Respondents/Affected Entities: State, tribal, or territorial environmental government offices.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Frequency of Response: Twice per year for progress reporting; annually for quality assurance reporting form.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 956.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $37,370 in labor costs. There are no annualized capital or O&M costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 223 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This increase is due to an increase in the number of grants that are currently active and the adjustments were made accordingly.

Dated: September 21, 2011.

John Moses,
Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Human Studies Review Board (HSRB); Notification of a Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of the Science Advisor (OSA) announces a public meeting of the Human Studies Review Board (HSRB) to advise the Agency on EPA’s scientific and ethical reviews of research with human subjects.

DATES: This public meeting will be held on October 19–20, 2011, from approximately 9 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Comments may be submitted on or before Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your written comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2011–0693, by one of the following methods:

Internet: http://www.regulations.gov; Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

E-mail: ORD.Docket@epa.gov.

Mail: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), ORD Docket, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

Hand Delivery: The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is located in the EPA Headquarters Library, Room Number 3334 in the EPA West Building, located at 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Please call (202) 566–1744 or e-mail the ORD Docket at ord.docket@epa.gov for instructions. Updates to Public Reading Room access are available on the Web site (http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm).

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2011–0693. EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information the disclosure of which is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through http://www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The http://www.regulations.gov Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through http://www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through http://www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact your agency for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wishes to receive further information should contact Jim Downing at telephone number: (202) 564–2468; fax: (202) 564–2070; e-mail address: downing.jim@epa.gov, or Lu-Ann Kleibacker at telephone number: (202) 564–7189; fax: 202–564–2070; e-mail address: kleibacker.lu-ann@epa.gov;

mailing address: Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Science Advisor (8105R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

General information concerning the EPA HSRB can be found on the EPA Web site at http://www.epa.gov/osasarb/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Location: The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Conference Center—Lobby Level, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.) 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

Meeting access: Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the persons listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT at least ten business days prior to the meeting using the information under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Procedures for providing public input: Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral comments for the HSRB to consider during the advisory process. Additional information concerning submission of relevant written or oral comments is provided in Section I, “Public Meeting,” under subsection D. “How May I Participate in this Meeting?” of this notice.

I. Public Meeting

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of particular interest to persons who conduct or assess human studies, especially studies on substances regulated by EPA, or to persons who are, or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). This notice might also be of special interest to participants of studies involving human subjects, or representatives of study participants or experts on community engagement. Since many 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 Jim Downing or Lu-Ann Kleibacker listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

B. How can I access electronic copies of this document and other related information?

In addition to using regulations.gov, you may access this Federal Register document electronically through the EPA Internet under the “Federal Register” listings at http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/.
Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available. 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 in hard copy at the ORD Docket, EPA/DC, Public Reading Room. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is located in the EPA Headquarters Library, Rm 1334 in the EPA West Building, located at 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. The hours of operation are 8:30 am to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Please call (202) 566-1744 or email the ORD Docket at ord.docket@epa.gov for instructions. Updates to Public Reading Room access are available on the Web site (http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm).

EPA’s position paper(s), charge/questions to the HSRB, and the meeting agenda will be available by the first of October 2011. In addition, the Agency may provide additional background documents as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain related documents that might be available electronically, from the regulations.gov Web site and the EPA HSRB Web site at http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb/. For questions on document availability, or if you do not have access to the Internet, consult either Jim Downing or Lu-Ann Kleibacker, under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, no later than noon, Eastern Time, Wednesday, October 12, 2011, in order to be included on the meeting agenda and to provide sufficient time for the HSRB Chair and HSRB Designated Federal Official (DFO) to review the meeting agenda to provide an appropriate public comment period. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation and the organization (if any) the individual will represent. Oral comments before the HSRB are generally limited to five minutes per individual or organization. Please note that this includes all individuals appearing either as part of, or on behalf of, an organization. While it is our intent to hear a full range of oral comments on the science and ethics issues under discussion, it is not our intent to permit organizations to expand the time limitations by having numerous individuals sign up separately to speak on their behalf. If additional time is available, further public comments may be possible.

2. Written comments. Submit your written comments prior to the meeting. For the HSRB to have the best opportunity to review and consider your comments as it deliberates on its report, you should submit your comments at least five business days prior to the beginning of this meeting. If you submit comments after this date, those comments will be provided to the Board members, but you should recognize that the Board members may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to making a decision. Thus, if you plan to submit written comments, the Agency strongly encourages you to submit such comments no later than noon, Eastern Time, Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

You should submit your comments using the instructions in Section L, under subsection C, “What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?” In addition, the Agency also requests that persons submitting comments directly to the docket also provide a copy of their comments to Jim Downing or Lu-Ann Kleibacker listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the HSRB.

E. Background

The HSRB is a Federal advisory committee operating in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The HSRB provides advice, information, and recommendations to EPA on issues related to scientific and ethical aspects of human subjects research. The major objectives of the HSRB are to provide advice and recommendations on: (1) Research proposals and protocols; (2) reports of completed research with human subjects; and (3) how to strengthen EPA’s programs for protection of human subjects of research. The HSRB reports to the EPA Administrator through EPA’s Science Advisor.

1. Topics for discussion. At its meeting on October 19 and 20, 2011, EPA’s Human Studies Review Board will consider scientific and ethical issues surrounding these topics:

a. A new scenario design and associated protocol from the Antimicrobials Exposure Assessment Task Force II (AEATF–II), describing proposed research to monitor the dermal and inhalation of workers while pouring liquid antimicrobial pesticide products from both conventional and reduced-splash containers. EPA requests the advice of the HSRB concerning whether, if it is revised as suggested in EPA’s review and if it is performed as described, this research is likely to generate scientifically reliable data, useful for assessing the exposure of those who pour liquid antimicrobial pesticide products from conventional and reduced-splash containers, and to meet the applicable requirements of 40 CFR part 26, subparts K and L.

b. A new scenario design and associated protocol from the Agricultural Handler Exposure Task Force (AHETF) describing proposed research to measure dermal and inhalation exposure to workers who load liquid pesticides with closed system equipment. EPA requests the advice of the HSRB concerning whether, if it is revised as suggested in EPA’s review and if it is performed as...
described, this research is likely to generate scientifically reliable data, useful for assessing the exposure of those who load liquid pesticides with closed system equipment, and to meet the applicable requirements of 40 CFR part 26, subparts K and L.

c. The unpublished report of the completed Carroll-Loye Biological Research, Inc. study No. Mas-003 to evaluate in the field the repellent efficacy against mosquitoes of a product containing 16% para-methane-3,8-diol and 2% lemongrass oil. The protocol for this study was reviewed favorably by the HSRB at their meeting in October 2010. EPA seeks the advice of the HSRB on the scientific soundness of this completed study for use to estimate the duration of complete protection against mosquitoes provided by the tested repellent, and on whether available information supports a determination that the study was conducted in substantial compliance with subparts K and L of 40 CFR part 26.

d. A published report by Moiemen et al. (2010) of an intentional exposure human study measuring dermal absorption of silver from the use of nanosilver-containing wound dressings to treat major burns. EPA seeks the advice of the HSRB on the scientific soundness of this completed study for use in support of an assessment of the absorption of nanosilver particles through the skin, and on whether there is adequate information to determine that the study was conducted in substantial compliance with procedures at least as protective as those in subparts A–L of EPA’s regulation at 40 CFR part 26.

2. Meeting minutes and reports.

Minutes of the meeting, summarizing the matters discussed and recommendations, if any, made by the advisory committee regarding such matters, will be released within 90 calendar days of the meeting. Such minutes will be available at http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb/ and http://www.regulations.gov. In addition, information regarding the Board’s Final meeting report, will be found at http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb/ or from the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Dated: September 21, 2011.

Paul T. Anastas,
EPA Science Advisor.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Receipt of Request for Waiver from Testing

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Regulations issued by EPA under section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act require that specified chemical substances be tested to determine if they are contaminated with halogenated dibenzo-p-dioxins (HDDs) or halogenated dibenzofurans (HDFs), and that results be reported to EPA. However, the regulations allow for exclusion and waiver from these requirements if an appropriate application is submitted to EPA and is approved. EPA has received a request for a waiver from these testing requirements from 3M and will accept comments on this request. EPA will publish another Federal Register notice on or before November 14, 2011, announcing its decisions on this request.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 11, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2011–0793, by one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.


• Hand Delivery: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Attention: Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2011–0793. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564–8930. Such deliveries are only accepted during the DCO’s normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2011–0793. EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available online at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through regulations.gov or e-mail. The regulations.gov Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD–ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket 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, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket 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) at Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information contact: Rebecca Edelstein, National Program Chemicals