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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2487-006-New York]

#### John M. Skorupski; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

December 1, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for minor license for the existing Hoosick Falls Hydroelectric Project located on the Hoosic River in Rensselaer County, New York and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and has concluded that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigative measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, and may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6504-6]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) for Kraft Pulp Mills

**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 Kraft Pulp Mills, OMB Control Number 2060-0021, expiration date 01/31/00. 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 6, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at [Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov) or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1055.06. For technical questions about the ICR contact Seth Heminway at (202) 564-7017.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) for Kraft Pulp Mills (OMB Control No. 2060-0021; EPA ICR No. 1055.06) expiring 01/31/00. This review is for the extension of an existing approved ICR.

**Abstract:** The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR part 60, subpart BB) were proposed on September 24, 1976 and promulgated on February 23, 1978. These standards apply to affected facilities in kraft pulp mills. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR part 60, subpart BB.

As is the case with all Clean Air Act information collection requests, these information requests are mandatory, according to the authorities cited in 40 CFR part 60, subpart BB. Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make one-time-only notifications. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. Monitoring requirements specific to NSPS Subpart BB provide information on the operation of the emissions control device and compliance with the total reduced sulfur (TRS) and opacity standards. 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 required information consists of emissions data and other information that have been determined not to be private. However, any information submitted to the Agency for which a claim of confidentiality is made will be safeguarded according to the Agency policies set forth in Title 40, Chapter 1, part 2, subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information (see 40 CFR part 2; 41 FR 36902, September 1, 1976; amended by 43 FR 40000, September 8, 1978; 43 FR 42251, September 20, 1978; 44 FR 17674, March 23, 1979).

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 06/04/99; no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 58 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/operator of Kraft Pulp Mills.  
**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 82.

**Frequency of Response:** Initial, quarterly, semiannual, etc.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 9959.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden:** \$2,827,600.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the