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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-8380-3]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Industrial Economics, Inc.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, Industrial Economics, Inc. of Cambridge, MA, to access 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 September 10, 2008.

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.

For technical information contact: Scott M. Sherlock, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8257; fax number: (202) 564-8251; e-mail address: sherlock.scott@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 you if you are conducting, or may be required to conduct, testing of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act (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 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-2003-0004. All documents in the docket are listed in the docket's index available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although, listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPPT Docket. The OPPT Docket is located in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) in Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The A/DC Public Reading Room hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket Facility is (202) 566-0280. Docket visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector, and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor bags are processed through an X-ray machine and subject to search. Visitors will be provided an EPA/DC badge that must be visible at all times in the building and returned upon departure.

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. What Action is the Agency Taking?

Under GSA Contract Number GS10F0224J, contractor, Industrial Economics, Inc. of 2067 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in providing economic analysis support for EPA's enforcement actions.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under GSA Contract Number GS10F0224J, Industrial Economics, Inc. will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. Industrial Economics, Inc. personnel will be given access to

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 EPA may provide Industrial Economics, Inc. 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 and Industrial Economics, Inc. site in Cambridge, MA.

Industrial Economics, Inc. will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at EPA Headquarters and at the Industrial Economics, Inc. facility, provided they comply with the provisions of the EPA *TSCA CBI Protection Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at Industrial Economics' site, EPA will perform the required inspection of the facility and ensure that the facility is in compliance with the Manual.

Access to TSCA data, including CBI, will continue until October 31, 2009. If the contract is extended, this access will also continue for the duration of the extended contract without further notice.

Industrial Economics, Inc. personnel will be required to sign 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: August 25, 2008.

Todd S. Holderman,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0228; FRL-8710-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Perfluorocompound (PFC) Reduction/Climate Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry; EPA ICR No. 1823.04, OMB Control No. 2060-0382

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 an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to reinstate a previously approved ICR. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before October 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0228, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by e-mail to a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Docket, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB by mail to: 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: Scott Bartos, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Climate Change Division (6207J), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-343-9167; fax number: 202-343-2202; e-mail address: bartos.scott@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. On March 11, 2008 (73 FR 12996), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0228, which is available for online viewing at www.regulations.gov, or in person viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket is 202-566-1742.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at www.regulations.gov, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket

that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at www.regulations.gov as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to www.regulations.gov.

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements under the Perfluorocompound (PFC) Reduction/Climate Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1823.04, OMB Control No. 2060-0382

ICR Status: This ICR expired on March 31, 2008. 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: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) PFC Reduction/Climate Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry is a voluntary program that promotes reduction of perfluorocompounds (PFCs). PFCs are the most potent greenhouse gases (GHG) known, with atmospheric lifetimes of up to 50,000 years. These unique chemical compounds are required during two critical semiconductor manufacturing steps: Plasma etching and CVD chamber cleaning. EPA's Partnership uses a pollution prevention approach to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and tracks progress by collecting annual PFC emissions estimates from voluntary participants. Partnership Companies have committed to reduce their PFC emissions 10 percent below their 1995 baseline level by 2010. As a Partner to the industry, EPA serves as a clearinghouse of technical information on successful strategies for reducing PFC emissions that are economically, technically, and environmentally sound. EPA also helps assess the global warming potential of potential substitute chemicals and

publicly recognizes the Partner Companies' achievements.

Participation in the program begins with completion of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines responsibilities of the PFC Reduction/Climate Partnership. By joining the Partnership, a Company agrees to submit a Company-specific annual report, identifying an overall estimate of PFC emissions by gas, to a third party designated by the participating Companies. The MOU also specifies that the Partner Company will direct the designated third party to create a confidential data depository for the information supplied by the Partner Company. In addition, the MOU states that the Partner Company will direct the designated third party to prepare an industry-wide annual report, to be submitted to EPA, that aggregates PFC emissions estimates, and provides each Partner Company's annual emissions by gas on a "blind" or anonymous basis. The Partner Company also agrees to share with EPA and others in the semiconductor industry information about successful PFC emission reduction processes and technologies that the Partner Company considers nonconfidential. This MOU applies only to PFC emissions originating from U.S. semiconductor manufacturing sites and can be terminated by either Party 30 days after the receipt of written notice by the other Party with no penalties or continuing obligations.

Using the information provided through the Partnership, the EPA is able to (1) evaluate the overall PFC emission reductions achieved by the voluntary program, (2) develop estimates for the total U.S. semiconductor emissions, (3) identify new technologies or processes that reduce PFC emissions, and (4) serve as a technical clearing-house to provide industry with pertinent information on emissions estimation and reduction strategies. The Partnership data is a valuable resource for evaluating current and promoting future GHG emissions reductions within the semiconductor industry.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 544 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Semiconductor manufacturing companies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 11,426.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$938,461, which includes \$116,319 annualized capital or O&M costs and \$822,142 in labor costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 11,426 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens, which reflect the burden for reinstating the entire program. EPA has not collected under this ICR since it expired in March 2008. There is a decrease of 1,624 hours from the last time this ICR was approved. This is because the number of respondents decreased from 24 to 21.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

Sara Hisel-McCoy,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OECA-2008-0294; FRL-8710-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (Renewal), EPA ICR Number 1057.11, OMB Control Number 2060-0041

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR which is abstracted below describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before October 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2008-0294, to (1) EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or by e-mail to docket.oeca@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, mail code 2201T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, 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:

Learia Williams, Compliance Assessment and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2223A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-4113; fax number: (202) 564-0050; e-mail address: williams.learia@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. On May 30, 2008 (73 FR 31088), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2008-0294, which is available for public viewing online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, in person viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, 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 Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Enforcement and Compliance Docket is (202) 566-1927.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov>, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether

submitted electronically or in paper will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Title: NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (Renewal).

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR Number 1057.11, OMB Control Number 2060-0041.

ICR Status: This ICR is schedule to expire on October 31, 2008. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. 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 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: The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Sulfuric Acid Plants were proposed on August 17, 1971, and promulgated on December 23, 1971. These standards apply to any sulfuric acid facility commencing construction, modification or reconstruction after the date of proposal. The control of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and acid mist requires not only the installation of properly designed equipment, but also the proper operation and maintenance of that equipment. Sulfur dioxide and acid mist emissions from sulfuric acid plants result from the burning of sulfur or sulfur-bearing feed-stock to form SO₂, catalytic oxidation of SO₂ to sulfur trioxide, and absorption of SO₂ in a strong acid stream. These standards rely on the capture of SO₂ and acid mist by venting to a control device.

Owners or operators of sulfuric acid plants are required to make the following one-time-only reports, notification of the date of construction or reconstruction, notification of actual startup dates, notification of any physical or operational change to an existing facility, and notification of demonstration of the continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS).