

effective and safe work practice standards. The TSCA section 404 regulations include reporting and recordkeeping requirements that apply to states and Indian Tribes that seek Federal authorization to administer and enforce state and tribal programs that regulate lead-based paint activities based on the section 402 regulations. The overall goals of the section 402 and section 404 regulations and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements found therein are to ensure the availability of a trained and qualified workforce to identify and address lead-based paint hazards in residences, and to protect the general public from exposure to lead hazards.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 745). Respondents may claim all or part of a document confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2. 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.

Burden Statement: The annual public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 17.2 hours per response. 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. 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the burden and cost estimates for this ICR, which are only briefly summarized here:

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Persons who provide training or engage in lead-based paint activities or a state agency administering lead-based paint activities.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,529.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 371,214 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-labor Costs: \$0.

Changes in Burden Estimates: The total burden associated with this ICR has decreased from 403,541 hours in the previous ICR. This decrease, which is described in more detail in the ICR, represents several adjustments in the calculations related to the progress in implementing this program, which was being newly established when the previous ICR was approved.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days of this notice, as described above.

Dated: August 30, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6865-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities; EPA ICR No. 1710.03; Submission to OMB; Additional Opportunity to Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Disclosure Requirements (EPA ICR No. 1710.03, OMB No. 2070-0151) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden. The **Federal Register** notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this ICR was issued on April 22, 1999 (64 FR 19772). EPA did not receive any comments.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before October 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone on (202)

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"farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov," or by mail at the address indicated below. You may also access the ICR at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1710.03 or OMB Control No. 2070-0151.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing the proper ICR number, to the following addresses: Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460; and to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Disclosure Requirements (EPA ICR No. 1710.03; OMB Control No. 2070-00151).

Review Requested: This is a request under 5 CFR 1320.12 to renew an existing ICR currently scheduled to expire on August 31, 2000. Under 5 CFR 1320.10(e)(2), the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while the submission is pending at OMB.

Abstract: Section 1018 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4852d) requires that sellers and lessors of most residential housing built before 1978 disclose known information on the presence of lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards, and provide an EPA-approved pamphlet to purchasers and renters before selling or leasing the housing. Sellers of pre-1978 housing are also required to provide prospective purchasers with 10 days to conduct an inspection or risk assessment for lead-based paint hazards before obligating purchasers under contracts to purchase the property. The rule does not apply to rental housing that has been found to be free of lead-based paint, zero-bedroom dwellings, housing for the elderly, housing for the handicapped, or short-term leases. The affected parties and the information collection-related requirements related to each are described below:

1. Sellers of pre-1978 residential housing. Sellers of pre-1978 housing must attach certain notification and disclosure language to their sales/leasing contracts. The attachment lists the information disclosed and acknowledges compliance by the seller, purchaser and any agents involved in the transaction.

2. Lessors of pre-1978 residential housing. Lessors of pre-1978 housing

must attach notification and disclosure language to their leasing contracts. The attachment, which lists the information disclosed and acknowledges compliance with all elements of the rule, must be signed by the lessor, lessee and any agents acting on their behalf. Agents and lessees must retain the information for 3 years from the completion of the transaction.

3. Agents acting on behalf of sellers or lessors. Section 1018 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 specifically directs EPA and HUD to require agents acting on behalf of sellers or lessors to ensure compliance with the disclosure regulations.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information that is subject to approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's information collections appear as part of the collection instruments (*i.e.*, form or instructions), in the **Federal Register** notices for related rulemaking and ICR notices, and, if the collection is contained in a regulation, in a table of OMB approval numbers in 40 CFR part 9.

Burden Statement: There are an estimated 12,359,721 real estate transactions that will require one or more submissions of information annually. The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 34.7 minutes per transaction for an estimated 16,014,310 respondents (0.77 transactions for each respondent). Under the PRA, "burden" 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: Entities potentially affected by this action are sellers, purchasers, lessors, and lessees of non-exempt residential dwellings built before 1978, or a real estate agents representing such parties.

Estimated Number of Potential Respondents: 16,014,310.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One, per occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 7,145,412.

Estimated Total Annual Non-labor Costs: \$0.

Changes in the ICR Since the Last Approval: There is a net increase of 1,421 hours (from 7,143,991 hours to 7,145,412 hours) in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the previous ICR. This increase reflects an adjustment in the calculations for the ICR and is described in detail in the ICR document.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days of this notice, as described above.

Dated: August 31, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities; EPA ICR No. 1139.06; Submission to OMB; Additional Opportunity to Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: TSCA Existing Chemical Test Rules, Consent Orders, Test Rule Exemptions, and Voluntary Test Data Submissions (EPA ICR No. 1139.06, OMB No. 2070-0033) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden. The **Federal Register** notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this ICR was issued on July 28, 1999 (64 FR 40865). EPA received comments on the draft ICR during the comment period, which are addressed in the ICR.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before October 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone on (202)

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"farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov," or by mail at the address indicated below. You may also access the ICR at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1139.06 or OMB Control No. 2070-0033.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing the proper ICR number, to the following addresses: Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460; and to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: TSCA Existing Chemical Test Rules, Consent Orders, Test Rule Exemptions, and Voluntary Test Data Submissions (EPA ICR No. 1139.06; OMB Control No. 2070-0033).

Review Requested: This is a request under 5 CFR 1320.12 to renew an existing ICR currently scheduled to expire on August 31, 2000. Under 5 CFR 1320.10(e)(2), the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while the submission is pending at OMB.

Abstract: This data collection program is designed to provide EPA with necessary test data on health effects, ecological effects and environmental fate to predict the probable impacts on human health or the environment of chemicals that may present an unreasonable risk to which there is substantial exposure or release. Section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) provides the authority for collecting this test data, and is intended to assure that chemicals that may pose serious risks to human health or the environment undergo testing by manufacturers or processors, and that the results of such testing are made available to EPA. EPA uses the information collected to assess risks associated with the manufacture, processing, distribution, use or disposal of a chemical, and to support any necessary regulatory action with respect to that chemical.

The Agency may obtain the needed test data (1) by issuing a test rule through notice and comment rulemaking, (2) through negotiation with industry and issuing an Enforceable Consent Agreement (ECA), or (3) through commitments from industry as Voluntary Testing Agreements (VTAs). The testing specified in a rule or ECA issued under TSCA section 4, or any testing identified