

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Business and industry, Government contracts, Government property, Security measures.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPPTS-00295; FRL-6596-2]

**Request for Contractor Access to TSCA Confidential Business Information; Request for Comment on Renewal of Information Collection Activities**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), EPA is seeking public comment and information on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): Request for Contractor Access to TSCA Confidential Business Information (EPA ICR No. 1250.05, OMB No. 2070-0075). This ICR involves a collection activity that is currently approved and scheduled to expire on December 31, 2000. The information collected under this ICR helps EPA evaluate the suitability of employees of firms under contract to EPA for access to TSCA Confidential Business Information (CBI), thereby helping to protect the confidentiality of information submitted to EPA by industry. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

**DATES:** Written comments, identified by the docket control number OPPTS-00295 and administrative record number AR-229, must be received on or before September 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPPTS-00295 and administrative

record number AR-229 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For general information contact:* Barbara Cunningham, Director, Office of Program Management and Evaluation, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7401), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

*For technical information contact:* Deborah Williams, Information Management Division (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 260-1734; fax number: (202) 260-1657; e-mail address: williams.deborah@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Does this Action Apply to Me?**

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a company working under contract to the Federal government whose employees need access to TSCA CBI, or if you are an employee of such a company. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Type of business	SIC codes
Help Supply Services	7363
Computer Facilities Management Services	7376
Management Consulting Services	8742
Facilities Support Management Services	8744
Services, Not Elsewhere Classified	8999

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this table could also be affected. The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes are provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

**II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?****A. 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/>. 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/>.

**B. Fax-on-Demand**

Using a faxphone call (202) 401-0527 and select item 4082 for a copy of the ICR.

**C. In Person**

The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPPTS-00295 and administrative record number AR-229. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as CBI. This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, North East Mall Rm. B-607, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Center is (202) 260-7099.

**III. How Can I Respond to this Action?****A. How and to Whom Do I Submit the Comments?**

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPPTS-00295 and administrative record number AR-229 on the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics

(OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in East Tower Rm. G-099, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 260-7093.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: "oppt.ncic@epa.gov," or submit your computer disk to the address identified in Units III.A.1. and 2. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPPTS-00295 and administrative record number AR-229. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

#### *B. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?*

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### *C. What Should I Consider when I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.

3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.

4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.

5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.

6. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.

7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.

8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number and administrative record number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

#### *D. In What Information is EPA Particularly Interested?*

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### **IV. What Information Collection Activity or ICR does this Action Apply to?**

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR:

*Title:* Request for Contractor Access to TSCA Confidential Business Information.

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 1250.05, OMB No. 2070-0075.

*ICR status:* This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2000. 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 information collections appear on the collection instruments or instructions, in the

**Federal Register** notices for related rulemakings and ICR notices, and, if the collection is contained in a regulation, in a table of OMB approval numbers in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* Certain employees of companies working under contract to EPA require access to CBI collected under the authority of TSCA in order to perform their official duties. The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), which is responsible for maintaining the security of TSCA CBI, requires that all individuals desiring access to TSCA CBI obtain and annually renew official clearance to TSCA CBI. As part of the process for obtaining TSCA CBI clearance, OPPT requires certain information about the contracting company and about each contractor employee requesting TSCA CBI clearance, primarily the name, Social Security Number and EPA identification badge number of the employee, the type of TSCA CBI clearance requested and the justification for such clearance, and the signature of the employee to an agreement with respect to access to and use of TSCA CBI.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary, but failure to provide the requested information will prevent a contractor employee from obtaining clearance to TSCA CBI. EPA will observe strict confidentiality precautions with respect to the information collected on individual employees, based on the Privacy Act of 1974, as outlined in the ICR and in the collection instrument.

#### **V. What are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for this ICR?**

Under the PRA, "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. For this collection it 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden for this

collection of information is estimated to average about 1.56 hours per response. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

*Respondents/affected entities:* 432.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent:* One.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 675.

*Estimated total annual burden costs:* \$40,727.

#### VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

There is a decrease of 139 hours (from 814 hours to 675 hours) in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the information collection request most recently approved by OMB. This change reflects a lower estimate of the number of employees at contracting firms that need to obtain clearance to access TSCA CBI.

#### VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: July 12, 2000.

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*Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[OPP-64048; FRL 6596-8]**

#### Notice of Receipt of Requests for Amendments to Delete Uses in Certain Pesticide Registrations

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request for amendment by registrants to delete uses in certain pesticide registrations.

**DATES:** Unless a request is withdrawn, the Agency will approve these use deletions and the deletions will become effective on January 16, 2001, unless indicated otherwise.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: James A. Hollins, Office of Pesticide Programs (7502C), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460. Office location for commercial courier delivery, telephone number and e-mail address: Rm. 266A, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5761; e-mail: hollins.james@epa.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. General Information

##### A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to persons who produce or use pesticides, 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 information in this notice, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. How Can I Get Additional information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?*

1. *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** listing at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* Contact James A. Hollins at 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Mall No. 2, Rm. 224, Arlington, VA, telephone number (703) 305-5761. Available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

##### II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

This notice announces receipt by the Agency of applications from registrants to delete uses in six pesticide registrations. These registrations are listed in the following Table 1 by registration number, product name/active ingredient and specific uses deleted: