that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Confidentiality Rules, EPA ICR No. 1665.03, OMB Control No. 2020–0003, expiration date August 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 August 28, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR, contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260–2740 or by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/icr and refer to EPA ICR No. 1665.03. For technical questions about the ICR, contact Rebecca Moser in EPA's Office of Information Collection by phone at (202) 260–6780, by fax at (202) 260–8550, or by email at *Moser.Rebecca@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Confidentiality Rules (OMB Control No. 2020–0003; EPA ICR No. 1665.03), expiring August 31, 2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: EPA administers a number of environmental protection statutes which require it to collect data from thousands of facilities. Businesses often claim the data they submit as confidential business information (CBI). EPA developed the regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B to protect CBI, as well as the rights of the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). When EPA must determine whether information is entitled to confidential treatment, it provides the affected business with an opportunity to submit comments (a substantiation). EPA then considers the business's comments in determining whether the previously submitted information should be protected as CBI. This ICR relates to the collection of information that will assist EPA in making confidentiality determinations.

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 April 12, 2000 (65 FR 19750); comments were received from one organization.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.8 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: 1330.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1101.

Frequency of Response: on occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 6432 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. 1665.03 and OMB Control No. 2020–0003 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: July 19, 2000.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Collection Services Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6842–6]

Inadequacy Status of the Portneuf Valley, Pocatello, ID; Submitted Particulate Matter (PM10) Air Quality Improvement Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of inadequacy.

SUMMARY: In this document, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the motor vehicle emissions budget for PM10 in the Portneuf Valley, Pocatello, Idaho submitted PM10 Air Quality Improvement Plan is inadequate for conformity purposes. On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. As a result of our finding, Portneuf Valley cannot use the motor vehicle emissions budget from the submitted PM–10 Air Quality Improvement Plan for future conformity determinations.

DATES: This finding is effective August 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding and the response to comments will be available at EPA's conformity website: *http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq,* (once there, click on the ''Conformity'' button, then look for ''Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity''). You may also contact Wayne Elson, U.S. EPA, Region 10 (OAQ–107), 1200 Sixth Ave, Seattle WA 98101; (206) 553–1463 or *elson.wayne@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Today's document is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 10 sent a letter to Idaho Division of Environmental Quality on June 8, 2000 stating that the motor vehicle emissions budget in the Portneuf Valley submitted Particulate Matter (PM-10) Air Quality Improvement Plan is inadequate. This finding is based on the exceedences of the PM10 National Ambient Air Quality Standards recorded in December 1999, and the need to re-visit the planning effort for the Portneuf Valley PM10 nonattainment area. This finding will also be announced on EPA's conformity website: *http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq,* (once there, click on the ''Conformity'' button, then look for ''Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity'').

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act.

EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review.

We've described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled ''Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision''). We followed this guidance in making our adequacy determination.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671 q.

Dated: July 18, 2000.

Chuck Findley,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–6609–5]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564–7157 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa

Weekly Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements
Filed July 17, 2000
Through July 21, 2000
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

EIS No. 000253, Draft EIS, AFS, MN, Little East Creek Fuel Reduction Project, Plan to Grant Access Across Federal Land to Non-Federal Landowners, Implementation, LaCroix Ranger District, Superior National Forest, Saint Louis County, MN, Due: September 11, 2000, Contact: Jim Thompson (218) 666–0020.

EIS No. 000254, Draft EIS, AFS, ID, South Fourth of July Ecosystem Restoration Project, Implementation, Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest, Lemhi County, ID, Due: September 11, 2000, Contact: Doug Weaver (208) 756–5219.

EIS No. 000255, Final EIS, FRC, CA, UT, AZ, NM, Southern Trails Pipeline Project (CP99–163–000), Conversion of an Existing Crude Oil Pipeline (known as the ARCO Four Corners Pipeline Line 90 System), Construction and Operation, CA, AZ, UT and NM, Due: August 28, 2000, Contact: Paul McKee (202) 208–1066.

EIS No. 000256, Draft EIS, COE, NJ, Meadowlands Mills Project, Construction of a Mixed-Use Commercial Development, Permit Application Number 95–07–440–RS for Issuance of a USCOE Section 404 Permit, Boroughs of Carlstadt and Monnachie, Township of South Hackensack, Bergen County, NJ, Due: September 11, 2000, Contact: Steven Schumach (212) 264–0183.

EIS No. 000257, Draft EIS, USN, CA, Point Mugu Sea Range Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWPWS), Proposes To Accommodate TMD Testing and Training, Additional Training Exercises, Ventura, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Diego and San Luis Obispo Counties, CA, Due: September 11, 2000, Contact: Cora Fields (888) 217–9045.

EIS No. 000258, Draft EIS, DOE, TN, WA, ID, Programmatic—Accomplishing Expanded Civilian Nuclear Energy Research and Development and Isotope Production Missions in the United States, Including the Role of the Fast Flux Test, ID, TN, WA, Due: September 18, 2000, Contact: Colette E. Brown (877) 562–4593.

EIS No. 000259, Draft EIS, SFW, CA, Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration Project, Creation of Wetland Habitat Areas, Approval and Issuance of USCOE Section 404 and USCGD Bridge Permits, Orange County, CA, Due: September 11, 2000, Contact: Jack Fancher (760) 431–9440. USFWS and USCOE are Joint Lead Agencies for the above EIS.

Dated: July 25, 2000.

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–6609–6]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564–7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D–FHW–D40307–VA Rating EC2, Coalfields Expressway Location Study, Improvements from Route 23 near Pound, VA to the WV State Line east of Slate, VA, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Wise, Dickerson and Buchanan, VA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about the direct impact to forests, streams and wetlands. EPA recommends that VDOT and FHWA consider flexibility in the design standards of this road to allow for contact sensitive design and that the right-of-way limits and clearing be kept to a minimum.

ERP No. D–RUS–E39053–KY Rating EC2, Jackson County Lake Project, Implementation, To Provide Adequate Water Supplies for the Projected Residential, Commercial and Industrial Needs, Funding and Possible COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Jackson County, KY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to long-term water quality implications of the proposal and request additional information regarding project purposed/need.

ERP No. DS–FTA–C40046–NY Rating LO, Buffalo Inner Harbor Development Project, Waterfront Redevelopment, Funding and COE Section 10 and 404 Permit Issuance, New Information in Response to a Court Order concerning Historic Preservation, Eric County, NY.

Summary: EPA has no objection to implementation of the proposed project.

FINAL EISs

ERP No. F–BLM–K67049–CA Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Mining Project, Proposal to Mine, Produce and Sell, ''Split Estate'' Private Owned and Federally Owned Lands, Transit Mixed Concrete, Los Angeles County, CA.