

*Frequency of Response:* 1 per 1 to 2 years.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 6,550 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. 0275.07 and OMB Control No. 2090-0014 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 14, 1999.

**Oscar Morales,**

*Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6512-4]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; RCRA Section 3007 Questionnaire of the Paint Manufacturing Industry

**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: RCRA Section 3007 Questionnaire of the Paint Manufacturing Industry. 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 19, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, email at [Farmer.Sandy@epa.gov](mailto:Farmer.Sandy@epa.gov), or download off

the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm> and refer to EPA ICR

No.1925.01. For technical information about the questionnaire contact David Carver (703) 308-8603.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* RCRA Section 3007 Questionnaire of the Paint Manufacturing Industry. This is a new collection.

*Abstract:* The EPA is obligated to make a hazardous waste listing determination on five waste streams generated from the manufacture of paint. These wastestreams include (1) solvent cleaning wastes generated from tank and equipment cleaning operations, (2) water and/or caustic cleaning wastes generated from tank and equipment cleaning operations, (3) wastewater treatment sludge, (4) emission control dust or sludge, and (5) off-specification production wastes.

This Information Collection Request (ICR) specifies information necessary for EPA to analyze how solid and hazardous waste is currently managed in the United States Paint Manufacturing Industry. It proposes the following information collection efforts:

- RCRA Section 3007 questionnaire for up to 250 facilities, including clarifications and updates.
- RCRA Section 3007 residual diagram letter for up to 100 facilities, and
- up to 15 facility site visits.

Information received by the Agency will be used to make a hazardous waste listing determination. If EPA concludes that certain waste streams should be regulated as listed hazardous waste, then these data may potentially be applied to (1) Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) and Capacity Analysis, (2) a source reduction and/or recycling analysis, (3) a supporting risk assessment, and (4) an economic analysis.

EPA intends to send this *Section 3007 Questionnaire For Paint Manufacturing Residuals* in FY2000 to approximately 250 U.S. paint facilities that manufacture products (i.e., paints, varnishes, lacquers, enamels, and shellacs) under the Standard Industrial Classification Code (SIC) 2851. This questionnaire would collect the following information:

- Corporate/facility data, name, location, EPA hazardous waste identification number (if applicable), and facility contact;
- Residual (as specified in first paragraph) generation and residual management practices; and,
- residual characterization information, residual constituents and test

methods employed to test the residuals.

If approved by OMB, facilities will be required to respond within 30 days of receipt of this questionnaire. A facility is only required to respond to this questionnaire if it displays a currently valid OMB control number and expiration date. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Ch. 15.

In addition to the RCRA 3007 questionnaire, this proposed ICR includes EPA requests for clarifications, questions and updates to the questionnaire and for facility site visits. The clarifications and updates will only be necessary if EPA has follow-up questions regarding submitted requests, or if EPA requires more information to understand residual generation and management practices. The process descriptions will help the Agency better understand the paint manufacturing process. Up to 100 facilities will be required to submit process schematics and detailed descriptions. Finally, EPA proposes to visit up to 15 paint manufacturing facilities to evaluate paint manufacturing residual generation and management processes.

*Burden Statement:* The average annual burden imposed by the survey and other information collection efforts is approximately 46 hours per respondent (30 hours for the 3007 Questionnaire, 6 hours for the 3007 residual diagram letter, and 10 hours for site visits). 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 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 to 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. This ICR is based on the following information:

*Respondents/affected entities:* Manufacturers of paint within SIC 2851.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 365 (250 for 3007 Questionnaire, 100 for 3007 residual process letters, and 15 for site visits).

*Frequency of response:* The average number of responses for each respondent is 1.

*Estimated total annual hour burden:* 8,250 hours.

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. 1925.01 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; (or E-Mail *Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov*)  
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 15, 1999.

**Doreen Sterling,**

*Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[CAO22-NOA; FRL-6512-6]

### Adequacy Status of Submitted PM10 State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of inadequacy determination.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, EPA is notifying the public that we have found the PM10 attainment submittals of Coachella Valley, Searles Valley (Trona Portion), and San Bernardino County, California, inadequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our finding, the PM10 motor vehicle budgets from the submitted plans cannot be used for conformity determinations.

**DATES:** This determination was effective November 23, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The finding notification letters are available at website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity"). You may also contact Charnjit Bhullar, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR-2, 75 Hawthorne

Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 744-1153 or *Bhullar.charnjit@epa.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. The federal conformity rule, 40 CFR part 93, requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will help to reduce air quality violations, achieve expeditious attainment of air quality standards, and will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards. The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP submittal is adequate for conformity purposes are specified in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4) and 58 FR 62194.

On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations unless EPA has affirmatively found them adequate through a process providing for public notice and comment. Where EPA finds a SIP submittal inadequate, the budgets cannot be used for conformity determinations.

The new process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIPs is contained in a May 14, 1999, memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision." EPA will be revising the conformity rule to codify this guidance. You can obtain this guidance at <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, click on the conformity button and look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity."

##### Status of Submitted Budgets

In the Coachella Valley serious PM10 attainment plan and the Searles Valley Moderate PM10 attainment plan, different motor vehicle emission elements were not combined into clearly defined budgets consistent with the federal conformity regulations ((40 CFR 93.118(e)(4) and 58 FR 62194). Thus EPA determined that these plans do not contain emission budgets that are adequate for use in conformity determinations.

Similarly, in the San Bernardino County Moderate PM10 attainment plan, different motor vehicle emission elements in the Moderate PM10 attainment plan were not combined into clearly defined budgets consistent with the federal conformity regulations ((40

CFR 93.118(e)(4) and 58 FR 62194). Further the submittal stated that mobile sources are not a significant contributor to PM10 violations in the nonattainment area. EPA found that PM10 from motor vehicles is a significant contributor to the air quality problem because it is responsible for approximately one-half of the total inventory. Because of these problems, EPA determined that this plan does not contain an emission budget that is adequate for use in conformity determinations.

In letters dated November 23, 1999, from EPA to the California Air Resources Board (CARB), South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD), Region IX notified the agencies that we had determined that the submittals for these three areas are inadequate for conformity. These agencies have agreed with the definition of the problem and to resolve them by submitting revisions to these PM10 plans early next year.

As stated in the May 14, 1999 guidance, EPA's adequacy review should not be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval or disapproval of the submitted SIPs. Approvability of the SIP submittals mentioned in this document will be addressed in a future rulemaking.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: December 10, 1999.

**David P. Howekamp,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6511-6]

### Consultation on a Longitudinal Cohort Study of Environmental Effects on Mothers and Children

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting: consultation on the feasibility of conducting a longitudinal cohort study of environmental effects on mothers and children.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a one-day consultation cosponsored by the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NIH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The meeting is being convened to discuss the feasibility of conducting a longitudinal cohort study