

1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: October 4, 2002.

John D. Tressler,

*Leader, Regulatory Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Quarterly Cumulative Caseload Report (SC).

Frequency: Quarterly.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary).

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 320.

Burden Hours: 320.

Abstract: State VR agencies who administer vocational programs provide key caseload indicator data on this form, including numbers of persons who are

applicants, determined eligible/ineligible, waiting for services, and also their program outcomes. This data is used for program, planning, management, budgeting and general statistical purposes.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the Browse Pending Collections link and by clicking on link number 2161. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address Vivian.Reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the e-mail address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address Sheila.Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7389-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Eliciting Risk Tradeoffs for Valuing Fatal Cancer Risks

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:

Title: Eliciting Risk Tradeoffs for Valuing Fatal Cancer Risks, EPA ICR No. 2057.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 2057.01 to the following addresses: Susan Auby, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR contact Susan Auby at EPA by phone at (202) 566-1672, by e-mail at auby.susan@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 2057.01. For technical questions about the ICR contact Dr. Melonie Williams at (202) 566-2279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Eliciting Risk Tradeoffs for Valuing Cancer Risks, EPA ICR Number 2057.01. This is a request for a new collection.

Abstract: The purpose of the survey is to provide data that will improve valuation estimates of the benefits of fatal cancer risk reductions. The existing literature on mortality risk values has focused almost exclusively on accidental and immediate deaths; however, it is unclear how applicable these values are for assessing the benefits of fatal cancer risks, which can involve extended periods between exposure on disease onset (latency) and between onset and death (morbidity). The proposed survey will present respondents with choice scenarios involving tradeoffs between different levels and types of risks. It will specifically explore how individuals' tradeoffs between risks are affected by (1) the type of cancer involved and (2) differences in the length of the latency and morbidity periods from cancer. The results will provide empirically-based ratios, which can be used to adjust existing mortality risk value estimates according to these factors. We are requesting OMB permission to conduct a pretest (350 respondents) and full-scale survey (2000 respondents), using an established panel of respondents and a webTV mode of administration. Each survey will take approximately 25 minutes, and data will be collected and stored electronically.

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 **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on January 29, 2002 (67 FR 4253); one comment was received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 25 minutes per response. 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: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2350.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 979 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: 0.

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. 2057.01 in any correspondence.

Dated: October 4, 2002.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7393-5]

Investigator Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of requests for applications.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of fiscal year 2003 investigator initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research areas within the solicitations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (1) Technology for a Sustainable Environment, *karn.barbara@epa.gov*, (2) Measurement, modeling and analysis methods for airborne fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), *winner.darrel@epa.gov*, (3) ECOHAB (Ecology of Hazardous Algal Blooms), (4) Watershed Classification, *perovich.gina@epa.gov*, and (5) Computational Toxicology Approaches for Endocrine Disruptors Screening Program, *reese.david@epa.gov*. The complete program announcement can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncer>, under "announcements." The required forms for applications with instructions are accessible on the Internet at <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/forms/downlf.html>. Forms may be printed from this site.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites research applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Technology for a Sustainable Environment, (2) Measurement, modeling and analysis methods for airborne fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), (3) ECOHAB (Ecology of Hazardous Algal Blooms), (4) Watershed Classification, and (5) Computational Toxicology Approaches for Endocrine Disruptors Screening Program.

Dated: October 1, 2002.

John C. Puzak,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Research.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7393-4]

Investigator Initiated Grants: Requests for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for applications (RFA).

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of a fiscal year 2003 program announcement in which areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules are set forth.

DATES: The RFA opened September 30, 2002 and closes January 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

April Richards, (202) 564-2297.

Richards.April@epa.gov or Bob

Thurnau, (513) 569-7504

Thurnau.Bob@epa.gov. The complete program announcement can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncer> under "announcements." Unlike other EPA RFAs, all necessary forms are included in the RFA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests for Applications the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites research applications in the following area of special interest to its mission: Treatment Technologies for Arsenic Removal for Small Drinking Water Systems: Request for Applications. The objective of this program is to pre-qualify treatment technologies for a subsequent demonstration program which will evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of drinking water treatment technologies to meet the new arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.01 mg/l for varying source water quality conditions. Proposals selected under this competition will be pre-qualified for demonstration projects at selected utilities throughout the country.

Dated: September 30, 2002.

John C. Puzak,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Research.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0265; FRL-7276-4]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: There will be a public pre-meeting teleconference and a 3-day face-to-face meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) to consider and review studies on water disinfection and softening as related to the Food Quality Protection