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After all public comments have been thoroughly considered, Western will prepare and publish the Final Post-2000 Resource Pool Allocation in the Federal Register.

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J.M. Shafer,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 5632-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Oral and Written Purchase Orders

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 following Information Collection Request (ICR) for Oral and Written Purchase Orders, OMB Control No. 2030-0007, EPA ICR No. 1037.05, expiring 11/30/96, has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. 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 November 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1037.05.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Oral and Written Purchase Orders (OMB Control No. 2030-0007, EPA ICR No. 1037-05). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Vendors responding to an oral request for quotation will report item title, unit cost, delivery destination, delivery time, company name, small business status, address, phone number, and a point contact.

They will submit this information by telephone when an Agency need for their products or services arises. EPA will use this information to award a purchase order. 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 6/7/96 (61 FR 29093). No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 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; to 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; to adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; to train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Potential Vendors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,292.

Frequency of Response: One response per oral purchase order.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 3,823 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$54,134.

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. 1037.05 and OMB Control No. 2030-0007 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: October 2, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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[FRL-5632-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Monthly Progress Reports

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 Monthly Progress Reports, OMB Control No. 2030-0005; EPA ICR No. 1039.08, expiring 11/30/96, has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. 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 November 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1039.08.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Monthly Progress Reports (OMB Control No. 2030-0005, EPA ICR No. 1039.08) expiring 11/30/96. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: On a monthly basis, contractors are required to provide a report detailing what was accomplished on the contract for that period of time, what remains to be done, as well as a general listing of expenditures for that period of time. This allows EPA to monitor the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the work being performed. Once the information is received it is reviewed against existing financial data, contractor deliverables, and agency records for verification. These reports are prescribed under clauses in EPA contracts. Progress reports contain confidential business information and are protected from release in accordance with 40 CFR Part 2. No sensitive information is required. 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 6/7/96 (61 FR 29092). No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 43 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; to 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; to adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; to train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: EPA Contractors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 398.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 205,368 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$13,993,680.

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. 1039.08 and OMB Control No. 2030-0005 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: October 2, 1996.

Joseph Retzer, Director,
Regulatory Information Division.

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Lead Model Validation Workshop

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Lead Model Validation Workshop.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a Lead Model Validation Workshop to explore approaches and results for the validation of models that predict lead exposure and risk. It is sponsored by EPA—s National Center for Environmental Assessment, in cooperation with EPA—s Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response and the EPA Technical Review Workgroup for Lead.

DATES: This scientific workshop will be held Monday, October 21, 1996, through Wednesday, October 23, 1996. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday. Members of the public may attend as observers.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Omni Europa Hotel, 1 Europa Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, telephone: 919-968-4900, FAX: 919-968-3520. To attend this workshop as an observer, contact Ms. Emily Lee, National Center for Environmental Assessment—RTP office (MD-52), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone: 919-541-4169; FAX: 919-541-5078 by October 16, 1996. Space is very limited, so call as soon as possible. Copies of the final Lead Model Validation Workshop Agenda will be available on or about October 8, 1996. To obtain a copy of the Agenda, contact Ms. Emily Lee at the above address. Copies of journal articles and other reports providing information on the lead models and/or their verification/validation to be discussed at the workshop will be provided to workshop registrants in advance and/or at the meeting site, as circumstances allow.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this workshop is to explore approaches and results for the validation of models that predict lead exposure and risk and to ascertain useful further steps to improve and validate such models. Thus, this workshop will (a) examine lead models that evaluate impacts on humans exposed to lead in environmental media such as soil, dust, paint, drinking water, diet, and air and (b) discuss both general concepts regarding model validation and validation studies for the subject lead models. Some of these models have been used by EPA and other parties in risk assessments of various CERCLA or

RCRA sites and have generated considerable interest because of differences in the scientific foundations and differences in scale of remediation implied by the models or their application.

For purposes of this workshop, EPA has defined model validation as an iterative process that describes the plausibility and accuracy of model predictions and the potential applications for which a model is appropriate. This process includes consideration of the scientific foundations of the model, the strength of data used in estimating model parameters, correctness of computational implementation of the model, and scientific methods for comparing model predictions with observational data.

The workshop will address four basic issues affecting each model:

1. *Scientific foundations of the model structure.* Does the model adequately represent the biological and physical mechanisms of the modeled system? Are these mechanisms understood sufficiently to support modeling?

2. *Quality of parameter estimates.* How extensive and robust are the data used to estimate model parameters? Does the parameter estimation process require additional assumptions and approximations?

3. *Verification.* Are the mathematical relationships posited by the model correctly translated into computer code? Are model inputs free from numerical errors?

4. *Empirical comparisons.* What are the opportunities for comparison between model predictions and data, particularly under conditions under which the model will be applied in assessments? Are model predictions in reasonable agreement with relevant experimental and observational data?

EPA is using these criteria as part of its validation strategy for evaluating the EPA Integrated Exposure/Uptake/Biokinetic Model for Lead (IEUBK) and believes it would be useful to ascertain to what extent other available lead modeling approaches have addressed these and/or other criteria.

EPA believes that the Agency and interested parties will benefit from discussion of the subject lead models, validation concepts and their application to date, and the determination of useful future validation steps. This workshop will bring together EPA personnel (scientific and policy staff) involved in derivation and use of the subject lead models and other non-EPA invited experts representing extensive experience in theoretical and practical application of