

times per year and submits the data to EPA. OPT sample packets consist of three spiked samples shipped to the laboratory within a standard matrix.

6. EPA contacts laboratories by letter within 60 days of their laboratory on-site evaluation to confirm whether the laboratory has demonstrated its capacity and competency for participation in the program.

F. My Laboratory Has Already Submitted Initial Demonstration of Capability (IDC) and Initial Performance Testing (IPT) Data As Part of the EPA Protozoan Performance Evaluation (PE) Program. Do I Have To Perform This Demonstration Testing Again?

No. If a laboratory currently participates in the EPA Protozoan PE Program and acceptable IDC and IPT data have already been submitted (for the version of the method that the laboratory will use to conduct *Cryptosporidium* analyses), EPA would not expect the laboratory to repeat IDC and IPT analyses.

#### Section II: Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements in this notice have been submitted for approval to the OMB under the *Paperwork Reduction Act*, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* An ICR document has been prepared by EPA (ICR No. 2052.02) and a copy may be obtained from Susan Auby by mail at Collection Strategies Division; EPA (2822); 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460, by email at [auby.susan@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:auby.susan@epamail.epa.gov), or by calling (202) 260-4901. A copy may also be downloaded off the internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr>.

Since the EPA would solicit information in application packages, including supporting documentation, analytical data, and other pertinent information from laboratories that are interested in participating in the voluntary Lab QA Program, the Agency is required to submit an ICR to OMB for review and approval. Entities potentially affected by this action include public and private laboratories that wish to be evaluated to determine if they can reliably measure for the occurrence of *Cryptosporidium* in surface waters that are used for drinking water sources using EPA Method 1622 or Method 1623.

The burden estimate for the Lab QA Program information collection includes all the burden hours and costs required for gathering information, and developing and maintaining records associated with the Lab QA Program. The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection

of information is estimated for a total of 60 respondents and an average 78 hours per response for a total of 4,676 hours at a cost of \$123,650. This estimate assumes that laboratories participating in the Lab QA program have the necessary equipment needed to conduct the analyses. Therefore, there are no start-up costs. The estimated total annual capital costs is \$0.00. The estimated Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs is \$133,880.

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.

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.

Comments are requested 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. Send comments on the ICR to the Director, Collection Strategies Division; EPA (2822); 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503, marked "Attention: Desk Officer for EPA." Include the ICR number in any correspondence. Because OMB is required to make a decision concerning the ICR between 30 and 60 days after March 4, 2002, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it by April 3, 2002. The final ICR approval notice will respond to any OMB or public comments on the information collection requirements contained in today's notice.

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

### Economic Impact Policy of the Export-Import Bank of the United States

This notice is to inform the public that the Export-Import Bank of the United States has received an application to finance \$35 million of equipment on behalf of U.S. exporters to an automotive crankshaft finisher in Mexico. The U.S. exports will enable the Mexican buyer to increase finished automotive crankshaft output by approximately 700,000 crankshafts per year. Some of this new production will be exported to the United States.

Interested parties may submit comments on this transaction by e-mail to [economic.impact@exim.gov](mailto:economic.impact@exim.gov) or by mail to 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 1238, Washington, DC 20571, within 14 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

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