

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6922-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Performance Evaluation Studies on Water and Wastewater Laboratories**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: Performance Evaluation Studies on Water and Wastewater Laboratories, EPA ICR No. 0234.07, OMB Control No. 2080-0021: currently expiring December 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 January 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0234.07 and OMB Control No. 2080-0021, 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 email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0234.07. For technical questions about the ICR contact Ray Wesselman at (513) 569-7194.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Performance Evaluation studies on Water and Wastewater Laboratories (OMB Control No. 2080-0021; EPA ICR No. 0234.07). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection expiring December 31, 2000.

Abstract: The EPA receives analytical results on drinking waters and wastewaters from a variety of laboratories and must rely on these data as a primary basis of its regulatory decisions. As a consequence, it had become desirable to have an objective

demonstration that the contributing laboratories are capable of producing valid data. The subject Performance Evaluation Studies are designed to fulfill this need to document and improve the quality of analytical data from certain critical analyses within drinking water, major point-source discharge and ambient water quality samples. Participation in Water Pollution (WP) studies that relate to wastewater analyses, and Water Supply (WS) studies that relate to drinking water analyses, is only mandated by the EPA for those laboratories that receive federal funds to do such analyses; however successful performance in these studies is often required by states that certify laboratories for drinking water and wastewater analyses. Participation in the Discharge Monitoring Report—Quality Assurance (DMR-QA) studies is mandatory for those designed wastewater discharges who are doing self-monitoring analyses required under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

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 29, 2000 (65 FR 16589); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record-keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10.3 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: Wastewater labs, NPDES permittees and toxicity labs, and water chemistry microbiological labs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 23,430.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Annual hour Burden: 241,619 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M 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 addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0234.07 and OMB Control No. 2080-0021 in any correspondence.

Dated: December 18, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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Pesticide AudioTechnology Initiative Pilot Program Announcement**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA invites interested individuals and organizations to participate in a new pesticide educational outreach pilot program entitled the Pesticide Audio Technology Initiative (PATI) which will develop educational kits for use in schools. The kits will be used to teach about the Consumer Labeling Initiative's (CLI) national educational campaign to "READ the Label First!" and the importance of safe and proper use, storage, and disposal of pesticides and household cleaners.

DATES: The PATI pilot program will begin January 25, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Drew Burnett (202) 564-0448, Burnett.andrew@epamail.epa.gov; or Amy Breedlove, (703) 308-9069, Breedlove.amy@epamail.epa.gov; Office of Environmental Education (1704 A), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has three primary objectives for the PATI pilot program: (1) To develop an effective educational program to teach school age children about the importance of first reading the label before any member of the household uses a pesticide or household cleaner;

(2) promoting household safety to reduce children's exposure to potentially harmful chemicals; and (3) utilizing this pilot program as an opportunity to foster partnerships among EPA, State and Local Agencies, industry, and other potential stakeholders.

In March 1996, EPA announced the CLI after finding that label information is often difficult for the general public to read and understand. CLI is a voluntary, cooperative partnership among federal, state, and local government agencies, industry, and other interested groups working to improve product labels on indoor insecticides, outdoor pesticides, and household cleaners. CLI's educational goals are to foster pollution prevention and to improve consumer understanding of information on consumer products, particularly pesticides and cleaners. To bring these new labels to the attention of the public, the CLI developed a national consumer education campaign entitled "Read the Label FIRST!" (RtLF!).

According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, 36 children age 14 and under died from poisoning in 1997. More than 1 million children were victims of accidental poisoning. Introducing school age children to the RtLF! campaign and child safety issues via the PATI pilot program will allow them to become better-informed consumers and reduce their risks of accidental poisonings. In turn, they can carry this knowledge back to their families.

Currently, participants in the PATI pilot program include New Mexico's Family Career and Community Leaders of America and SpaceMark Talking Technologies, Inc. EPA is announcing this initiative to promote the broadest possible participation by interested individuals and organizations in order to develop an effective education program for school age children.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection;
Environmental education, and outreach.

Dated: December 14, 2000.

Michael Baker,

Acting Director, Office of Environmental Education.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority, Comments Requested

December 18, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before February 26, 2001. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, Room 1 A-804, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0253.

Title: Part 68—Connection of Telephone Equipment to the Telephone Network (Sections 68.106, 68.108, 68.110).

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension.
Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 57,540.
Estimated Time Per Response: .057 hours per response (avg).

Total Annual Burden: 3,270.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: 0.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Needs and Uses: Part 68 sets forth the terms and conditions for connection and for the registration of customer provided terminal equipment. Section 68.106 requires customers connecting terminal equipment or protective circuitry to the telephone network to provide, upon request, the particular lines to which such connection is made, the FCC registration number and ringer equivalence numbers necessary to the telephone company. Section 68.108 requires telephone companies to notify customers of possible discontinuance of service when customer's equipment is malfunctioning and to inform them of their right to file a complaint. Section 68.110 requires telephone companies to provide technical information concerning inter-face parameters not specified in Part 68 and notify customers of changes in telephone company facilities, equipment, operations or procedures where such changes can be reasonably expected to render any customer's terminal equipment incompatible with the telephone company's communication facilities. The purpose of this is to prevent harm to the telephone network and degradation of our telephone service.

OMB Control No.: 3060-0807.

Title: 47 CFR Section 51.803 and Supplemental Procedures for Petitions Pursuant to Section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Form: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension.
Respondents: Business or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 52.
Estimated Time Per Response: 40.8.
Total Annual Burden: 2,040 hrs.
Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: 0.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Needs and Uses: In response to petitions seeking preemption pursuant to section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the Commission implemented procedures to help ensure the expeditious processing of petitions filed pursuant to section 252(e)(5). Any interested party seeking preemption of a state commission's jurisdiction based on the state commission's failure to act