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C. How and to Whom Do I Submit 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 ID number OPP-2002-0254 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov, or you can submit a computer disk as described above. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0/9.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0254. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. 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 person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

E. What Should I Consider as 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 notice or 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 ID 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.

II. Tentative Agenda

1. Certification issues - testing, match, positive identification.
2. Survey of states - funding.
3. Section 18's working with Tribal counterparts.
4. E-labeling compliance strategy.
5. Pesticide cancellations/registration issues - process development for state input.
6. Fumigants.
7. Funding - National security.
8. Non-English pesticide labels; what should states do?

9. Label issues - inaccurate, unclear, supplemental.
10. Worker protection standards.
11. Senate Bill 0-532 (Dirkson bill) - state game plan.
12. OPP update.
13. EPA update/briefing.
 - Office of Pesticide Programs.
 - a. NAFTA labeling status update.
 - b. Mosquito labeling, label review manual - changes complete and implemented.
 - Office of Enforcement Compliance Assurance.
 - Inspector credentials.

List of Subject

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 11, 2002.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning Reimbursement for Cost of Firefighting on Federal Property.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This collection of information is necessary in order to reimburse fire services for claims submitted for fighting fires on property, which is under the jurisdiction of the United States. Such claims are authorized by Section 11, of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-498, 88 Stat. 1535, 15 U.S.C. 2201 *et seq.*). Section 11 of the Act is implemented by FEMA regulations 44 CFR part 151.

Collection of Information:

Title: Reimbursement for Cost of Fighting Fire on Federal Property.

Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Number: 3067-0141.

Abstract: The collection of information is required in order to reimburse fire services for claims submitted for fighting fires on property, which is under the jurisdiction of the United States and to determine the amount authorized for payment. The FEMA Director, the United States Fire Administration Administrator, and the U.S. Department of Treasury will use the information to ensure proper expenditure of Federal funds.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit, Not-For-Profit Institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 16.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Hours Per Response: 1.5.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 24 hours.

Estimated Cost: The estimated reimbursable amount is determined by the extent to which the fire service incurred additional firefighting costs, over and above its normal operating costs, in connection with the fire, which is the subject of a claim.

Comments: Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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. Comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, Chief, Records Management Section, Program Services and Systems Branch, Facilities Management and Services Division, Administration and Resource Planning Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Timothy Ganley, Fire Program Specialist, U.S. Fire Administration, (301) 447-1358 for additional information. You may contact Ms. Anderson for copies of the proposed collection of information at telephone

number (202) 646-2625 or facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail InformationCollection@fema.gov.

Dated: August 29, 2002.

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Branch Chief, Program Services and Systems Branch, Facilities Management and Services Division, Administration and Resource Planning Directorate.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Notice of Opportunity To Comment on Snow Emergency and Severe Winter Storm Declarations and Snow Removal Assistance Policy

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for comment.

SUMMARY: FEMA is proposing to publish a revision to the currently effective Snow Assistance policy dated December 28, 1999. The proposed policy maintains the basic tenets of the current policy, but includes additional declaration criteria for snow emergencies. In addition to an area experiencing "record" or "near-record" snowfall, FEMA will require evidence of the actual impacts from a snowstorm before making a recommendation for a snow emergency declaration. More specifically, FEMA will require that the snowstorm cause some of the following impacts: search and rescue operations, opening of shelters, closure of Interstates and State highways, power outages, closure of local government offices, and the need for federal equipment and labor. Once a declaration is made, assistance would be provided to all eligible applicants for eligible snow removal work for a 48-hour time period.

DATES: This notice is effective on publication. We invite comments that are received by November 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa M. Howard, PhD., Recovery Division, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, 202-646-4240 or Melissa.Howard@fema.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are being solicited on a specific policy entitled Snow Emergency and Severe Winter Storm Declarations and Snow Removal Assistance. The policy follows:

A. Definitions

Contiguous County: A county that shares a border with a core county. Two counties that share a border across a State line are not considered contiguous counties.

Core County: A county that is declared under a snow emergency or severe winter storm that is designated for Snow Removal Assistance based on record or near-record snowfall.

Near-Record Snowfall: A snowfall that approaches, but does not exceed, the record snowfall as documented by NOAA's historical records. FEMA generally considers snowfall within ten percent of the record amount to be a near-record snowfall.

Record Snowfall: For the purposes of this policy, a record snowfall is defined as the maximum snowfall over a 1-, 2-, or 3-day period, as documented by historical records maintained by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Severe Winter Storm: For the purposes of this policy, a severe winter storm is defined as an event that occurs during the winter season and includes snow, ice, high winds, blizzard conditions, etc., and causes substantial physical damage or loss to improved property.

Snow Removal Assistance: Snow removal assistance is assistance for snow removal, de-icing, salting, and sanding of roads.

B. Snow Emergency and Severe Winter Storm Declaration Criteria

It continues to be Federal policy that disaster response and recovery is the responsibility of the State and local governments. Federal assistance is supplementary and is appropriate only when an event is of such severity and magnitude that response requirements exceed State and local capabilities. FEMA's primary considerations for either an emergency or major disaster declaration recommendation for snow or severe winter storms are the actual impacts of the event.

1. All snow emergency declaration requests must satisfy the requirements of 44 CFR 206.35. All counties requested under this policy must have experienced a record or near-record snowfall or meet the contiguous county criteria described in C.1. FEMA will require evidence of some of the following impacts when making its recommendation to the President:

- (a) Significant level of activation of National Guard for search and rescue operations and other life saving actions.
- (b) Opening of multiple shelters for large numbers of stranded motorists and