

as the survey is phased in. For the first two years of the program an average of 350 questionnaires were distributed. EPA assumes the total number of questionnaires to be sent in the next three years as 4,500; 1,000 surveys the first year; 1,500 questionnaires the second year; 2,000 questionnaires the third year.)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Frequency of Response: One time per year.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 3,000 hours (per year). (13,500 total hours/3 years; 3,000 hours the first year; 4,500 hours the second year; 6,000 hours the third year.)

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Tudor T. Davies,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6435-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Sewage Sludge Management State 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: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Sewage Sludge Management State Programs, OMB Control Number 2040-0057, which expires on November 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 October 12, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (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. 0168.07.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Sewage Sludge Management State

Programs (OMB Control No. 2040-0057; EPA ICR No. 0168.07) which expires on 11/30/99. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Under the NPDES program, States, Federally Recognized Indian Tribes, and U.S. Territories, hereafter referred to as States, may acquire the authority to issue permits. These governments have the option of acquiring authority to issue general permits (permits that cover a category or categories of similar discharges). States with existing NPDES programs must submit requests for program modifications to add Federal facilities, or general permit authority. In addition, as federal statutes and regulations are modified, States must submit program modifications to ensure that their program continues to meet Federal requirements.

States have the option of obtaining a sludge management program. This program may be a component of a State NPDES Program, or it may be administered as a separate program. To obtain a NPDES or sludge program, a State must submit an application that includes a program description, an Attorney General's Statement, draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the EPA Region, and copies of the State's statutes and regulations.

Once a State obtains authority for an NPDES or sludge program, it becomes responsible for implementing the program in that jurisdiction. The State must retain records on the permittees and perform inspections. In addition, when a State obtains NPDES or sludge authority, EPA must oversee the program. Thus, States must submit permit information and compliance reports to the EPA.

When EPA issues a permit in an unauthorized State, that State must certify that the permit requirements comply with State water laws. According to the Clean Water Act (CWA) (section 510), States may adopt discharge requirements that are equal to or more stringent than requirements in the CWA or Federal regulations.

There are three categories of reporting requirements that are covered by this ICR. The first category, "State Program Requests," includes the activities States must complete to request a new NPDES or sludge program, or to modify an existing program. The second category, "State Program Implementation," includes the activities that approved States must complete to implement an existing program, such as certification of EPA-issued permits by non-NPDES States. The third category, "State Program Oversight," includes activities required of NPDES States so that EPA

may satisfy its statutory requirements for state program oversight.

The information collected by EPA is used to evaluate the adequacy of a State's NPDES or sludge program and to provide EPA with the information necessary to fulfill its statutory oversight functions over State program performance and individual permit actions. EPA will use this information to evaluate State requests for full or partial program approval and program modifications. In order to evaluate the adequacy of a State's proposed program, appropriate information must be provided to ensure that proper procedures, regulations, and statutes are in place and consistent with the CWA requirements.

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 6/9/98 (63 FR 31461); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information ranges from 4 to 2,080 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: states, tribes, territories.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 613.

Frequency of Response: varies.
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,140,794 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (non-labor): \$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. 0168.07 and OMB Control No. 2040-0057 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: September 3, 1999.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6436-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) for Industrial Surface Coating of Large Appliances

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: New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) for Industrial Surface Coating of Large Appliances, 40 CFR part 60, subpart SS, OMB Number 2060-0108, expiration 10/31/99. 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 October 12, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail 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. 0659.08.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) for Industrial Surface

Coating of Large Appliances, 40 CFR part 60, subpart SS, OMB Number 2060-0108, EPA ICR Number 0659.08, expiration 10/31/99. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The NSPS for Surface Coating of Large Appliances were proposed on December 24, 1980 and promulgated on October 27, 1982. These standards apply to each large appliance surface coating operation in which organic coatings are applied that commenced construction, modification or reconstruction after December 24, 1980. Approximately 255 sources are currently subject to the standard, and it is estimated that 26 sources per year will become subject to the standard while an equal number will go off-line during this time period. It is further assumed that there is an average of four affected facilities per plant. Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) are the pollutants regulated under this subpart, and this information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR part 60, subpart SS.

Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make initial reports when a source becomes subject; conduct and report on a performance test; demonstrate and report on continuous monitor performance; and maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility. Semiannual reports of excess emissions are required. 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 this part shall maintain a file of these measurements, and retain the file for at least 2 years following the date of such measurements, maintenance reports, and records. The estimated total cost of this ICR will be \$3,961,155 over the next three years (including labor hours, operating & maintenance costs, and start up costs; \$1,320,385 per year x 3 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. 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 January 1, 1999: no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 23 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:

Owners/operators of the Large Appliance Surface Coating Industry.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 294.

Frequency of Response: Initial, quarterly, and semiannual reports.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 29,564 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$618,000.

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. 0659.08 and OMB Control No. 2060-0108 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: September 3, 1999.

Richard T. Westlund,

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