

number 1630.06 is associated with this rulemaking.

All facility response plan (FRP) reporting and recordkeeping activities are mandatory. Each FRP is submitted to EPA. The Agency, in turn, reviews and approves plans from facilities identified as having the potential to cause "significant and substantial harm" to the environment for oil discharges. Other low risk, regulated facilities that are not required to prepare facility response plans are required to document their determination that they do not meet the "substantial harm" criteria.

None of the information to be gathered for this collection is believed to be confidential. 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 May 31, 2000 (65 FR 34690-34698). No comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated as follows: An average of 0.1 hours of recordkeeping for newly regulated facilities not required to prepare FRPs (*i.e.*, facilities that certify that they do not meet the "substantial harm" criteria); 8.3 hours for recordkeeping and 239 hours for reporting for the newly regulated facilities required to prepare FRPs (*i.e.*, first year costs for plan development); 1.2 hours for recordkeeping and 98 hours for reporting for facilities maintaining FRPs (*i.e.*, subsequent costs for annual plan maintenance). 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 and operators of oil discharges into waterways.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 10,310.

**Frequency of Response:** One-time certification, one time plan development. Annual plan review and revision as needed.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 583,130 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden:** \$22,000.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1630.07 and OMB Control No. 2050-0135 in any correspondence.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6893-8]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting; Submission of EPA ICR No. 1704.05 to OMB

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

**ACTION:** Notice of submission to OMB.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: "Alternate Threshold for Low Annual Reportable Amounts; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting," (EPA ICR No. 1704.05; OMB Control No. 2070-0143) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the procedures described 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 Agency is requesting that OMB renew for 3 years the existing approval for this ICR, which is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2001. A **Federal Register** notice announcing the Agency's intent to seek the renewal of this ICR and the 60-day public comment opportunity, requesting comments on the request and the contents of the ICR, was issued on

July 6, 2000 (65 FR 41653). EPA received comments on this ICR which have been addressed.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before December 1, 2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone on (202) 260-2740, by e-mail:

"farmer.sandy@epa.gov," or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1704.05.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1704.05 and OMB Control No. 2070-0143, to the following addresses: Ms. Sandy Farmer, Office of Environmental Information (2822), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Review Requested:** This is a request to renew a currently approved information collection.

**Title:** Alternate Threshold for Low Annual Reportable Amounts; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting.

**Abstract:** EPCRA section 313 requires certain facilities manufacturing, processing, or otherwise using certain toxic chemicals in excess of specified threshold quantities to report their environmental releases of such chemicals annually. Each such facility must file a separate report for each such chemical.

In accordance with the authority in EPCRA, EPA has established an alternate threshold for those facilities with low amounts of a listed toxic chemical in wastes. A facility that meets the current reporting thresholds but estimates that the total amount of the chemical in total waste does not exceed 500 pounds per year, and that the chemical was manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in an amount not exceeding 1 million pounds during the reporting year, can take advantage of reporting under the alternate threshold option for that chemical for that reporting year.

Each qualifying facility that chooses to apply the revised threshold must file the Form A (EPA Form 9350-2) in lieu of a complete TRI reporting Form R (EPA Form 9350-1). In submitting the Form A, the facility certifies that the sum of the amount of the EPCRA section 313 chemical in wastes did not exceed 500 pounds for the reporting year, and that the chemical was manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in an

amount not exceeding 1 million pounds during the reporting year. Use of the Form A in place of the Form R represents a substantial savings to respondents, both in burden hours and in labor costs.

The primary function served by the submission of the Form A is to satisfy the statutory requirement to maintain reporting on a substantial majority of releases for all listed chemicals. Without the Form A, users of TRI data would not have access to any information on these chemicals. The Form A also serves as a *de facto* range report, which is useful to any party interested in amounts being handled at a particular facility or for broader statistical purposes. Additionally, the Form A provides compliance monitoring and enforcement programs and other interested parties with a means to track chemical management activities and verify overall compliance with the rule. Responses to this collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 372) and facilities subject to reporting must either submit a Form A or a Form R.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public burden for this collection of information, which is approved under OMB Control No. 2070-0143, is estimated to average 34.6 hours per each form, for a facility which certifies one chemical per form A. For facilities which choose to certify two chemicals per form A, the estimated burden is 67.8 hours per form. Responding to this information collection requires: (1) Determining whether a listed toxic chemical is eligible for certification under the alternate threshold, and (2) completing the Form A. The burden of determining eligibility for certification is estimated to average 33.2 hours for each chemical that is certified. The burden of completing the Form A is estimated to average 1.4 hours, regardless of the number of chemicals being certified. The total burden per response is the combination of these two, and will vary depending on the number of listed toxic chemicals being certified.

EPA estimates that as many as 7,397 respondents may submit a Form A with these responses containing a total of 14,793 certifications. Total respondent burden and cost for completing those Form As are estimated at approximately 582,000 burden hours and \$52 million per year. (The alternate threshold may save reporting facilities up to 189,000 hours, with a dollar value of \$11 million, compared to the cost of reporting on Form R.) The estimated burden in this supporting statement differs from what is currently in OMB's

inventory for alternate threshold reporting (13,157 respondents, 9,072 responses, and 646,875 burden hours) as a result of both an adjustment and a program change. The adjustment was made by calculating the number of eligible respondents and responses from the manufacturing sector based on TRI data from the 1998 reporting year (the most recent TRI data available). This adjustment reduced reporting burden by 62,772 hours. The program change was made by excluding the reporting of PBT chemicals on Form A. This change reduces the burden associated with this collection. The portion of the change due to this regulatory change decreases burden by 2,114 hrs.

*Estimated No. of Respondents:* 7,397 respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 582,000 burden hours.

*Frequency of Collection:* Annual.

Dated: October 23, 2000.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6893-7]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; New Source Performance Standard (NSPS Subpart SSS) for Magnetic Tape Coating Facilities

**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, Subpart SSS, for Magnetic Tape Coating Facilities, OMB Control Number: 2060-0171, expiration date: 11/30/2000. 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 December 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1135.07 and OMB Control No. 2060-0171, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail

Code 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503

**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.1135.07. For technical questions about the ICR contact Anthony Raia in the Office of Compliance at 202-564-6045.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Standards of Performance for Magnetic Tape Coating Facilities (OMB Control No.2060-0171; EPA ICR No 1135.07). Expiration date: 11/30/00. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Magnetic Tape Coating Facilities were proposed on January 22, 1986, and promulgated on October 3, 1988. These standards apply to each coating operation and each piece of coating mix preparation equipment for which construction, modification or reconstruction commenced after January 22, 1986. Volatile organic compounds (VOC) are the pollutants regulated under the standards.

Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make the following one time-only reports: notification of the date of construction or reconstruction; notification of the anticipated and actual dates of startup; notification of any physical or operational change to an existing facility which may increase the regulated pollutant emission rate; notification of the date of the initial performance test (not required under section 60.393(a)); and the results of the initial performance test.

Owners or operators also are required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility. These notifications, reports and records are required, in general, of all sources subject to NSPS.

Monitoring requirements specific to these magnetic tape operations consist mainly of VOC measurements, including monthly records of VOC content of all coatings applied, total amount and percent VOC recovered, and the total amount of coating applied. In addition, facilities utilizing less solvent annually than the applicable