Records of startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions should be noted as they occur. Any owner or operator subject to the provisions of this part shall maintain a file of all of these records, and retain the file for at least two years following the date of such measurements and records.

The reporting requirements for this industry currently include the initial notifications listed, the initial performance test results, and semiannual reports. Semiannual reports shall include the following: All exceedances of parameter boundaries; all periods during which the vent stream is diverted from the control device; all periods when the boiler or process heater was not operated; all periods in which the pilot flame of the flare was absent; and any recalculation of the TRE index value.

All reports are sent to the delegated State or local authority. In the event that there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA Regional Office. Notifications are used to inform the Agency or delegated authority when a source becomes subject to the standard. The reviewing authority may then inspect the source to check if the pollution control devices are properly installed and operated and the standard is being met. Performance test reports are needed as these are the Agency's records of a source's initial capability to comply with the emission standard, and note the operating conditions under which compliance was achieved. The semiannual reports are used for problem identification, as a check on source operation and maintenance, and for compliance determinations.

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 listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the

use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The Agency computed the burden for each of the record keeping and reporting requirements applicable to the industry for the currently approved ICR. Where appropriate, the Agency identified specific tasks and made assumptions, while being consistent with the concept of burden under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

The estimate was based on the assumption that there would be 27 new affected facilities each year and that there would be an annual average of 203 affected facilities over each of the next three years covered by the ICR. For new sources, it was estimated that it would take: 27 person hours to read the instructions, 11,520 person hours to conduct the initial performance tests (assuming that 20% of the tests must be repeated), and 432 person hours to gather the information and write the initial reports. For all sources, it was estimated that it would take: 812 person hours to fill out semiannual reports and 3784 person hours to enter information for records of operating parameters.

The annual average burden to industry for the three-year period covered by this ICR from record keeping and reporting requirements has been estimated at 16,575 person hours. The respondents costs were calculated on the basis of \$14.50 per hour plus 110% overhead. The total annual burden to industry is estimated at \$504,708.75.

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; 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. No additional third party burden is associated with this ICR.

Dated: May 31, 1996.

Elaine G. Stanley,

Director, Office of Compliance.

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[FRC-5515-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Ecosystem Monitoring Survey

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

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) for the Ecosystem Monitoring Survey described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 11, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260–2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1782.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Ecosystem Monitoring Survey. EPA ICR No. 1782.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: The primary goal of the survey is to obtain information regarding the possible future requirements and applications of natural resources monitoring data in the Pacific Northwest. Results of the survey will be used by the EPA in developing an integrated monitoring plan for the region. The survey is targeted at monitoring issues which have not been specifically addressed by FEMAT. The survey is exploratory, and is not designed for statistical analysis of how monitoring data is used, or a critical evaluation of any specific monitoring program or system. The survey is voluntary, and although a list of interviewed individuals will accompany the published report, these individuals or organizations which they represent will not be associated with specific comments. The survey involves one and one-half hour interviews with approximately 30 persons representing State and local governments or other resource management entities in western Oregon and Washington. Interviews will be tape recorded to minimize use of the respondent's time,

and respondents will be offered the opportunity to review a summary of the interview before publication. 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. The Federal Register Notice required under CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 22, 1996 (FR Volume 61, Number 57).

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.67 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; 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: 60. Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Frequency of Response: One time.
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:
85 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1782.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 10460. and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for EPA 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Dated June 3, 1996.

Richard Westlund,

Acting Director.

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[FRL-5518-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Mercury

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) for the National Emission Standard for Mercury (40 CFR Part 61, Subpart E) described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 11, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260–2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 0113.06. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air.

Pollutants: Mercury (Part 61, Subpart E).

This information collection is a renewal of an existing collection.

Abstract: A national emission standard was developed for mercury ore processing facilities, mercury chloralkali plants, and sludge incineration and drying plants to ensure that emissions from these facilities do not cause ambient concentrations of mercury to exceed the inhalation effects limit of 1 microgram per cubic meter. In order to ensure compliance with the standards, adequate recordkeeping and reporting is necessary. This information enables the Agency to: (1) Identify the sources subject to the standard; (2) ensure initial compliance with emission limits; and (3) verify continuous compliance with the standard. Responses are mandatory under 40 CFR Part 61. 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. The Federal Register Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 26, 1996 [61 FR 13185].

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.3 hour 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; 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: 298. Estimated Number of Respondents: 298.

Frequency of Response: semiannually, annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 37,066 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0113.06 and OMB Control No. 2060–0097 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460

and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 4, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division. [FR Doc. 96–14767 Filed 6–10–96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–M