

the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "OR PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis; and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6562-8]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Continuing Collection; Comment Request; Quality Assurance Specification and Requirements

**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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Quality Assurance Specification and Requirements, ICR Number 0866, OMB No. 2080-0033, current expiration date 08/31/2000. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 22, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Quality Staff (2811R), U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20460. Comments will be accepted electronically at [quality@epa.gov](mailto:quality@epa.gov). The ICR may be obtained without charge by contacting the person listed below or by electronically downloading it from the following Internet site: <http://es.epa.gov/ncerqa/qa/index.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Wentworth, Director, Quality Staff; 202-564-6830, Facsimile Number 202-565-2441; [quality@epa.gov](mailto:quality@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those which apply for Federal financial assistance from EPA for proposed projects that involve environmentally-related measurements or data generation.

*Title:* ICR Number 0866, Quality Assurance Specification and Requirements, OMB Control No. 2080-0033, expiring 8/31/2000.

*Abstract:* This ICR covers the quality assurance (QA) paperwork burden that appears at 40 CFR 30.54, 40 CFR 31.45, and 40 CFR 35.260 and 35.6055. (These references may also be obtained at the Internet site listed above.) These are subsections from 40 CFR part 30—Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations, 40 CFR part 31—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, and 40 CFR part 35—State and Local Assistance. The information collection activity involves the development and implementation of quality assurance practices consisting of policies, procedures, specifications, standards, and documentation sufficient to produce data of quality adequate to meet project objectives and to minimize loss of data due to out-of-control conditions or malfunctions. Specifically, this refers to the preparation of QA management and project plans. The quality system of the

recipient of 40 CFR part 30 assistance must comply with the requirements of ANSI/ASQC E4, "Specifications and Guidelines for Quality Systems for Environmental Data Collection and Environmental Technology Programs." A clarifying statement for all organizations receiving EPA financial assistance under 40 CFR part 31 and 40 CFR part 35 has been issued by the Office of Grants and Debarment. This clarifying statement defines Agency-wide criteria for meeting the requirements under the applicable CFRs and is consistent with Agency policy since 1988. It cites the ANSI/ASQC E4 as a national consensus standard that applies to all recipients. (This statement is also accessible through the Internet site listed above.) All QA submissions are reviewed and approved by an EPA certified project officer and/or a designated quality assurance officer.

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The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Burden Statement:* The currently approved ICR estimated the burden for annual reporting and recordkeeping to be 85 hours each for 567 state and local respondents applying for assistance, and 70 hours each for 708 principal investigators who solicit assistance. The Agency burden for review of QA plans and preparation assistance to respondents was estimated at 17 hours each for the estimated 1,275 awards. This estimate included the time needed to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the

data needed, and complete and review the collection of information.

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.

Dated: March 14, 2000.

**Margaret N. Schneider,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Environmental Information.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6562-6]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Responses

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

**ACTION:** Notices.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at 260-2740, or email at farmer.sandy@epa.gov, and please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

##### OMB Approvals

EPA ICR No. 1395.04; Emergency Planning and Release Notification Requirements (EPCRA, Sections 302, 303, and 304); in 40 CFR part 355; was

approved 01/21/2000; OMB No. 2050-0092; expires 01/31/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1814.02; National Health Protection Survey of Beaches; was approved 01/31/2000; OMB No. 2040-0189; expires 01/31/2003.

EPA ICR No. 0795.10; Notification of Chemical Exports—TSCA Section (12b); in 40 CFR part 707; was approved 01/31/2000; OMB No. 2070-0030; expires 01/31/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1899.01; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for the Emission Guidelines for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart Ce; was approved 01/31/2000; OMB No. 2060-0422; expires 01/31/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1901.01; Emission Guidelines Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Existing Small Municipal Waste Combustion (MWC) Units; in 40 CFR part 60, subparts B and BBBB; was approved 02/03/2000; OMB No. 2060-0424; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1648.02; Control Technology Determination for Equivalent Emissions Limitations by Permit; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart B; was approved 02/03/2000; OMB No. 2060-0266; expires 11/30/2001.

EPA ICR No. 0328.08; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plans; in 40 CFR part 112; was approved 02/03/2000; OMB No. 2050-0021; expires 12/31/2000.

EPA ICR No. 1352.07; Community Right-to-Know Reporting Requirements under Sections 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA); in 40 CFR part 370; was approved 02/04/2000; OMB No. 2050-0072; expires 08/31/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1891.02; NESHAP for Source Category: Publicly Owned Treatment Works; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart VVV; was approved 02/04/2000; OMB No. 2060-0428; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 0111.09; National Emission Standard for Asbestos; in 40 CFR part 61, subpart M; was approved 02/09/2000; OMB No. 2060-0101; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 0246.07; Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation; was approved 02/02/2000; OMB No. 2030-0016; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1037.06; Oral and Written Purchase Orders; was approved 02/02/2000; OMB No. 2030-0007; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1039.09; Monthly Progress Reports; was approved 02/02/2000; OMB No. 2030-0005; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1893.02; Federal Emission Guidelines for Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills; in 40 CFR part 62, subpart Cc; was approved 02/02/2000; OMB No. 2060-0430; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1925.01; RCRA Section 3007 Questionnaire for the Paint Manufacturing Industry; was approved 02/03/2000; OMB No. 2050-0168; expires 06/30/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1900.01 NSPS for Small Municipal Waste Combustors—Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart AAAA; was approved 02/01/2000; OMB No. 2060-0423; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1906.01; Agricultural Health Study: Pesticide Exposure Study; was approved 02/09/2000; OMB No. 2080-0063; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1541.06; NESHAP for Benzene Waste Operations; in 40 CFR part 61, subpart FF; was approved 02/14/2000; OMB No. 2060-0183; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1088.09; NSPS for Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart Db; was approved 02/15/2000; OMB No. 2060-0072; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1055.06; NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart BB; was approved 02/15/2000; OMB No. 2060-0021; expires 02/28/2003.

EPA ICR No. 1052.06; NSPS for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generating Units; in 40 CFR part 60, subpart D; was approved 02/15/2000; OMB No. 2060-0026; expires 02/28/2003.

#### OMB Disapproval

EPA ICR No. 1768.02; Collection of Impact Data on Technical Information Request for Generic Clearance, Design for the Environment (DFE); OMB No. 2070-0152; on 02/11/2000 OMB disapproved this collection.

#### Comments Filed

EPA ICR No. 1884.01; Inventory Update Rule Amendments (Proposed Rule); on 01/04/2000 OMB filed comment.

EPA ICR No. 1870.01; Management Standards for Cement Kiln Dust Waste—Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements; in 40 CFR part 259; on 01/14/2000 OMB filed comment.

EPA ICR No. 1363.08; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting, Recordkeeping, Supplier Notification, and Petition under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) (Proposed Rule); OMB No. 2070-0093; on 01/21/2000; OMB filed comment.