meet the changing needs of hazardous material prevention and emergency response planning, which are influenced by new electronic capabilities and a rapidly expanding knowledge base of environmental issues.

An effort will be made to survey all (about 190) SERCs, LEPCs and CUPAs. Introductory letters will be sent to an inclusive list of SERCs, LEPCs and CUPAs. This letter will describe the purpose of the survey and provide the respondent with the choice of either responding via a password protected web-site or mailed hard copy. SERCs, LEPCs and CUPAs will indicate their preference on the questionnaire included in the mailing and return the completed questionnaire to EPA. EPA will monitor the web-based survey and written submissions, and compile the data.

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 there will be 190 respondents to the EPCRA Implementation Status Questionnaire for State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and California Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs). Region IX estimates that each respondent will spend 1.5 hours either completing the on-line response form or the hard copy questionnaire. Region IX estimates a total response burden of 1.5 hours per participant.

Labor costs for responding are estimated at \$26.36 per hour (combined average for white-collar workers in private industry and state/local government), based on the "Employer Cost for Employment Compensation" (Bureau of Labor and Statistics USDL 98-285 7/09/98). There is no need for "developing, acquiring or utilizing technology systems for the purpose of collecting, validating or verifying information," "disclosing and providing information," "adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previous applicable instructions or requirements," "training personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information," "searching data sources," nor a need for respondents to keep records. Burden activities include only a few steps: Reading or listening to instructions, reading or listening to survey questions, and responding to survey questions. The average cost per respondent is \$39.54.

No capital expenditures are needed by the respondent to complete the survey.

No operating and maintenance costs (on-going non-wage expenditures) are needed to complete the survey.

There are no capital or start-up costs.

To perform EPA's activities for the survey, Region IX estimates that 80 hours of a federal employee at the GS-13, Step 4 level will be needed, at an hourly wage of \$29.41. This estimate is based on the 1999 GS annual pay schedule divided by 2,080 hours per year and multiplied by 1.6 (the standard government benefits multiplication factor). Region IX estimates that the federal employee will work 4.6% of the employee's time on this project during the life of the survey (1/1/99-10/31/99, 43.2 weeks) or approximately 80 hours (1,728 hours\* .046), for an estimated cost to manage this project of \$2,352.80.

EPA will be assisted in the survey by a contractor. The budget period is for 12 months. Funding covers: Survey design and planning; development of sampling plan; data collection and processing; quality control of data; analyzing and

reporting. EPA estimates that the contractor will require a total of 300 hours at a total cost of \$20,000.00 in order to perform these activities.

Region IX estimates that 190 respondents will voluntarily respond to the survey at a total burden of 285 hours and a total cost of \$7,512.60.

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: April 27, 1999.

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*Acting Deputy Director, Superfund Division, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6342-8]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Continuing Collection; Comment Request; Notification of Regulated Waste Activity and RCRA Hazardous Waste Permit Application and Modification, Part A

**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 continuing Information Collection Requests (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Notification of Regulated Waste Activity, EPA ICR #261.12, OMB No. 2050-0028, expires on October 31, 1999 and RCRA Hazardous Waste Permit Application and Modification, Part A, EPA ICR #262.08, OMB No. 2050-0034, expires on October 31, 1999. Before submitting the ICRs 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 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-1999-RWIP-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ) 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA address below. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to : rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-1999-RWIP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Commenters should not submit any confidential business information (CBI) electronically. An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page. This document and the supporting documents that detail the Notification of Regulated Waste Activity and RCRA Permit Application and Modification, Part A ICRs are also electronically available. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on accessing them.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Michael by mail at the Office of Solid Waste (5303W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, by phone at (703) 308-8610, or by Internet e-mail at: michael.james@epamail.epa.gov.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Internet Availability**

Today's document and the supporting documents that detail the Notification of Regulated Waste Activity and RCRA

Hazardous Waste Permit Application and Modification, Part A ICRs are available on the Internet. Follow these instructions to access this information electronically:

WWWURL: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/notify/index.htm>  
FTP: <ftp://ftp.epa.gov>  
Login: anonymous  
Password: your Internet e-mail address  
Path: /pub/epaoswer

**Note:** The official record for this action will be kept in paper form and maintained at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

**Affected Entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are generators, transporters and owners and operators of hazardous waste management facilities.

**Title:** Notification of Regulated Waste Activity, EPA CR I#261.12, OMB No. 2050-0028, expires on October 31, 1999 and RCRA Hazardous Waste Permit Application and Modification, Part A, EPA ICR #262.08, OMB No. 2050-0034, expires on October 31, 1999.

**Abstract:** Section 3010 of Subtitle C of RCRA, as amended, requires any person who generates or transports regulated waste or who owns or operates a facility for the treatment, storage, or disposal (TSD) of regulated waste to notify EPA of their activities, including the location and general description of activities and the regulated wastes handled. Section 3005 of Subtitle C of RCRA requires TSDs to obtain a permit. To obtain the permit, the TSD must submit an application describing the facility's operation. There are two parts to the RCRA permit application—Part A and Part B. Part A defines the processes to be used for treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes: the design capacity of such processes; and the specific hazardous wastes to be handled at the facility.

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 Agency today begins an effort to examine the notification and Part A permit application forms and consider options for reducing their burden and increasing the usefulness of the information these forms collect. The Agency would appreciate any information on the users of this information, how they use this information, how the information could be improved, and how the burden for these forms can be reduced.

Therefore, the EPA would like to solicit comments to: