

notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

o. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

q. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division

of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

r. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Survey on Environmental Management of Asthma

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 EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): National Survey on Environmental Management of Asthma, EPA ICR Number 1996.01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the ICR without charge, contact: Dr. Susan Conrath, Indoor Environments Division, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., (6609J), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Susan Conrath by phone at (202) 564-9389 or by e-mail at conrath.susan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by

this action are all individuals throughout the United States with publicly listed residential telephone numbers.

Title: National Survey on Environmental Management of Asthma (EPA ICR No. 1996.01).

Abstract: EPA is working to integrate the management of environmental factors with the medical treatment of asthma, particularly among children and low-income populations. To evaluate the effectiveness of its current outreach efforts, EPA proposes to collect data from individual U.S. households through a telephone survey. This survey will be used to gain information regarding the number of individuals with asthma who have taken steps to improve the quality of their indoor environment as part of their approach to managing the disease, as well as any barriers they may have encountered while attempting to do so. EPA will compare the data gained from this survey to the Agency's established Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) goal. Specifically, EPA's goal is that 2.5 million people with asthma, including one million children and 200,000 low-income adults, will have taken steps to reduce their exposure to indoor environmental asthma triggers by 2005.

EPA intends to conduct its survey twice during the period for which this ICR is in effect—once in the first year and again in the third. Each survey cycle will be conducted in the same manner, using the same survey instrument and protocols and relying on the same statistical assumptions regarding response and precision. EPA will conduct each survey cycle in two phases. The first phase is intended to identify households where either an adult asthmatic or child with asthma resides. Individuals who participate in the first phase of EPA's survey will be chosen at random from U.S. households with publicly listed telephone numbers. EPA expects that 10 percent of individuals who participate in its screening survey will have asthma or live in a household with someone who does. After responding to several screening questions, adult asthmatics and parents of children with asthma will be invited to participate in a longer, more in-depth telephone survey. EPA intends to over sample in communities known to have a high percentage of low-income households to ensure that the Agency is able to evaluate the effectiveness of its outreach efforts to this target population.

The National Survey on Environmental Management of Asthma is voluntary. EPA does not expect to

receive confidential information from the individuals who voluntarily participate in the survey. However, if a respondent does consider the information submitted to be of a proprietary nature, EPA will assure its confidentiality based on the provisions of 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, "Confidentiality of Business Information."

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 EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: EPA estimates the annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information to range from between 1.5 minutes and 16 minutes per response, depending on whether or not the survey respondent has asthma or lives with someone who has asthma. 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.

This survey effort is expected to cost approximately \$0.75 per respondent living in a non-asthmatic household; \$1.75 per respondent living in an asthmatic household, but participating only in the screening survey; and \$8.00 per respondent participating in both the screening survey and the survey itself. Respondents will incur no capital, start-up costs, or operation and maintenance costs as a result of this survey.

Dated: April 8, 2001.

Mary T. Smith,

Director, Indoor Environments Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of Motor Vehicle Budgets in Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes; Delaware; ROP Plans for Delaware Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area (Kent and New Castle Counties)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy status.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing that the motor vehicle emissions budgets (budgets) for Kent County and for New Castle County contained in the revised 2002 Rate of Progress Plan (ROP) and in the 2005 ROP Plan are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. These ROP plans were submitted to EPA by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) as State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions on December 22, 2000. EPA has found the ROP plans' budgets for these two counties, which comprise the Delaware portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area, are adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

DATES: The findings that the budgets are adequate were made in a letter dated April 5, 2001 from EPA Region III to the DNREC. These adequacy findings are effective on May 2, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin Kotsch, U.S. EPA, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 at (215) 814-3335 or by e-mail at: Kotsch.Martin@EPA.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document "we," "us," or "our" refer to EPA. The word "budgets" refers to the motor vehicle emission budgets for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x). The word "SIP" in this document refers to the ROP Plans for the Delaware portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area submitted to EPA as SIP revisions on December 22, 2000.

On March 2, 1999, the DC Circuit Court ruled that budgets contained in submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. On December 22, 2000, the Delaware DNREC formally submitted SIP revisions to EPA consisting of a revised 2002 ROP Plan and the 2005 ROP Plan for the Delaware portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area (Kent and New Castle Counties). On January 17, 2001, we posted the availability of the ROP plans and the budgets for these two counties on our conformity website for the purpose of soliciting public comment on the adequacy of the budgets. The comment period closed on February 16, 2001. We did not receive any comments.

On April 5, 2001, EPA Region III sent a letter to DNREC which constituted final Agency actions on the adequacy of the budgets contained in the revised 2002 and the 2005 ROP plans submitted by DNREC for Kent and New Castle Counties. Those actions were EPA's findings that the ROP plans' budgets for Kent County and for New Castle County are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our April 5, 2001 findings, the revised 2002 ROP plan budgets and the 2005 ROP plan budgets contained in Delaware's December 22, 2000 SIP submittals for Kent County and for New Castle County (the Delaware Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area) may be used for future conformity determinations.

This is an announcement of adequacy findings that we already made on April 6, 2001. The effective date of these findings is May 2, 2001. These findings will also be announced on EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq> (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of Submissions for Conformity"). The website will contain a detailed analysis of our adequacy findings.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176 of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that