

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

cutoff shall make semiannual estimates of projected annual amount of solvent use and maintain records of actual solvent use.

Each owner or operator of an affected magnetic tape coating operation shall install, calibrate, maintain, and operate a monitoring device that continuously indicates and records the concentration level of organic compounds in the outlet gas stream. Certain facilities will also be required to continuously measure and record either the combustion temperature of the incinerator (for those facilities controlled by a thermal incinerator) or the condenser exhaust temperature (for those facilities controlled by a condensation system).

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 demonstration of the continuous monitoring system (CMS); notification of the date of the initial performance test; and the results of the initial performance test.

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 March 31, 2000 (65 FR 17259). No comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 69 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:** Magnetic Tape Manufacturing.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 13.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion, quarterly, semi-annually.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 3891 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital and O&M Cost Burden:** \$93,000.

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 following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1135.07 and OMB Control No. 2060-0171 in any correspondence.

Dated: October 19, 2000.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6894-7]

### Request for Applications for Essential Use Exemptions to the Production and Import Phaseout of Ozone Depleting Substances Under the Montreal Protocol for the Years 2002 and 2003

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Through this notice, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting applications for consideration at the Thirteenth Meeting of the Parties to the *Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer* (the Protocol) to be held in 2001, for exemptions to the production and import phaseout in 2002 and 2003 for ozone-depleting substances (including halons 1211 and 1301, CFC-11, CFC-12, CFC-113, CFC-114, CFC-115, CFC-13, CFC-111, CFC-112, CFC-211, CFC-212, CFC-213, CFC-214, CFC-215, CFC-216, CFC-217, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl chloroform).

**DATES:** Applications for essential use exemptions must be submitted to EPA no later than December 1, 2000 in order for the United States (U.S.) government to complete its review and to submit nominations to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Protocol Parties in a timely manner.

**ADDRESSES:** Send two copies of application materials to: Erin Birgfeld, Stratospheric Protection Division (6205J), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. If submitting applications by courier, the office address is 501 3rd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Send one copy of your application materials to: Air Docket A-93-39, 401 M Street, SW, (6102), Room M1500, Washington, DC 20460.

**Confidentiality:** Applications should not contain confidential or proprietary information. Such confidential information should be submitted under separate cover and be clearly identified as "trade secret," "proprietary," or "company confidential." Information covered by a claim of business confidentiality will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and by means of the procedures, set forth at 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B (41 FR 36902). If no claim of confidentiality accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the company (40 CFR 2.203).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Birgfeld at the above address or at (202) 564-9079 telephone, (202) 565-2095 fax, or [birgfeld.erin@epa.gov](mailto:birgfeld.erin@epa.gov). General information may be obtained from the Stratospheric Ozone Hotline at 1-800-296-1996.

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##### I. Background—The Essential Use Nomination Process

As described in previous **Federal Register** (FR) notices (58 FR 29410, May 20, 1993; 59 FR 52544, October 18, 1994; 60 FR 54349, October 23, 1995; 61 FR 51110, 0 30, 1996, 62 FR 51655, October 2, 1997; 63 FR 42629, August 10, 1998; and 64 FR 50083, September 15, 1999), the Parties to the Protocol agreed during the Fourth Meeting in Copenhagen on November 23-25, 1992, to accelerate the phase-out schedules for Class I ozone-depleting substances. Specifically, the Parties agreed that non-Article 5 Parties (developed countries) would phase out the production and consumption of halons by January 1, 1994, and the production and consumption of other Class I substances (under 40 CFR 82, Subpart A), except methyl bromide, by January 1, 1996.