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**RECORDS ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Same as Notification Procedures above. Records are generally kept at locations where the work is performed. In accordance with the DOE Privacy Act regulation, proper identification is required before a request is processed.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Same as Notification Procedures above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

The subject individual, supervisors, timekeepers, official personnel records, and the Internal Revenue Service.

**SYSTEM EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

None.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

**Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) is forecasting the representative average unit costs of five residential energy sources for the year 2004 pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. The five sources are electricity, natural

gas, No. 2 heating oil, propane, and kerosene.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The representative average unit costs of energy contained in this notice will become effective February 26, 2004 and will remain in effect until further notice.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 323 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Act) (42 U.S.C. 6291-6309) requires that DOE prescribe test procedures for the determination of the estimated annual operating costs or other measures of energy consumption for certain consumer products specified in the Act. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(4)) These test procedures are found in 10 CFR part 430, subpart B.

Section 323(b) of the Act requires that the estimated annual operating costs of a covered product be calculated from measurements of energy use in a representative average use cycle or period of use and from representative average unit costs of the energy needed to operate such product during such cycle. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)) The section further requires that DOE provide information to manufacturers regarding the representative average unit costs of energy. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(4)) This cost information should be used by manufacturers to meet their obligations under section 323 of the Act. Most notably, these costs are used to comply with Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

requirements for labeling. Manufacturers are required to use the revised DOE representative average unit costs when the FTC publishes new ranges of comparability for specific covered products, 16 CFR part 305. Interested members of the public can also find information covering the FTC labeling requirements at <http://www.ftc.gov/appliances>.

The Department last published representative average unit costs of residential energy for use in the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles on April 9, 2003 (68 FR 17361). Effective February 26, 2004, the cost figures published on April 9, 2003, will be superseded by the cost figures set forth in this notice.

The Department's Energy Information Administration (EIA) developed the representative average unit after-tax costs set forth in this notice. The representative average unit after-tax costs for electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, and propane are based on simulations used to produce the September 2003, EIA *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, and reflect the mid-price scenario. The representative average unit after-tax costs for kerosene are derived from EIA's prices relative to that of heating oil, based on 1998-2002 averages for these two fuels. The source for these price data is the August 2003, *Monthly Energy Review* DOE/EIA-0035(2003/08). The *Short-Term Energy Outlook* and the *Monthly Energy Review* are available at the National Energy Information Center, Forrestal Building, Room 1F-048, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8800. These publications also can be found on the EIA Web site at <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

The 2004 representative average unit costs of energy under section 323(b)(4) of the Act are set forth in Table 1, and will become effective February 26, 2004. They will remain in effect until further notice.

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TABLE 1.—REPRESENTATIVE AVERAGE UNIT COSTS OF ENERGY FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES (2004)

Type of energy	Per million Btu <sup>1</sup>	In commonly used terms	As required by test procedure
Electricity .....	\$25.20	8.60¢/kWh <sup>2,3</sup> .....	\$.0860/kWh
Natural Gas .....	9.10	91.0¢/therm <sup>4</sup> or \$9.35/MCF <sup>5,6</sup> .....	.00000910/Btu
No. 2 Heating Oil .....	9.23	\$1.28/gallon <sup>7</sup> .....	.00000923/Btu
Propane .....	13.46	\$1.23/gallon <sup>8</sup> .....	.00001346/Btu

TABLE 1.—REPRESENTATIVE AVERAGE UNIT COSTS OF ENERGY FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES (2004)—  
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Type of energy	Per million Btu <sup>1</sup>	In commonly used terms	As required by test procedure
Kerosene .....	11.41	\$1.54/gallon <sup>9</sup> .....	.00001141/Btu

<sup>1</sup> Btu stands for British thermal units.

<sup>2</sup> kWh stands for kilowatt hour.

<sup>3</sup> 1 kWh = 3,412 Btu.

<sup>4</sup> 1 therm = 100,000 Btu. Natural gas prices include taxes.

<sup>5</sup> MCF stands for 1,000 cubic feet.

<sup>6</sup> For the purposes of this table, one cubic foot of natural gas has an energy equivalence of 1,028 Btu.

<sup>7</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of No. 2 heating oil has an energy equivalence of 138,690 Btu.

<sup>8</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of liquid propane has an energy equivalence of 91,333 Btu.

<sup>9</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of kerosene has an energy equivalence of 135,000 Btu.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0084, FRL-7613-6]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB; Comment Request; Submission of Unreasonable Adverse Effects Information Under FIFRA Section 6(a)(2)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (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: Submission of Unreasonable Adverse Effects Information under FIFRA Section 6(a)(2); EPA ICR No. 1204.09; OMB Control No. 2070-0039. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before February 26, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OPP-2003-0084, to (1) EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to [opp-docket@epa.gov](mailto:opp-docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 7502C, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC, 20460, and (2) OMB at: 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:** Nancy Vogel, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-6475; fax number: (703) 305-5884; e-mail address: [vogel.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:vogel.nancy@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. The **Federal Register** document, required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 30, 2003 (68 FR 23128). EPA received no comments on this ICR during the 60-day comment period.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. OPP-2003-0084, which is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice. Please note, EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in

EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

**ICR Title:** Submission of Unreasonable Adverse Effects Information under FIFRA Section 6(a)(2).

**ICR Status:** This is a request for renewal of an existing approved collection that is currently scheduled to expire on January 31, 2004. EPA is asking OMB to approve this ICR for three years. Under 5 CFR 1320.12(b)(2), the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while the submission is pending at OMB.

**Abstract:** Section 6(a)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires pesticide registrants to submit any factual information to the Agency that they acquire which may be relevant to the balancing of the risks and benefits of a pesticide product, specifically, information regarding adverse effects associated with their pesticide products.

**Burden Statement:** The annual "respondent" burden for this ICR is estimated to be 155,639 hours, or 83