

petitions to the Agency for review of the "sufficiency" of trade secrecy claims.

Trade secrecy protection is provided for specific chemical identities contained in reports submitted under each of the following EPCRA sections: (1) 303(d)(2)—Facility notification of changes that have or are about to occur, (2) 303(d)(3)—Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) requests for facility information to develop or implement emergency plans, (3) 311—Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) submitted by facilities, or lists of those chemicals submitted in place of the MSDSs, (4) 312—Tier II emergency and hazardous chemical inventory forms, and (5) 313—Toxic chemical release inventory forms.

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.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9.8 hours per claim. 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:* 1,050.

*Frequency of response:* Annual.

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 10.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 3,483 hours.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$147,543. No capital or operation and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

The burden and cost reported here are from the current approved ICR. The costs will change in the package that is submitted to OMB which will be based

on the most recent labor and wage rate information reported in the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. EPA contacted few facilities that submitted trade secret claims for the reporting years 2002 through 2004. These facilities have reported that they take an average of 5 hours per claim. It is lower than the Agency estimate in the previous ICR, which is 9.8 hours per claim. To be conservative, the Agency may continue to use the same estimate for this ICR.

#### **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**.

Dated: April 18, 2006.

**Deborah Y. Dietrich,**

*Director, Office of Emergency Management.*

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-8161-4]

#### **Hazardous Waste Management System; Notice of Availability of EPA's Manifest Registry**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice announcing the Activation of EPA's Manifest Registry.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that EPA is accepting applications from organizations seeking to become registered printers and distributors of the new national Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions pertaining to this notice or on EPA's Manifest Registry in general may be directed to Wanda LeBleu in EPA's Office of Solid Waste at (703) 308-0438 or to [lebleu.wanda@epa.gov](mailto:lebleu.wanda@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On March 4, 2005, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published regulations modifying the hazardous waste manifest system in several ways (70 FR 10814). Among

other things, EPA standardized the content and appearance of the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest and continuation sheet (EPA Forms 8700-22 and 8700-22A). EPA also established a registry process at 40 CFR 262.21 for organizations (e.g., States, waste management companies, industrial facilities and commercial printers) to apply to EPA to print the new manifest for use and distribution. Anyone who wants to print and distribute the new forms first must obtain approval from EPA.

To assist in implementing the new manifest rule, EPA recently posted a new Manifest Registry Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/gener/manifest/registry/index.htm>.

This Web site is designed to provide instructions to prospective printers to prepare their application to EPA, assist the public in obtaining the new manifests, and assist waste handlers in completing their manifests.

In the March 4, 2005 final rule, EPA established a compliance date of September 5, 2006 for use of the new manifest and continuation sheet. Beginning on this date, waste shipments must use the new forms in all States. It is important to note that States will no longer be the exclusive source of blank forms—forms from any approved printer will be valid.

This notice announces that EPA is accepting applications from organizations who seek to be approved under the registry process to print and distribute the new national uniform hazardous waste manifest. The application process consists of two steps: (1) An initial application, and (2) submission of form samples. The initial application provides general information on the applicant's organization (e.g., contact information and description of printing operations). EPA will review this initial application and either approve it or request additional information. Once the initial application is complete, EPA will either approve the application or deny it. After approval of the initial application, EPA will send the applicant electronic files of the manifest and continuation sheet in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) and request several samples of the forms complying with the print requirements of § 262.21(f), as well as a brief description of these samples (e.g., indication of the paper type used). EPA will evaluate the samples in accordance with the print requirements in the manifest regulations, and either approve the applicant to print the forms for use and distribution, or indicate why the forms do not qualify for approval.

Once an applicant is approved, EPA will add that organization's information to the Table of Registered Printers on the Web site, and will indicate whether that printer is offering its manifest forms for sale to the general public. A waste handler can obtain forms from any printing source approved by EPA.

Dated: April 3, 2006.

**Matt Hale,**

*Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2006-0358; FRL-8059-9]

### Reporting for the 2006 Inventory Update Rule (IUR) Information Collection; Notice of Public Workshop

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is convening a public workshop to provide training for persons responsible for submitting information during the 2006 Inventory Update Reporting (IUR) period. The workshop will focus on reporting requirements, case studies, the electronic IUR software, and submission of IUR information through the Internet. The IUR requirements were modified by amendments to 40 CFR part 710 promulgated on January 7, 2003 (68 FR 847) (FRL-6767-4) and December 19, 2005 (70 FR 75059) (FRL-7743-9). This workshop is open to the public.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on May 22, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Millennium Hotel, 200 South Fourth Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general 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 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

For technical information contact: Franklyn Hall, Economics, Exposure, and Technology Division (7406M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8522; e-mail address: [hall.franklyn@epa.gov](mailto:hall.franklyn@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. General Information

#### A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture chemical substances currently subject to reporting under the IUR as amended on January 7, 2003 (68 FR 847) and December 19, 2005 (70 FR 75059) and codified as 40 CFR part 710. Persons who process chemical substances but who do not manufacture or import chemical substances are not subject to the requirements of 40 CFR part 710. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Chemical manufacturers and importers currently subject to the IUR (NAICS codes 325, 32411), e.g., manufacturers and importers of inorganic chemical substances.

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. To determine whether you or your business may be affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions at 40 CFR 710.48. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2006-0358. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the OPPT Docket, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Rm. B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket 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>.

## II. Background

EPA is convening a workshop to train stakeholders on how to report for the 2006 Partial Updating of the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory. EPA is required by section 8(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to compile and update an inventory of chemical substances manufactured or imported into the United States. Every four years, manufacturers (including importers) of certain chemical substances on the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory have been required to report data specified in the TSCA section 8(a) IUR, 40 CFR part 710. Past updates included information on the chemical's production volume, site-limited status, and plant site information. Amendments to the IUR promulgated on January 7, 2003 (68 FR 847) and December 19, 2005 (70 FR 75059) expanded the data reported on certain chemicals to assist EPA and others in screening potential exposures and risks resulting from manufacturing, processing, and use of TSCA chemical substances. At the same time, EPA amended the IUR regulations to increase the production volume threshold which triggers reporting requirements from 10,000 pounds per year to 25,000 pounds per year and established a new higher threshold of 300,000 pounds per year above which manufacturers must report additional information on downstream processing and use of their chemical substances. The 2003 amendments to the IUR also revoked the exemption from reporting for inorganic chemical substances, provided a partial exemption from reporting of processing and use information for chemical substances of low current interest, continued the current exemption from reporting for polymers, microorganisms, and naturally occurring chemical substances, and increased the interval between collection periods from four years to five years. These changes modify requirements for information collected in calendar year 2005 and submitted in 2006 and thereafter. The workshop may be of interest to persons currently reporting under the IUR and to manufacturers and importers of inorganic chemical substances.

The workshop will include a series of presentations by representatives of EPA on reporting for the 2006 Partial Updating of the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory. Subjects discussed will include reporting requirements, instructions for completing the reporting form, how to assert confidentiality claims, how to submit completed reports to EPA, case studies illustrating different aspects of