

l. Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36).

Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

m. Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely 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, 385.211, 385.214. 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

[FRL-6992-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; TSCA Section 8(a) Preliminary Assessment Information Rule

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: TSCA Section 8(a) Preliminary Assessment Information Rule [EPA ICR No. 0586.09; OMB Control No. 2070-0054]. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information, was published on December 8, 2000 (65 FR 77022). EPA received one comment, which has been addressed in this ICR.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before July 9, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandy Farmer by phone on (202) 260-2740 or by e-mail:

"farmer.sandy@epa.gov." You may also access the ICR via Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>. Refer to EPA ICR No. 0586.09 and/or OMB Control No. 2070-0054.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0586.09 and OMB Control No. 2070-0054, 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: TSCA Section 8(a) Preliminary Assessment Information Rule (OMB Control No. 2070-0054; EPA ICR No. 0586.09). This is a request for extension of an existing approved collection that is currently scheduled to expire on May 31, 2001. Under 5 CFR 1320.10(e)(2), the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while the submission is pending at OMB.

Abstract: Section 8(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) authorizes EPA to promulgate rules under which manufacturers, importers and processors of chemical substances must maintain records and submit reports to EPA. Promulgated under TSCA section 8(a), EPA uses the Preliminary Assessment Information Rule (PAIR) (40 CFR part 712) to collect information to identify, assess and manage human health and environmental risks from chemicals. PAIR requires chemical manufacturers and importers to complete a

standardized reporting form to help evaluate the potential for adverse human health and environmental effects caused by the manufacture or importation of identified chemicals. Chemicals for which a justifiable information need for production, use or exposure-related data can be satisfied by the use of the PAIR, are identified individually for one-time reporting under PAIR. In addition to EPA, other federal agencies may demonstrate a justifiable information need, and EPA will identify the chemical for reporting under PAIR. In most instances the information that EPA receives from a PAIR report is sufficient to satisfy the information need in question.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory. 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. 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.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to be 28.45 hours per report. The Agency assumes that respondents will submit an average of 2.44 reports annually, for a per respondent burden of 69.41 hours. 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. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/Affected Entities: Manufacturers, importers and processors of chemical substances and mixtures.

Frequency of Collection: One-time, on occasion.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 48.
Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,355 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Costs: \$609,116.

Changes in Burden Estimates: The total burden associated with this ICR has decreased from 3,489 hours in the previous ICR to 3,355 hours for this ICR. This adjustment in burden is attributable to carrying through in the burden hour totals the adjustment made to the unit burden of the CBI substantiation requirement, i.e., only 75 percent of sites or reports are expected to make CBI claims. This adjustment was made in the unit burden calculations in the previous ICR but was not carried through in the industry totals. In addition, a few minor mathematical corrections were made to the estimates presented in the previous ICR.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days of this notice, as described above.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: May 20, 2001.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6993-3]

Agency Announcement of Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Collection of 2000 Aquatic Animal Production Industry Data (EPA ICR 1988.01)

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: "Collection of 2000 Aquatic Animal Production Industry Data" (EPA ICR No. 1988.01). The ICR supporting statement describes the nature of the

information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instruments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1988.01, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, US Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th St., 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 or e-mail at farmer.sandy@epa.gov, or download a copy off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1988.01. For technical questions about the ICR, contact Marta Jordan by phone at (202) 260-0817 or by e-mail at jordan.marta@epa.gov. For economic questions about the ICR, contact Kristen Strellec by phone at (202) 260-6036 or by e-mail at strellec.kristen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Collection of 2000 Aquatic Animal Production Industry Data (EPA ICR No.1988.01). This is a new collection.

Abstract: EPA is planning to survey aquatic animal production facilities to collect the technical and economic information EPA will need to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards. Currently, no nationally applicable effluent limitations guidelines and standards exist to regulate discharges from facilities in this point source category. EPA is developing proposed effluent regulations for this category due, in part, to the concern that excess nutrients and other chemicals may be entering the Nation's waters from animal production and feeding operations (both aquatic and land based).

EPA is required by section 304(m) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1314(m), to identify categories of sources that discharge pollutants and to establish a schedule for establishing effluent limitations guidelines for these categories. EPA is also required by the terms of a Consent Decree with the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. (NRDC) to propose effluent limitations guidelines and standards for the aquatic animal production point source category. *NRDC v. EPA*, (D.D.C. Civ. No. 89-2980, January 31, 1992, as modified).