

Abstract: EPA is responsible for the regulation of pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The WPS, codified at 40 CFR part 170, established requirements to protect agricultural workers and pesticide handlers from hazards of pesticides used on farms, on forests, in nurseries, and in greenhouses. EPA regulations in 40 CFR part 170 contain the standard and workplace practices, which are designed to reduce or eliminate exposure to pesticides and establish procedures for responding to exposure-related emergencies. The practices include prohibitions against applying pesticides in a way that would cause exposure to workers and others; a waiting period before workers can return to areas treated with pesticides (restricted entry interval); basic safety training (and voluntary training verification) and posting of information about pesticide hazards, as well as pesticide application information; arrangements for the supply of soap, water, and towels in case of pesticide exposure; and provisions for emergency assistance. The training verification program facilitates compliance with the training requirements by providing a voluntary method for employers to verify that the required safety information has been provided to workers and handlers. This renewal ICR estimates the third party response burden from complying with the WPS requirements. Information is exchanged between agricultural employers and employees at farm, forest, nursery and greenhouse establishments to ensure worker safety. No information is collected by the Agency under this ICR.

V. What are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for this ICR?

Under the PRA, "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. For this collection it 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden is 2,293,364 millions hours valued at \$117,442,454 million. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities: Agricultural workers, pesticide handlers, employers in farms, nurseries, forestry, and greenhouse establishments.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 3,245,393.

Frequency of response: As needed.

Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent: 3.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 2,293,364.

Estimated total annual burden costs: \$117,442,454.

VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

This ICR will decrease the burden in the previous ICR (an estimated total of 2,294,625 hours) by 1,261 hours to provide the new total estimated burden of 2,293,364 hours. This decrease represents an adjustment to the burden estimate, and is due to the removal of the cut rose exception from the burden estimate.

The cost estimates provided in this ICR are approximately \$22.3 million more than the cost provided in the previous ICR due to increased wage rates use for calculating the costs associated with the burden hour impacts.

VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: September 23, 2004.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Status of Motor Vehicle Budgets in Submitted State Implementation Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes; Metropolitan Washington DC Area (DC-MD-VA) Notice of Withdrawal of Adequacy of Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of adequacy.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing that it has withdrawn its June 22, 2000 adequacy finding on the 2015 and 2020 outyear motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for the Metropolitan Washington DC area. EPA has withdrawn the June 22, 2000 adequacy finding because the District of Columbia (DC), State of Maryland (MD), and the Commonwealth of Virginia (VA), collectively referred to as the three jurisdictions, withdrew the state implementation plan (SIP) submissions containing those MVEBs. Those SIP revisions are no longer pending before EPA. On August 26, 2004, EPA sent letters to the three jurisdictions withdrawing the June 22, 2000 adequacy finding of the 2015 and 2020 outyear MVEBs. EPA's withdrawal of its June 22, 2000 adequacy finding means that the 2015 and 2020 outyear MVEBs are no longer available for transportation conformity purposes. This withdrawal of the June 22, 2000 adequacy finding has no effect whatsoever on EPA's more recent adequacy finding of December 9, 2003, which declared the MVEBs of the three jurisdictions' 2005 Rate of Progress Plan and 2005 revised Attainment Demonstration Plan submissions adequate for conformity purposes. That December 9, 2003 adequacy finding stands and the MVEBs of the 2005 Rate of Progress Plan and 2005 revised Attainment Demonstration Plan remain available for transportation conformity determinations.

DATES: EPA's withdrawal of the June 22, 2000 adequacy finding was made in letters dated August 26, 2004 from EPA Region III to the three jurisdictions. This August 26, 2004 withdrawal of the June 22, 2000 adequacy finding is effective on October 15, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document the term “MVEBs” refers to the motor vehicle emission budgets for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x). The term “the three jurisdictions” refers collectively to the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The word “SIP” in this

document refers to the revised attainment plan for the Metropolitan Washington DC area submitted to EPA as SIP revisions by the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia, and State of Maryland on March 22, 2000, March 22, 2000, and March 31, 2000, respectively. These SIP revision submittals identified outyear MVEBs for 2015 and 2020.

I. Background

The State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and District of Columbia by letters dated March 2, 2004, March 10, 2004, and March 10, 2004, respectively, withdrew the previously submitted SIPs listed in the table below:

State	SIP title	Original SIP submission date
Maryland	State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision Phase II Attainment Plan for the DC–MD–VA Nonattainment Area Establishing Outyear Mobile Emissions Budgets for Transportation Conformity.	March 31, 2000.
Virginia	Plan amendment which establishes motor vehicle emissions budgets for 2015 and 2020 consistent with the Phase II Ozone Attainment Plan.	March 22, 2000.
Washington, DC	Proposed Revision to State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision, Phase II Attainment Plan for the DC–MD–VA Nonattainment Area Establishing Out-year Mobile Emissions Budgets for Transportation Conformity.	March 22, 2000.

These SIP withdrawals by the three jurisdictions were effective on April 30, 2004. The withdrawn SIP submissions had proposed new MVEBs for the outyears 2015 and 2020. In letters dated June 22, 2000 from Judith Katz, Air Director, EPA, Region III to the three jurisdictions, EPA had found these MVEBs adequate for transportation conformity purposes. That June 22, 2000 adequacy finding was announced in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 2000 (65 FR 41067). It is important to note that while EPA had made an adequacy finding for these budgets, they were never approved as SIP revisions by EPA. Hence, there is no SIP rulemaking required to be withdrawn by EPA in regard to these outyear MVEBs.

Because the MVEBs EPA found adequate on June 22, 2000 were contained in the SIP submissions that have been withdrawn by the three jurisdictions, those MVEBs can no longer be considered adequate for transportation conformity purposes. EPA, therefore, sent letters on August 26, 2004 to the three jurisdictions withdrawing the June 22, 2000 adequacy finding. EPA has withdrawn its June 22, 2000 adequacy finding without prior notice and comment because adequacy findings are not considered rulemakings subject to the procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act. In addition, EPA does not believe notice through EPA’s conformity website is necessary in advance because the withdrawn SIPs are no longer pending before EPA for consideration. Consequently, further public comment would be unnecessary and not in the public interest. By sending the August 26, 2004 letters to the three jurisdictions, EPA has also withdrawn

all statements and comments previously made regarding its June 22, 2000 adequacy finding of the MVEBs budgets for transportation conformity purposes.

This is an announcement of EPA’s withdrawal of its June 22, 2000 adequacy finding. As previously explained, EPA withdrew this adequacy finding in letters dated August 26, 2004 from Judith M. Katz, Director, Air Protection Division, EPA Region III to the three jurisdictions. The effective date of this withdrawal is October 15, 2004. This announcement will also be made on EPA’s Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp.htm> (once there, click on the “Conformity” button).

Dated: September 21, 2004.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: There will be a 2–day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) to consider and review dimethoate issues related to hazard and dose response assessment.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 30 and December 1, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m., eastern time.

Comments: The deadlines for the submission of requests to present oral comments and the submission of written comments, see Unit I.E. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

Nominations: Nominations of scientific experts to serve as ad hoc members of the FIFRA SAP for this meeting should be provided on or before October 12, 2004.

Special seating. Requests for special seating arrangements should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209. The telephone number for the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge is (703) 807–2000.

Comments. Written comments may be submitted electronically (preferred), through hand delivery/courier, or by mail. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

Nominations, requests to present oral comments, and special seating: To submit nominations for ad hoc members of the FIFRA SAP for this meeting, requests for special seating arrangements, or requests to present oral comments, notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO) listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your request must identify docket ID number OPP–2004–0320 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Myrta Christian, DFO, Office of Science Coordination and Policy (7201M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564–8498; fax number: (202) 564–8382;