

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 359,904 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease is due to a decrease in the respondent universe, as well as decreases in the burden assumptions.

The assumptions for the burden associated with understanding the regulations, calculated when the regulations were new, have been revised after consultations with respondents.

Dated: February 20, 2004.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-7346-2]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Dyncorp Systems and Solutions LLC and its Successor, Computer Sciences Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that EPA has recently learned of a corporate merger/acquisition involving a contractor cleared for TSCA CBI access. EPA's contractor, Dyncorp Systems and Solutions LLC (DSS) requires access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA, to perform successfully the duties specified under existing contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under TSCA. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action

to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2003-0004. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified in Unit I.B.1. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket ID number.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA has recently been informed that the parent company to EPA contractor Dyncorp Systems and Solutions LLC (DSS), finalized a merger agreement with Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) of El Segundo, California.

In the coming months, the DSS contracts will be amended to reflect the change of status in the contractor. Until that time, EPA continues to hold DSS, and its successor, CSC, responsible for performance, including adherence to all rules and procedures providing for the

access and protection of TSCA CBI under existing contracts.

DSS has stated that from a technical performance standpoint, no changes in support of management personnel are envisioned as a result of the merger. From a contractual point of view, Dyncorp represents that it will continue contracting with EPA as the same legal entity - DSS. The merger between DSS's parent company (Dyncorp) and CSC is intended to make Dyncorp a CSC company.

At all times during this corporate acquisition or merger, all contractor employees were trained and cleared for access to TSCA CBI. In addition, all employees had signed and remained subject to the standard non-disclosure agreements required of all such persons working with TSCA CBI.

Aside from providing this notice, EPA is not immediately engaging in any other action. In the next 6 months, EPA expects that there will be an effort to modify the existing contracts with EPA and when this occurs, there will be a series of actions intended to effectuate this, including notices, as required under existing regulations.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Confidential business information.

Dated: February 23, 2004.

Sandra Wilkins,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-7345-6]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Geologics Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor Geologics Corporation, of Alexandria, VA, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data will occur no sooner than March 8, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator,

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II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under Contract Number GS00K97AFD2140, Order Number 4W-1277-YBSW, Geologics Corporation of 5285 Shawnee Road, Suite 210, Alexandria, VA will assist EPA in gathering data on the New Chemicals Program (NCP), that will help it to assess the Program in fulfillment of objectives set out in the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). The work will lead to the development of results-based performance goals and measures as opposed to output-based measures now used to monitor results obtained through the NCP.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under Contract Number GS00K97AFD2140, Order Number 4W-1277-YBSW, Geologics Corporation will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA, to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract.

Geologics personnel will be given information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA, that the Agency may provide Geologics Corporation access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters. Geologics personnel will be required to adhere to all provisions of EPA's *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under Contract Number GS00K97AFD2140, Order Number 4W-1277-YBSW may continue until September 30, 2004. Access will commence no sooner than March 8, 2004.

Geologics personnel have signed nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Confidential business information.

Dated: February 23, 2004.

Sandra Wilkins,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7628-7]

**Office of Environmental Justice
Hazardous Substances Research
Small Grants Program—Application
Guidance for FY 2004**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this grant program is to provide financial assistance to affected local community-based organizations to support projects that examine issues related to a community's exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. Projects must be of a research nature only, *i.e.*, survey, research, collecting and analyzing data which will be used to expand scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied. The EPA's grant regulations define "research" as "the systematic study directed toward fuller scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied," 40 CFR 30.2(dd). Research activities under this grant program do not include "development" as defined in 40 CFR 30.2 (dd). The EPA has interpreted "research" to include studies that extend to socioeconomic, institutional, and public policy issues, as well as the "natural" sciences. Research projects need not be limited to academic studies. EPA intends for the results of these research projects to be disseminated to members of the affected local community. Funds can be used to develop a new activity or substantially improve the quality of existing programs that have a direct impact on affected local community residents.

DATES: The application must be delivered by close of business Friday, April 30, 2004, to the appropriate EPA regional office (listed in section VII) or date stamped by courier service or postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by midnight Friday, April 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: For specific application delivery please contact the appropriate EPA regional office listed in section VII of the application guidance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila Lewis, Senior Program Analyst,