

soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 6/30/99 (64 FR 35150); no comments were received.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes 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:* large and small businesses who wish to provide supplies and services to EPA.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 37,492.

*Frequency of Response:* 1 per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 9373 hours.

*Estimated Total Annualized Capital, Operating/ Maintenance Cost Burden:* \$0 (zero).

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. 1037.06 and OMB Control No. 2030-0007 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.

Dated: December 10, 1999.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6508-1]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generating Units

**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: NSPS Subpart D, Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generating Units, OMB Control Number 2060-0026, expires 1/31/00. 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 13, 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 or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1052.06. For technical questions about the ICR contact Seth Heminway at (202) 564-7017.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* NSPS Subpart D, Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generating Units (OMB No. 2060-0026; EPA ICR No. 1052.06, expiration date 1/31/00). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Owners or operators of steam generating units subject to subpart D must make one-time-only notifications of construction/reconstruction, anticipated and actual startup, initial performance test, physical or operational changes, and demonstration of a continuous monitoring system. They must also submit reports on initial performance test results, monitoring system performance, and excess emissions. Records must be maintained of startups, shutdowns, malfunctions, and periods when the continuous monitoring system is inoperative.

The required notifications are used to inform the Agency or delegated authority when a source becomes subject to the standard. Performance test

reports are needed as these are the Agency's record of a source's initial capability to comply with the emission standard, and serve as a record of the operating conditions under which compliance was achieved. The monitoring and excess emissions reports are used for problem identification, as a check on source operation and maintenance, and for compliance determinations. The information collected from recordkeeping and reporting requirements are used for targeting inspections, and for other uses in compliance and enforcement programs.

Responses to this information collection are deemed to be mandatory, per section 114(a) of the Clean Air Act. 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 June 4, 1999 (64 FR 30011); no comments were received.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 24 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 Fossil Fuel Fired Steam Generating Units.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

660.

*Frequency of Response:* Quarterly.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 62,865 hours.

*Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden:* \$9,900,000.

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. 1052.06 and OMB Control No. 2060-0026 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.

Dated: December 8, 1999.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6508-2]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, National Emission Standard for Mercury

**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 Emission Standard for Mercury, OMB 2060-0097, expiration date January 31, 2000. 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 13, 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 or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0113.07. For technical questions about the ICR contact Melissa Raack at (202) 564-7039.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* National Emission Standard for Mercury, (OMB Control No. 2060-0097; EPA ICR No. 0113.07) expiring January 31, 2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Abstract: The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Mercury emissions (40 CFR part 61, subpart E) were proposed on December 7, 1971, promulgated on April 6, 1973, and amended on October 14, 1975 and March 19, 1987. These standards apply to all stationary sources which process mercury ore to recover mercury, use mercury chlor-alkali cells to produce chlorine gas and alkali metal hydroxide, and incinerate or dry wastewater treatment plant sludge. Approximately 142 sources (133 sludge incineration and drying plants and 12 mercury-cell chlor-alkali plants) are currently subject to the standard; and no additional sources are expected to become subject to the standard in the next three years. Mercury is the pollutant regulated under this standard. Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make the following one-time-only reports: notification of the date of construction or reconstruction; notification of the anticipated and actual dates of startup; notification of any physical or operational change to an existing facility which may increase the regulated pollutant emission rate; notification of the date of the initial performance test; and the results of the initial performance test. 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. A written report of each period for which hourly monitored parameters fall outside their established limits is required semi-annually for mercury-cell chlor-alkali plants. These notifications, reports and records are required, in general, of all sources subject to NESHAP.

In the Administrator's judgment, mercury emissions from mercury ore

processing facilities, mercury chlor-alkali plants, including the cell room ventilation system, and sludge incineration and drying plants cause or contribute to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare.

In order to ensure compliance with the standards promulgated to protect public health, adequate recordkeeping and reporting is necessary. In the absence of such information enforcement personnel would be unable to determine whether the standards are being met on a continuous basis, as required by the Clean Air Act. Recordkeeping and reporting are mandatory under this regulation. Records of emission test results and other data needed to determine total emissions shall be maintained at the source and made available for inspection for a minimum of two years.

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 June 22, 1999 (64 FR 33284); one comment was received; however, there was no comment received on adjusting the burden figures.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1,104 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 sources which process mercury.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 142.