

(#1189.09) is 20,802 hours per year at a cost of \$2,046,564. This is an increase of 691 hours from the previously approved ICR (#1189.06). This increase in burden occurred for several reasons.

Based on its consultations with the EPA regions and authorized States, EPA decreased some of its estimates of the number of notifications and other paperwork submitted under the exclusions/exemptions at 40 CFR 261.3 and 261.4. In addition, EPA decreased its estimate of the number of facilities reading the parts 260 and 261 regulations. In ICR #1189.06, EPA estimated that 330 facilities would read the regulations each year; this estimate included facilities actively preparing/submitting paperwork, as well as those keeping records in support of their exemptions/exclusions. In this ICR, EPA revised this assumption, assuming that only facilities actively preparing/submitting paperwork would read the regulations (126 facilities/yr); facilities that already have been granted an exclusion or exemption likely would not re-read the regulations for that waste. These decreased universe estimates led to a decrease in the burdens for the corresponding paperwork requirements.

However, the burden decrease described above was offset because EPA increased the number of delisting petitions (from 15 per year in ICR #1189.06 to 20 per year in this ICR) and petitions for a variance from a solid waste (from 15 per year in ICR #1189.06 to 30 per year in this ICR). Again, EPA ascertained these estimates based on consultations with EPA regions and authorized States. EPA estimates that operation and maintenance (O&M) costs will be incurred for various activities. The largest of these are for sampling wastes for a delisting petition (\$28,006), and preparing a statement as part of a rulemaking petition (\$9,479). Total O&M costs for this ICR are \$886,315 per year. EPA estimates that there will be no capital costs incurred. Finally, EPA estimates that the average annual burden per respondent ranges from 3.5 hours (preparation of a nonwastewater exemption) to 748 hours (preparation of a delisting petition).

Dated: March 26, 2001.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00311; FRL-6775-3]

Partial Updating of TSCA Inventory Data Base, Production and Site Reports; Request for Comment on Renewal of Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), EPA is seeking public comment and information on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): Partial Updating of TSCA Inventory Data Base, Production and Site Reports (EPA ICR No. 1011.05, OMB No. 2070-0070). This ICR involves a collection activity that is currently approved and scheduled to expire on June 30, 2001. The information collected under this ICR relates to the reporting of information to the EPA for purposes of periodically updating the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) section 8(b) Inventory of Chemical Substances. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket control number OPPTS-00311 and administrative record number AR-234, must be received on or before June 4, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPPTS-00311 and administrative record number AR-234 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For general information contact:* Barbara Cunningham, Director, Office of Program Management and Evaluation, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7401), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: Susan Krueger, Economics, Exposure and Technology Division (7406), Office

of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 260-1713; fax number: (202) 260-1661; e-mail address: krueger.susan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a manufacturer, processor, or importer of chemical substances, mixtures, or categories. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Type of business	NAICS codes
Basic chemical manufacturing	3251
Resin, synthetic rubber and artificial synthetic fibers and filaments manufacturing	3252
Paint, coating, and adhesive manufacturing	3255
Pesticide, fertilizer, and other agricultural chemical manufacturing	3253
Other chemical product and preparation manufacturing	3259
Petroleum refineries	32411

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this table could also be affected. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes are provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

A. Electronically

You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the

“**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents.” You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

B. Fax-on-Demand

Using a faxphone call (202) 401-0527 and select item 4087 for a copy of the ICR.

C. In Person

The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPPTS-00311 and administrative record number AR-234. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the TSCA Non-Confidential Information Center, North East Mall Rm. B-607, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Center is (202) 260-7099.

III. How Can I Respond to this Action?

A. How and to Whom Do I Submit the Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPPTS-00311 and administrative record number AR-234 on the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in East Tower Rm. G-099, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 260-7093.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: oppt.ncic@epa.gov, or mail your computer disk to the address identified in Units III.A.1. and 2. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPPTS-00311 and administrative record number AR-234. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

B. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

C. What Should I Consider when I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.

7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.

8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number and administrative record number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

D. What Information is EPA Particularly Interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
4. Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

IV. What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does this Action Apply to?

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR:

Title: Partial Updating of TSCA Inventory Data Base, Production and Site Reports.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1011.05, OMB No. 2070-0070.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2001. 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 information collections appear on the collection instruments or instructions, in the **Federal Register** notices for related rulemakings and ICR notices and, if the collection is contained in a regulation, in a table of OMB approval numbers in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: TSCA requires EPA to compile and keep current a complete list of chemical substances manufactured or processed in the United States. EPA updates this

inventory of chemicals every 4 years by requiring manufacturers, processors, and importers to provide production volume, plant site information, and site-limited status information. This information allows EPA to identify what chemicals are or are not currently in commerce and to take appropriate regulatory action as necessary. EPA also uses the information for screening chemicals for risks to human health or the environment, for priority-setting efforts, and for exposure estimates.

Responses to this collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 710). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice 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.

V. What are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for this ICR?

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. For this collection it 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 this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11.5 hour per response. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities: Manufacturers and importers of chemical substances, mixtures, or categories.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 3,000.

Frequency of response: Once every 4 years.

Estimated average number of responses for each respondent: 1.

Estimated total burden hours: 34,500 hours.

Estimated total burden costs: \$2,426,160.

VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

There is no change in the total estimated respondent burden compared to that identified in the information collection request most recently approved by OMB.

VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 22, 2001.

Susan B. Hazen,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6961-6]

Gulf of Mexico Program; Policy Review Board Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Act, Public Law 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) Policy Review Board (PRB).

DATES: The PRB meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2001, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sofitel Hotel, 425 N. Sam Houston Parkway, East, Houston, Texas 77060 (at Bush Intercontinental Airport), (281) 445-9000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria D. Car, Designated Federal Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Building 1103, Room 202, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000 at (228) 688-2421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed agenda items will include: Review PRB Recommendations.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: March 27, 2001.

Gloria D. Car,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00708; FRL-6774-4]

EPA Analysis of the Impact of Wet Milling on the Cry9C Protein Content in Food

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action is part of EPA's ongoing effort to make information publicly available and to seek public input on the potential health risks to humans from consuming foods made from StarLink corn. StarLink is a variety of Bt corn that has been genetically engineered to produce a protein, Cry9C, intended to be toxic to certain insect pests of corn. EPA is soliciting public comments on its analysis of the impact on wet milling on the Cry9C protein content in human food. The assessment concludes that use of StarLink corn in wet-milling results in no (or essentially no) residues of Cry9C protein in human food fractions - corn oil, corn syrup, alcohol, corn starch. This information would support a conclusion that there is no human health risk from eating such food fractions. This Notice also lists the specific experts in the processing of corn for food from whom EPA is specifically seeking comment. The Agency will take into consideration all comments received as it revises the wet milling assessment, and the Agency will announce the availability of the final assessment in the **Federal Register**. The Agency will also consider the final assessment as it makes its decision on the pending Aventis petition.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-00708, must be received on or before May 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative