What Should I Consider When 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 and provide specific examples.
  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. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
  6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under DATES.
  7. 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.

What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply To?


Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are primarily individuals or households.

Title: Voluntary Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1711.05, OMB Control No. 2090–0019.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2006. 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 in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the Federal Register when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, and are displayed either by publication in the Federal Register or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: EPA uses voluntary surveys to learn how satisfied EPA customers are with our services, and how we can improve services, products and processes. EPA surveys individuals who use services or could have. During the next three years, EPA plans up to 50 surveys, and will use results to target/measure service delivery improvements. By seeking renewal of the generic clearing survey, EPA will have the flexibility to gather the views of our customers to better determine the extent to which our services, products and processes satisfy their needs or need to be improved. The generic clearance will speed the review and approval of customer surveys that solicit opinions from EPA customers on a voluntary basis, and do not involve “fact-finding” for the purposes of regulatory development or enforcement.

An Agency may conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it has a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA’s regulations are listed in 40 CFR parts 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average five minutes to two hours 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 which have subsequently changed; 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 the Agency’s estimate, which is only briefly summarized here: Estimated total number of potential respondents: 8,640.

Estimated total annual cost: $9,075.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

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. At that time, 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 technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.


Elizabeth A. Shaw,
Director, Office of Environmental Policy Innovation, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Office of the Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7760–5]

Establishment of Human Studies Review Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; Establishment of Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: As required by section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is giving notice that it is establishing the Human Studies Review Board (HSRB). The purpose of this Board is to provide advice and recommendations to EPA on issues related to the scientific and ethical review of human subjects research. EPA has determined that this advisory committee is in the public interest and will assist the Agency in performing its duties as directed in the 2006 EPA Appropriations Act. Further, the Agency included the establishment of such a Board in a final rule for protection of subjects in human research. The Agency is publishing, in a separate Federal Register notice, the final rule that strengthens the protections for subjects in human research, including a provision addressing the establishment and operation of the HSRB. In addition, in a report requested by the Agency, the National Academy of Sciences recommended that EPA establish such a Board. See: “Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006,” Public Law 109–54; and “Intentional Human Dosing Studies for EPA Regulatory Purposes,” Washington, DC: National Academy Press. 2004. Balanced membership will be driven by a number of considerations characterized by: inclusion of the necessary areas of technical expertise, different scientific perspectives within each technical discipline, and the collective breadth of experience needed to address the Agency’s charge. Copies of the Committee Charter will be filed with the appropriate congressional committees and the Library of Congress.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Iodomethane Risk Assessment; Notice of Availability; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA issued a notice in the Federal Register of January 6, 2006, concerning the availability of EPA’s human health risk assessment and related documents for the fumigant iodomethane. These documents can be viewed in the docket. This document is extending the comment period for 15 days, from February 6, 2006 to February 21, 2006.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket identification number OPP–EPA–HQ–2005–0252, must be received on or before February 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Follow the detailed instructions as provided under ADDRESSES in the Federal Register document of January 6, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary L. Waller, Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308–9354; fax number: (703) 308–1825; e-mail address: waller.mary@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

The Agency included in the proposed rule a list of those who may be potentially affected by this action. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

B. How Can I Access Electronic Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

Electronic access. You may access this Federal Register document electronically through the EPA Internet under “Federal Register” listings at http://www.epa.gov/fedreg.

In addition to using EDOCKET http://www.epa.gov/edocket/, you may access this Federal Register document electronically through the EPA Internet under the “Federal Register” listings at http://www.epa.gov/fedreg. A frequently updated electronic version of 40 CFR part 180 is available at E-CFR Beta Site Two at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/.

EDOCKET, EPA’s electronic public docket and comment system was replaced on November 25, 2005, by an enhanced Federal-wide electronic docket management and comment system located at http://www.regulations.gov/. Follow the on-line instructions.

II. What Action is EPA taking?

This document extends the public comment period established in the Federal Register issued on January 6, 2006 (71 FR 930). In that document, EPA made available the human health risk assessment for iodomethane. Iodomethane is a new chemical proposed for use as a pre-plant fumigant to control soil borne pests including weed seeds, nematodes, insects, and diseases in fields intended for commercial production of strawberries, tomatoes, peppers, turf, ornamentals (flowers grown for cutting, bulbs, and nursery plants), trees and vines. EPA is hereby extending the comment period, which was set to end on February 6, 2006, to February 21, 2006.

III. What is the Agency’s Authority for Taking this Action?

Section 3 of FIFRA directs that “the Administrator may by regulation limit the distribution, sale, or use in any State of any pesticide that is not registered under this Act and that is not the subject of an experimental use permit under section 4 or an emergency exemption under section 18.

IV. Do Any Statutory and Executive Order Reviews Apply to this Action?

No. This action is not a rulemaking, it merely extends the date by which public comments on a risk assessment must be submitted to EPA as announced in a Notice of Availability that previously published in the Federal Register of January 6, 2006 (71 FR 930).

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: February 1, 2006.

Lois Rossi,
Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act; Meeting

DATE & TIME: Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 10 a.m.
PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).
STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Biersack, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694–1200.

Mary W. Dove, Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. 06–03]

Premier Automotive Serices, Inc. v. Robert L. Flanagan and F. Brooks Royster, III; Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment

Notice is given that a complaint has been filed with the Federal Maritime Commission (“Commission”) by Premier Automotive Services, Inc., (“Complainant”), against Robert L. Flanagan and F. Brooks Royster, III (“Respondents”). Complainant asserts that it is a Baltimore based import/export vehicle processing center that operates as a marine terminal operator under The Shipping Act of 1984 (“the Act’’). Complainant contends that Respondent Robert L. Flangan is the Secretary of the Department of Transportation of the State of Maryland and the Chairman of the Maryland Port Commission, and Respondent F. Brooks Royster, III, is the Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration. Complainant asserts that it has been a tenant of the Maryland Port Authority (“MPA”) since 1992, renewing the lease once in 1998 and then leasing month-to-