

1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on May 29, 2001, (66 FR 29126). No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 41 hours per facility. 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: Owners/operators of natural gas plants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 98.

Frequency of Response: 120.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 4,059 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital and Operating and Maintenance Cost Burden: \$480.

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. 1736.03 and OMB Control No. 2060-0328 in any correspondence.

Dated: September 24, 2001.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7074-3]

Proposed Settlement Agreement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement agreement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended,

42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement in *American Portland Cement Alliance v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*, No. 99-1322 (D.C. Cir.). This case concerns a challenge to the rule entitled National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry, published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 31898 on June 14, 1999. The proposed settlement provides that EPA will propose revisions to the rule that would amend some of the provisions which implement the emission standards, and that EPA will make certain interpretive clarifications regarding the rule's applicability.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive written comments relating to the settlement from persons who were not named as parties to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Copies of the settlement are available from Phyllis Cochran, (202) 564-5566. Written comments should be sent to Steven Silverman, Office of General Counsel (2366A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, and must be submitted on or before November 5, 2001.

Dated: September 26, 2001.

Alan W. Eckert,

Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7074-4]

Clean Air Act; Contractor Access to Confidential Business Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has contracted with The Bionetics Corporation to provide assistance in the enforcement of regulatory requirements under the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Toxic Substances Control Act, from May 30, 2001, until May 31,

2006. The Bionetics Corporation has been authorized to have access to information submitted to EPA under these statutes that may be claimed and determined to be confidential business information.

DATES: This notice is effective October 4, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Ruske, Environmental Scientist, USEPA, Mail Code (2242A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone: (202) 564-1033. Fax: (202) 564-1024. Internet mail address: ruske.ross@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has authorized access for The Bionetics Corporation ("Bionetics"), a contractor, to information submitted to the EPA under the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Toxic Substances Control Act. Some of this information may be claimed and determined to be confidential business information ("CBI"). The EPA contract number is 68-W-01-035.

The Bionetics corporate address is: The Bionetics Corporation, 11833 Canon Boulevard, Suite #100, Newport News, VA 23606.

Under the contract, Bionetics provides enforcement support to the Air Enforcement Division, Office of Regulatory Enforcement, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance in a number of activities primarily related to the Clean Air Act. The contractor may also be called upon to provide support to other EPA offices under the other statutes. The activities in which Bionetics provides enforcement support include, but are not limited to:

Inspections and audits of facilities that produce, import, store, transport, dispense or analyze motor vehicle fuel; and,

Inspections and audits of facilities that produce, distribute, sell or repair motor vehicles, motor vehicle engines, or non-road engines.

The type of information that may be disclosed includes, but are not limited to: Records related to the production, importation, distribution, sale, storage, testing and transportation of gasoline, gasoline blendstocks, diesel fuel, diesel fuel blendstocks, and detergent additives; and records related to the manufacture, importation, emission certification, emission testing, emission control warranty, repair, modification and fueling of motor vehicles, motor vehicle engines, non-road mobile source engines, and stationary source engines.

It is necessary for Bionetics to have access to these records in order to