

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 133 hours per response. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are persons in the United States who manufacture, distribute, process, import, use or dispose of chemical substances or mixtures.

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 40.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent:* 235 (average).

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* Approximately 1,110,800 hours.

*Estimated total annual burden costs:* Approximately \$263.5 million.

#### VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

The major change from the information collection most recently approved by OMB is a significant increase in the estimated burden hours to respondents, from an average annual total burden of 76,450 hours currently approved to an average annual total burden of 1,110,782 hours in this request. This increase reflects the addition of a proposed High Production Volume (HPV) test rule that will review 3,000 chemicals over a 3 year period, or 1,000 chemicals annually, and a children's health test rule that will review 44 chemicals in the first year of this ICR. EPA assumes that half the chemicals targeted for these TSCA section 4 rulemakings will be enrolled in the voluntary testing program. Only those costs and burdens associated with the voluntary program are considered in this ICR. EPA is particularly interested in receiving comments on these changes.

#### VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Information collection requests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: July 13, 1999.

**Susan H. Wayland,**

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6408-9]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs

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: General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs, EPA ICR No. 0938.07, OMB Control No. 2030-0020, expiration date September 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 August 27, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0938.07.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs (OMB Control No. 2030-0020; EPA ICR No. 0938.07, expiration date September 30, 1999). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The information is collected from applicants/recipients of EPA assistance and is used to make awards, pay recipients and collect information on how Federal funds are being spent. EPA needs the information to meet its

Federal stewardship responsibilities. Recipient responses are required to obtain a benefit (Federal funds) under 40 CFR part 30, "Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-profit Organizations" and 40 CFR part 31, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments."

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 03/25/99 (64 FR 14441). No comments were received.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 31 hours per respondent. 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:* Not-for-profit institutions, individuals; state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,623.

*Frequency of Response:* as required; varies.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 142,435 hours.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost (non-labor) 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. 0938.07 and

OMB Control No. 2030-0020 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: July 22, 1999.

**Joseph Retzer, Director,**

*Regulatory Information Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6409-1]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; EPA Office of Site Remediation Enforcement Program Evaluation ICR

**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 Office of Site Remediation Enforcement Program Evaluation ICR, EPA ICR Number 1890.01. 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 August 27, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1890.01.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* EPA Office of Site Remediation Enforcement Program Evaluation ICR, EPA ICR Number 1890.01. This is a new collection.

*Abstract:* During the last 3-5 years, EPA's Office of Site Remediation Enforcement (OSRE), in conjunction with EPA's Office of Emergency and

Remedial Response (OERR), has been implementing a series of Administrative Reforms in the Superfund program. These reforms are an effort to make Superfund a faster, fairer, and more efficient program for all parties involved. With 3-5 years of implementation past for a number of these reforms, OSRE is interested to learn how well these Administrative Reforms have worked and whether they have achieved their stated intentions in the eyes of the external stakeholders whom the reforms were intended to impact. The purpose of this ICR is to enable OSRE to collect data on the effectiveness of Superfund Administrative Reforms so that we can understand which of the reforms are most effective, as well as to obtain anecdotal and statistically valid information on the outcomes of the reforms.

With each of the information collections described in this ICR, OSRE will be measuring whether or not the Administrative Reform is meeting its intended goal, such as speeding site study and cleanup and reducing private party transaction costs. Typical goals of the Administrative Reforms include: increasing the efficiency of reaching settlements with parties at Superfund sites; reducing transaction costs for parties at Superfund sites; increasing the fairness of enforcement actions at Superfund sites; and facilitating the reuse of Superfund sites.

OSRE is planning to conduct program evaluations of up to 15 Superfund policies and Superfund reform initiatives. Eight of these reform initiatives are known and listed below. An additional seven program evaluations will take place as part of these information collections, but the exact topics are not known at this time. The eight known program evaluations are:

- (1) Orphan Share Compensation
- (2) Unilateral Administrative Order Administrative Reform
- (3) Effective Oversight Management Administrative Reform
- (4) Expedited Settlements Reform
- (5) De Minimis Settlements
- (6) PRP Response Costs and PRP Transaction Costs
- (7) Reuse of Superfund and Brownfield Sites
- (8) Disbursement of Response Costs to PRPs Performing Work from Special Accounts.

Information will be collected through a series of mail, telephone, and on-line survey questionnaires. Responses to these information collection requests are voluntary and one-time efforts.

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*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.86 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:* Businesses; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,520.

*Frequency of Response:* One time only.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 9,994 hours.

*Estimated Total Annualized Capital, Operating/ Maintenance 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. 1890.01 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;  
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