

contaminants include several pesticides, phenols, polychlorinated biphenyls, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, some of which are suspected of being endocrine disrupters. The targeted compounds are persistent in the indoor and sometimes the outdoor environments, so that very low levels may exist in the children's surrounding microenvironments and provide a source of chronic, non-acute exposure. The aim of CTEPP is to obtain scientifically valid data and statistically robust relationships describing the exposures of a subpopulation of young children, between the ages of 18 months and 5 years, in several North Carolina and Ohio counties. The CTEPP data will be used to evaluate and refine existing exposure models so that improved, realistic estimates of exposure can be made, and to identify the important exposure pathways.

The CTEPP study has direct practical utility to the Food Quality and Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). It will provide critical data on aggregate chronic, sub-acute pesticide exposures and pathways for approximately 260 children in several microenvironments. It will allow evaluation and refinement of the approaches and models used for estimating exposure, and it will facilitate the identification of the important exposure pathways. The objectives of CTEPP are thus threefold: (1) To measure the total exposures at sub-acute levels of a small set of preschool children in several NC and OH counties to a suite of persistent pesticides and other persistent organic pollutants that they may encounter in their everyday environments; (2) to evaluate and refine exposure models using real, physical data; and (3) to apportion the exposure pathways and identify the important exposure media, so that ultimately children's exposures can be lowered. Therefore, CTEPP investigates the total exposures to persistent organic compounds in the environment of a group of pre-elementary school children through the ingestion, inhalation, and dermal absorption pathways, in several non-occupational settings, through multiple environmental media.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. 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 2/1/1999 (64 FR 4868); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6.3 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: Parents, day care or pre-school operators, children.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 312.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 657 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (non-labor costs): \$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. 1892.02 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.

Oscar Morales,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6509-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Health Protection Survey of Beaches

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 Health Protection Survey of Beaches, EPA ICR Number 1814.02, OMB Control Number 2040-0189, expiration date 02/29/2000. 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 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epa.gov, or download a copy off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1814.02.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Health Protection Survey of Beaches (OMB Control No. 2040-0189; EPA ICR No. 1814.02; expiring 02/29/00). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Bacterial and other microbiological contaminants continue to pose potentially serious human health problems for the Nation's recreational waters, including bathing beaches. These adverse effects have been one of EPA's long-standing concerns. They are directly related to such Clean Water Act responsibilities as water quality standards and surface water quality, and to the Agency's efforts to ensure that the waters of the United States are "fishable" and "swimmable." In 1986, EPA formally issued a revision to its bacteriological ambient water quality criteria recommendations to protect persons participating in body contact recreation. Since that time, few states have adopted the revised criteria, and the use of the bacterial criteria has varied greatly from one location to the next. In addition, recent studies have confirmed the adverse health effects resulting from

bathing in contaminated waters. Therefore, water quality in bathing beach areas is a critical concern to EPA.

EPA believes there is a need to improve the overall quality and availability of public information about health protection activities at beaches, which include, but are not limited to, water quality standards, monitoring and assessment activities, and beach closures. Many organizations share responsibility for these activities. Consequently, EPA's Office of Water will conduct an annual "beach" survey which will be sent to environmental health officials from State, tribal, county, and city agencies, as well as representatives from various interest groups. It will obtain and verify information on the location and condition of swimming beaches and the agencies and persons responsible for maintaining and issuing advisories or closings for those beaches at freshwater sites (the Great Lakes and others) and saltwater (estuarine and coastal) sites around the Nation. Responses to the questionnaire (either on paper or electronically via the Internet) are required to determine compliance with water quality standards, to assess public health risks, and to determine what steps EPA should take next, if any. Completion of the questionnaire and map marking will be voluntary.

EPA will assemble the information (maps and questionnaire responses) into electronic database and graphic formats that can be readily analyzed and shared with responsible parties (e.g., EPA program and regional offices, other Federal, state, tribal, county, and city agencies), as well as the public. The nationwide collection of information is being conducted in phases over three years, with an average estimated number of respondents of 533 per year. When the survey is fully implemented, it is estimated that 750 respondents per year will be involved. The estimated annual cost for the survey per respondent is anticipated to decrease each year, since respondents will only be requested to provide information that has changed during the year.

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 9/10/99 (64 FR 49180); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.4 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: County, public health, and environmental protection agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 533.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,267.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (non-labor costs): \$1,201.

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. 1814.02 and OMB Control No. 2040-0189 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6509-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation

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: Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation, EPA ICR Number 0246.07, OMB Control Number 2030-0016, expiration date March 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 14, 2000.

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. 0246.07.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation (OMB Control No. 2030-0016; EPA ICR No. 0246.07, expiring 3/31/2000). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: At the completion of a cost reimbursement contract, contractors report final costs incurred, including direct labor, materials, supplies, equipment, and other direct charges, subcontract costs, consultant fees, indirect costs, and fees. Contractors report this information on EPA Form 1900-10. EPA uses this information to reconcile the contractor's costs, and determine proper reimbursement under the contract. Establishment of the final costs and fee is necessary to close out the contract, and contractor responses are required prior to final payment under the contract.

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