

Frequency of Response: semiannual for existing sources (chlor-alkali facilities).

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 26,504 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$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. 0113.07 and OMB Control No. 2060-0097 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (2822), 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.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting; Open Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the public teleconference meeting of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Integrated Risk Project Subcommittee of the Executive Committee scheduled for Monday, December 20, 1999 between the hours of 1:00 pm-3:00 pm has been canceled and will likely be rescheduled during January 2000. Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the cancellation of the meeting should contact John R. Fowle III, Designated Federal Officer for the Integrated Risk Project Subcommittee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4547; FAX (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at <fowle.jack@epa.gov>

Dated: December 3, 1999.

Donald G. Barnes,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6508-6]

Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) Pretreatment Project XL Draft Phase I Project Agreement (PPA).

SUMMARY: EPA is today requesting comments on a draft Project XL Phase I Project Agreement for MSD. The Phase I PA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by MSD, stakeholders, the state of Kentucky, and EPA. Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated sources the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits than would have been achieved without the flexibility. This Phase 1 Project XL Agreement is the first phase of a two-part agreement between EPA and MSD. It spells out the intentions of MSD and EPA related to data collection and development of pretreatment performance measures and program redevelopment. Due to the phased approach of the project and the data collection and analyses that need to be accomplished by MSD prior to determination of any requested regulatory flexibility, EPA and MSD have adopted a phased approach to the Project XL Agreement. This Phase 1 Agreement contains as much detail as possible at this time regarding the project and the intentions of each party. The Final Project Agreement between EPA and MSD will be signed in the future to implement Pretreatment Program reinvention.

MSD plans to redesign its pretreatment program at the Jeffersonstown WWTP, establishing links between wastewater programs (such as collection system, storm water, sludge), and move towards a more holistic watershed protection strategy (Chenoweth Run watershed). Information gathering and sharing are important aspects of this proposal. Resources will be shifted from the pretreatment program and applied towards other environmental programs for greater environmental gain within the watershed. Before redesigning its pretreatment program, MSD will expend extensive resources collecting data in the watershed and developing

performance measures. MSD's requested flexibility will be finalized once data is analyzed and performance measures identified. The Final Project Agreement will include details of MSD's requested flexibility and commensurate superior environmental performance. A notice of availability and request for comment on the Final Project Agreement will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

MSD has proposed this project for a watershed which is not currently meeting its use designation. In an effort to reduce pollutant loadings and reach use designation, MSD will identify desirable loading patterns within the watershed, including loadings to the collection system and treatment plants, stormwater facilities, and from plants and facilities to receiving waters. MSD plans to use pretreatment program requirement alternatives to encourage industry's aid in funding non-traditional water quality controls such as creating riparian zones and planting trees.

The current MSD XL proposal defers any request for Agency consideration of regulatory flexibility until the completion of data collection in the first phase of the project. Therefore MSD's Phase I Agreement describes a process to conduct data collection and development of pretreatment performance measures, program redevelopment, and program implementation. The proposal, and supplemental information provided to EPA, does set forth the following regulatory areas as potentially requiring regulatory flexibility in the next phases of the project: significant noncompliance; monitoring and inspections; reporting; and definition of significant industrial user (SIU). Upon the completion of the data gathering activities, EPA will work with MSD to develop and articulate more specifically the environmental benefits associated with the flexibility considered in MSD's proposal (e.g., pollution prevention measures or other environmental improvements). An FPA will be negotiated upon receipt of sufficient data for the Agency to evaluate the proposed SEP and associated regulatory flexibility. The site specific rulemaking setting forth the specific regulatory flexibility to be implemented will be developed and will ensure that the project will fully comply with applicable federal requirements under the Clean Water Act. Opportunities for public comment will be provided once the rule has been drafted.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on December 28, 1999.