

through a bypass/bleeder stack and not flared as required under the rule.

4. Report for the venting of coke oven gas other than through a flare system.

5. Submit semiannual compliance certifications.

Based on recorded and reported information, EPA and states can identify compliance problems and what records or processes should be inspected at the plant. The records the plants maintain help indicate whether plants are in compliance with the standard, reveal misunderstanding about how the standard is to be implemented, and indicate to EPA whether plant personnel are operating and maintaining their process equipment properly.

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements on the part of the respondent are mandatory under sections 112 and 114 of the Clean Air Act as amended. All 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 39999, September 8, 1978; 43 FR 42251, September 28, 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 August 16, 1999; no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1,804 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 By-Product & Non-Recovery Coke Oven Batteries.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

Frequency of Response: Semiannual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 104,659 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital and 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. 1362.04 and OMB No. 2060-0253 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (2822), 1200 Pennsylvania, Ave., NW., 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: March 14, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140284; FRL-6497-8]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Chemical Abstract Services

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor Chemical Abstract Services (CAS) and its subcontractor TMC MicroImage, Inc., both of Columbus, Ohio, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA occurred as a result of an approved waiver dated February 28, 2000, which requested granting CAS and TMC immediate access to TSCA CBI. This waiver was necessary to allow

CAS and TMC to assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in microfilming and processing TSCA CBI materials.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For General Information Contact: Barbara Cunningham, Director, Office of Program Management and Evaluation (7401), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to "those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)." Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

Electronically. You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

III. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under contract number 68-W5-0015, contractor CAS and its subcontractor TMC, both of Columbus, Ohio, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in microfilming and processing of TSCA CBI materials.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W5-0015, CAS and TMC will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract.

CAS and TMC personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA

under sections 5 and 8 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI. In a previous notice published in the **Federal Register** of February 24, 1998 (63 FR 9229) (FRL-5771-5), CAS and TMC were authorized access to TSCA CBI submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8(b) of TSCA.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 5 and 8 of TSCA that EPA may provide CAS and TMC access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at either CAS' Columbus, Ohio facility or the subcontractor may take TSCA CBI materials to its facility for the purpose of microfilming, provided the transfer of materials is done so only under the direct supervision of a CAS official authorized for TSCA CBI access and that all TSCA CBI materials be returned daily to CAS' facility.

CAS and TMC will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at their facilities under the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at CAS and TMC sites, EPA will perform the required inspection of its facilities and ensure that the facilities are in compliance with the Manual.

Upon completing review of the CBI materials, CAS will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until June 30, 2000.

CAS and TMC personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: March 13, 2000.

Allan S. Abramson,

Director, Information Management Division, Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

RIN 3046-AA45

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Request

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission announces that it intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for an extension of the expiration date without change the existing collection requirements under 29 CFR part 1602, Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements under Title VII and the ADA. The Commission is seeking public comments on the proposed extension.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before May 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10th Floor, 1801 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20507. As a convenience to commentators, the Executive Secretariat will accept comments transmitted by facsimile ("FAX") machine. The telephone number of the FAX received is (202) 663-4114. (This is not a toll-free number.) Only comments of six or fewer pages will be accepted via FAX transmittal. This limitation is necessary to assure access to the equipment.

Receipt of FAX transmittals will not be acknowledged, except that the sender may request confirmation of receipt by calling the Executive Secretariat staff at (202) 663-4078 (voice) or (202) 663-4074 (TDD). (These are not toll-free telephone numbers.) Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available for review at the Commission's library, Room 6502, 1801 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20507 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nicholas M. Inzeo, Deputy Legal Counsel, Thomas J. Schlageter, Assistant Legal Counsel or Stephanie D. Garner, Senior Attorney, at (202) 663-4670 or TDD (202) 663-7026. This notice is also available in the following formats: large print, braille, audio tape and electronic file on computer disk. Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to the Publications Center at 1-800-669-3362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex and Title I of the ADA, which prohibits employment discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities. Sections 709(c) of Title VII and 107(a) of the ADA authorize the EEOC to issue recordkeeping regulations

that are deemed reasonable, necessary or appropriate to the enforcement of the Acts. EEOC has promulgated recordkeeping regulations under Title VII and the ADA. The EEOC seeks extension without change of the information collection requirements contained in the recordkeeping regulations.

Collection Title: Recordkeeping and Reporting under Title VII and the ADA.

OMB Control Number: 3046-0040.

Description of Affected Public:

Employers with 15 or more employees are subject to Title VII and the ADA.

Responses: 627,000.

Reporting Hours: One.

Federal Cost: None.

Number of Forms: None.

Abstract: Section 709(c) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. 2000e-8(c), and section 107(a) of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. 12117, require the Commission to establish regulations pursuant to which employers subject to those Acts shall make and preserve certain records to assist the EEOC in assuring compliance with the Acts' nondiscrimination requirements in employment. The Commission requires, in 29 CFR Part 1602, that any personnel record made or kept by an entity must be maintained for one year or until the later disposition of a charge or enforcement proceeding.

This is a recordkeeping requirement. Any of the records maintained which are subsequently disclosed to the EEOC during an investigation are protected from public disclosure by the confidentiality provisions of sections 706(b) and 709(e) of Title VII and section 107(a) of the ADA.

Burden Statement: There will be no increased burden on employers. All employers subject to Title VII are subject to the ADA, and the same EEOC records retention requirements are applicable to both.

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 5, and OMB regulation 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the Commission solicits public comment to enable it to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

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

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

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who