

Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this filing if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00199; FRL-5397-7]

Toxic Chemicals; Information Collections; Comment Request

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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collections described below. The ICRs are: (1) A continuing ICR entitled "Notification of Substantial Risk of Injury to Health and the Environment under TSCA Section 8(e)," EPA ICR No. 0794.08, OMB No. 2070-0046, which relates to reporting requirements found at 15 U.S.C. 2607(e), and (2) a continuing ICR entitled "PCB Disposal Permitting Regulation," EPA ICR No. 1012.06, OMB No. 2070-0011, which relates to reporting requirements found at 40 CFR parts 761.60, 761.70, and 761.75. 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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit three copies of all written comments to: TSCA Document Receipts (7407), Rm. NE-G99, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-7099. All comments should be identified by the respective administrative record numbers: comments on ICR No. 0794.08 should reference administrative record number 165 and comments on ICR No. 1012.06 should reference administrative record number 166. These ICRs are available for public review at, and copies may be requested from, the docket address and telephone number listed above.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be

accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form with respect to ICR No. 0794.08 must be identified by the administrative record number AR-165 and ICR 0794.08. All comments and data in electronic form with respect to ICR No. 1012.06 must be identified by the administrative record number AR-166 and ICR 1012.06. No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on these documents may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit III. of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-554-1404, TDD: 202-554-0551, e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

For technical information contact the following individuals:

For ICR No. 0794.08 contact Richard Hefter, Chemical Screening and Risk Assessment Division (7402), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-3470, Fax: 202-260-1216, e-mail: hefter.richard@epamail.epa.gov.

For ICR No. 1012.06, contact Peter Gimlin, Chemical Management Division (7404), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-3972, Fax: 202-260-1724, e-mail: gimlin.peter@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of the ICRs are available from the EPA Public Access gopher (gopher.epa.gov) at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Rules and Regulations."

I. Background

Entities potentially affected by this action are: with respect to ICR No. 0794.08, persons who manufacture, import, process or distribute a chemical substance or mixture; and, with respect to ICR No. 1012.06, persons who wish to obtain approval from EPA to operate a PCB disposal facility (e.g., incinerator, chemical waste landfill, alternate disposal technology). For each collection of information addressed in this notice, 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.

(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.

II. Information Collections

EPA is seeking comments on two ICRs, which are identified and discussed separately below.

Title: Notification of Substantial Risk of Injury to Health and the Environment under TSCA Section 8(e), EPA ICR No. 0794.08, OMB No. 2070-0046, expires June 30, 1997.

Abstract: Section 8(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires that any person who manufactures, imports, processes or distributes in commerce a chemical substance or mixture and who obtains information that reasonably supports the conclusion that such substance or mixture presents a substantial risk of injury to health or the environment must immediately inform EPA of such information. EPA routinely disseminates TSCA section 8(e) data it receives to other Federal agencies to provide information about newly discovered chemical hazards and risks. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 15 U.S.C. 2607(e)). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Burden Statement: The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 9,500 hours per year, with an annual cost of \$712,500. These totals are based on an average burden ranging between approximately 5 to 27 hours for 800 respondents making one or more submissions of information annually. These estimates include 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.

Title: PCB Disposal Permitting Regulation, EPA ICR No. 1012.06, OMB No. 2070-0011, expires June 30, 1997.

Abstract: TSCA section 6(e) bans polychlorinated biphenyls from the environment and directs the Administrator to promulgate rules to, among other things, prescribe methods for the disposal of PCBs. In 1978 and 1979 EPA promulgated rules that address disposal requirements. These provisions require owners of alternate disposal technologies, incinerators and chemical waste landfills, to submit permit applications to and obtain approvals from EPA (i.e., the Regional Administrators or the Director, Chemical Management Division (CMD)). Additionally, EPA prescribes technical and operational criteria that these facilities must meet to qualify for consideration by the Agency. EPA may include in an approval any other requirements or provisions that are necessary to ensure the operation of the facility will not present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. These requirements are found at 40 CFR parts 761.60, 761.70, and 761.75.

Data are submitted to the appropriate approving official (i.e., Regional Administrator for the region in which the facility will be located, or the Director, CMD, for mobile disposal technologies and research and development technologies involving 500 pounds or more of PCB materials) and are evaluated pursuant to the established requirements for a disposal facility and a finding of no unreasonable risk. Copies of the permit applications and the EPA approval (if the permit is granted) are maintained in the office issuing the approval.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR parts 761.60, 761.70, and 761.75). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Burden Statement: The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 24,440 hours per

year with an annual cost of \$1,759,680. These totals are based on an average burden of 940 hours per response for an estimated 26 respondents making a one-time response. These estimates include 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.

III. Public Record

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPPTS-00199" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection and Information collection requests.

Dated: November 4, 1996.

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