

soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 29, 1999 (64 FR 58396); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information are estimated to average 49 hours per response. A 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 Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 708.

**Frequency of Response:** Quarterly and Semiannual.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 81,078 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden:** \$7,680,000.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burdens, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1564.05 and OMB Control No. 2060-0202 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 20, 2000.

**Oscar Morales,**

*Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6568-4]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Assess Compliance With EPCRA Section 312 Reporting 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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Assess Compliance with EPCRA Section 312 Reporting Requirements, EPA ICR Number 1909.01. 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 May 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR 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. 1909.01. For technical questions about the ICR contact John Mason at (202) 564-7037, fax: (202) 564-0009, or email: mason.john@epa.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Assess Compliance with EPCRA Section 312 Reporting Requirements, EPA ICR No. 1909.01. This is a new collection.

**Abstract:** The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act (EPCRA) section 312 requires facilities which are required to prepare or have available Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) as required by OSHA to submit an annual emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form containing the amount and location of hazardous chemicals stored at the facility. Although EPCRA section 312 is a federal requirement, State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs) and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) are the main recipients and benefactors of this information. The inventory reports allow "first responders" (e.g., local fire departments) to be informed about the presence of hazardous chemicals in the community and help facilitate

development of the local emergency response plan. They also enhance community awareness of chemical hazards in the local area.

EPA has initiated compliance projects among a number of industrial, service and/or government sectors including: the iron and steel industry, the primary nonferrous metals industry, metal services (electroplating and coating), the chemical preparation industry, pulp and paper mills, the telecommunications industry, coal-fired power plants, the automobile servicing industry, mining, the petroleum refineries, organic chemical manufacturers, and municipalities. These projects include, in some cases, efforts to enhance compliance with EPCRA section 312.

EPA will be working with states and facilities to assure and confirm compliance with EPCRA requirements. In particular, EPA will ask the states whether the facilities submitted their Tier I or II forms and when during the reporting year the forms were submitted. The information sought with this ICR is who among selected sectors that produce, use, or store hazardous chemicals (as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970) submitted Tier II forms to the SERC and/or the LEPC, and when did they submit them. This information is being sought to assess compliance with the requirements of EPCRA section 312.

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 08/27/99 (64 FR 46905); three comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.95 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:* States asked to review the Tier I or II submissions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 2308 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. 1909.01 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;

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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-6567-9]

### Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Technical Subcommittee for Fine Particle Monitoring will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18-19, 2000 at the Governor's Inn, Route 54 and Davis Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC. The meeting will begin at 7:30 am and end no later than 5:00 pm on April 18th and begin at 9:00 am and end no later than 1:00 pm on April 19th. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Savings Time. The meeting is open to the public, however, due to limited space, seating will be on a first-come basis. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below.

Important Notice: Documents that are the subject of CASAC reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the CASAC Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

*Purpose of the Meeting*—This technical subcommittee of CASAC was established in 1996 to provide advice and comment to EPA (through CASAC) on appropriate methods and network strategies for monitoring fine particles in the context of implementing the revised national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter. The Subcommittee provided such advice on the Federal Reference Method and mass based fine particle network in July 1996 and is now meeting to examine EPA's plans and guidance for several components of the fine particle monitoring network and how these components are linked to research priorities for particulate matter.

At the meeting, staff from the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) and the Office of Research and Development (ORD) will provide briefings regarding status for the fine particle monitoring program with an emphasis on the chemical speciation and "Supersites" study programs. These briefings will include a review of the assessment of initial performance of chemical speciation samplers and progress reports on the chemical speciation and supersites networks. In addition, EPA will provide preliminary plans for developing coarse particle monitoring methods. The Agency staff and Subcommittee members will discuss the specific issues for the Charge to the Subcommittee during the meeting.

*Availability of Review Materials:* Hard copies of any background materials will be available from Ms. Brenda Millar, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (MD-14), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. Ms. Millar can also be reached by telephone at (919) 541-4036 or by fax at (919) 541-1903. Electronic versions of the materials will be available on the Agency's TTN Bulletin Board, at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting should contact Mr. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Officer, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400A), Suite 6450, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4546;

fax at (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at [flaak.robert@epa.gov](mailto:flaak.robert@epa.gov). A copy of the draft agenda is available from Ms. Diana Pozun at (202) 564-4544 or by FAX at (202) 501-0582 or via e-mail at [pozun.diana@epa.gov](mailto:pozun.diana@epa.gov).

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Subcommittee must contact Mr. Flaak in writing (by letter or by fax—see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Daylight Savings Time, Tuesday, April 11, 2000 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be limited to ten minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or of the presentation itself.

#### Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256.

Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Mr. Flaak at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.