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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6584-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System (ERAMS)

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: Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System (ERAMS); OMB Control Number 2060-0015; EPA ICR Number 0877.07; expiration date, June 30, 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 May 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0877.07. For technical questions about the ICR contact Charles M. Petko, (334) 270-3411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System; OMB Control Number 2060-0015; EPA ICR Number 0877.07; expiration date, June 30, 2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System (ERAMS) consists of a national network of sample collection stations for air, milk, precipitation, and drinking water. On prescribed schedules, all collected samples are shipped to the National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory (NAREL) in Montgomery, Alabama, which is an EPA facility

operating under EPA's Office of Radiation and Indoor Air. NAREL analyzes all samples for levels of radiation, and the resultant data are then made available online at the EPA website and in printed format. The data are used to fulfill the Agency's commitment to public information, but they are also used by scientists and radiation professionals in a number of ways, including comparison with data developed by other agencies and commercial groups, such as the nuclear power industry. In the event of national radiation emergency, especially when EPA is the lead federal agency, ERAMS data collections and analyses are accelerated as necessary and the resultant data are used to support decisions for protecting the public health and the environment. Frequently, sample collectors are employed by state health departments or environmental agencies.

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 October 28, 1999; 1 set of comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.37 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: Typically State & sometimes Local Government Sample Collectors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 249.

Frequency of Response: from twice weekly to four times annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 8,363 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital and Operating & Maintenance 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. 0877.07 and OMB Control No. 2060-0015 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: April 18, 2000.

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Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6584-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon-Oxygen Decarburization Vessels

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: NSPS for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon Oxygen Decarburization Vessels OMB No. 2060-0038 and EPA ICR No. 1060.10; expiration date is May 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 May 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at

Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1060.10. For technical questions about the ICR, please contact: Maria T. Malave, 202-564-7027.

Title: New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon-Oxygen Decarburization Vessels; OMB No. 2060-0038; Agency No. 1060.10; expiration date is May 31, 2000. This is a request for a revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Subpart AAa applies to electric arc furnaces, AOD vessels, and dust handling systems at steel plants that produce carbon, alloy, or specialty steels; and commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction after August 17, 1983. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR part 60, subparts AA and AAa.

Subparts AA and AAa require: (1) Monitoring and recordkeeping of operations data and opacity levels; (2) semiannual reports of excess emissions and unacceptable; and (3) notifications of procedures to be followed and CEMs performance during performance tests. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative.

All reports are sent to the delegated State or local authority. Notifications are used to inform the Agency or delegated authority when a source becomes subject to the standard. The reviewing authority may then inspect the source to check if the pollution control devices are properly installed and operated.

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 January 21, 2000; no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 266 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 disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Steel Plants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90.

Frequency of Response: semiannual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 48,413 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital and O&M Cost Burden: \$94,350.

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 OMB No. 2060-0038 and EPA ICR No. 1060.10 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: April 17, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket No. FRL-6584-2]

Final NPDES General Permits for Non-Contact Cooling Water Discharges in the States of Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Final NPDES General Permits—MEG250000, MAG250000, and NHG250000.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Office of Ecosystem Protection, EPA-New England, is issuing Notice of Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits for non-contact cooling water discharges to certain waters of the States of Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire for the purpose of reissuing the current permit which expired on May 31, 1999. These general NPDES permits establish notice of intent (NOI) requirements, effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions and management practices for the non-contact cooling water discharges. Owners and/or operators of facilities discharging non-contact cooling water including those currently authorized to discharge under the expired general permit will be required to submit to EPA-New England, a notice of intent to be covered by the appropriate general permit and will receive a written notification from EPA of permit coverage and authorization to discharge under one of the general permits. The eligibility requirements are discussed in detail under part I. D.3.b and the reader is strongly urged to go to that section before reading further. This general permit does not cover new sources as defined under 40 CFR 122.2.

DATES: The general permit shall be effective on the date specified in the final general permit published in the **Federal Register** and will expire April 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Notices of intent to be authorized to discharge under these permits should be sent to: Environmental Protection Agency, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CMU), Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023.

The submittal of other information required under these permits or individual permit applications should also be sent to the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the final permit may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays from: Suproakash Sarker, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CMA), Boston, MA 02114-2023, telephone: 617-918-1693.

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