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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5828-8]

Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1996 Update

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In recent years, community officials and the general public have increased their attention to the waste generated by households, institutions, and commercial businesses. They have used information about municipal solid waste (MSW) to plan for programs to reduce and recycle this waste and to properly dispose of the remainder. The "Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States, 1960 to 2000" report was first prepared by EPA in 1986 in order to determine the amounts of waste generated, recovered, and discarded in the nation, and to project amounts of waste which will be managed in the future. The report has been updated five times since its initial publication in 1986. Planners nationwide use this special study to estimate the amount and types of MSW that may be generated in their communities, and thus are able to plan more effectively for the management of the wastes generated, recovered, and/or discarded.

The Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1996 Update report is now available. The 1996 Update is similar to the 1995 Update, but it contains updated information on the types and amounts of municipal solid waste generated, recovered, and discarded in the United States through 1995. Some new informational categories and also included in the 1996 Update. These include several case studies that illustrate the impact of source reduction on different product categories, a section on the infrastructure for MSW management, and revised projections for MSW generation and management

through 2010, including three possible scenarios for recovery.

Finally, due to sustained interest in tacking national generation, recovery, and discard rates for MSW, EPA plans to continue provided annual updates of this Report as a service to its stakeholders from State and local governments, industry, environmental groups, and the public.

DATES: May 22, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

A paper copy of Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1996 Update (EPA Publication Number EPA530-97-R-015) or the Report's Executive Summary (EPA Publication Number EPA530-S-97-015) may be obtained by calling the RCRA Hotline at 1-800-424-9346. The Report is also available in electronic format on the Internet System through the EPA Public Access Server at www.epa.gov.

Dated: April 30, 1997.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5828-1]

Notice of Proposed Settlement

SUMMARY: Under Sections 104, 106(a), 107 and 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has offered to a potentially responsible party an Administrative Order on Consent to settle claims for past and future removal actions at the Old ATC Refinery in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina. EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the Agreement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, Waste Management Division, U.S. EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth St., Atlanta, GA 30303, 404-562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: April 25, 1997.

Anita Davis,

Acting Chief, Programs Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND PLACE: June 9, 1997. The White House Conference Center, Truman Room, Third Floor, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20500.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The PCAST will meet in an open session during the morning of Monday, June 9, 1997, at approximately 10:00 a.m. The morning session will focus on Congressional views on science and technology (S&T) and the FY 1998 Budget. This session will end at approximately 12:00 Noon.

The Committee will reconvene in open session on Monday afternoon, June 9, 1997, at approximately 1:30 p.m. The afternoon session will focus on 1997 PCAST Studies, discussions on the Competitiveness Policy Council Report, "Investing in Innovation: A Project Assessing Federal Technology Policies and Programs," and the Carnegie Commission Report, "Science and Technology and the President." There will also be a general discussion among Committee members and other Executive Office staff about current S&T activities of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding time, place, and agenda, please call Jeanie Hall at (202) 456-6100 prior to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 1997. Other questions may be directed to Angela Phillips Diaz, Executive Secretary for PCAST, or Yolanda Comedy at (202) 456-6100. The agenda will also be posted on the PCAST Home Page located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OSTP/>

html/OSTP—Home.html. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology was established on November 23, 1993, by Executive Order 12882, as amended, and continued through September 30, 1997, by Executive Order 12974. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of national importance that have significant science and technology content, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Committee members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by John H. Gibbons, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and by John Young, former President and CEO of Hewlett-Packard Company.

Dated: May 16, 1997.

Barbara Ann Ferguson,

Assistant Director for Budget and Administration, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Emergency Review and Approval

May 19, 1997.

The Federal Communications Commission has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C.

Section 3507. Please note that the Commission has requested emergency review and approval of this collection by June 6, 1997, under the provisions of 5 CFR Section 1320.13.

The Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments should address: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 4, 1997. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should contact Timothy Fain, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503, (202) 395-0651 or via internet at fain_t@al.eop.gov, and to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-0214 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

Federal Communications Commission

Title: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

(47 CFR 36.611-36.612 and 47 CFR Part 54).

Form No.: N/A

OMB Control No.: None.

Action: New Collections.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; state, local or tribal government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,565,451 respondents; 3.1 hours per response (avg.); 1,784,220 hours total annual burden.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annually, one-time requirements.

Needs and Uses: Congress directed the Commission to implement a new set of universal service support mechanisms that are explicit and sufficient to advance the universal service principles enumerated in Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and such other principles as the Commission believes are necessary and appropriate for the protection of the public interest, convenience and necessity, and are consistent with the Act. In the Report and Order issued in CC Docket No. 96-45, the Commission adopts rules that are designed to implement the universal service provisions of section 254. Specifically, the Order addresses: (1) universal service principles; (2) services eligible for support; (3) affordability; (4) carriers eligible for universal service support; (5) support mechanisms for rural, insular, and high cost areas; (6) support for low-income consumers; (7) support for schools, libraries, and health care providers; (8) interstate subscriber line charge and common line cost recovery; and (9) administration of support mechanisms. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in CC Docket No. 96-45 are designed to implement Section 254 follow. The reporting and recordkeeping are necessary to ensure the integrity of the program.

Rule section/title (47 CFR)	Hours per response	Total annual burden
a. 36.611(a) & 36.612—Submission and Updating information to NECA	20	26,800
b. 54.101(c)—Demonstration of exceptional circumstances for toll-limitation grace period	50	100
c. 54.201(b)(c)—Submission of eligibility criteria	1	3,400
d. 54.201(d)(2)—Advertisement of services & charges	50	65,000
e. 54.205(a)—Advance notice of relinquishment of universal service5	50
f. 54.207(c)(1)—Submission of proposal for redefining a rural service area	125	6,250
g. 54.307(b)—Reporting of expenses & number of lines served.	2.5 (avg.)	4,100
h. 54.401(b) (1)-(2)—Submission of disconnection waiver request	2	100
i. 54.401(d)—Lifeline certification to the Administrator	1	1,300
j. 54.407(c)—Lifeline recordkeeping	80	104,000
k. 54.409 (a)-(b)—Consumer qualification for Lifeline	5 min.	440,000
l. 54.409(b)—Consumer notification of Lifeline discontinuance	5 min.	44,000
m. 54.418(b)—Link Up recordkeeping	80	104,000
n. 54.501(d)(4) & 54.516—Schools & Libraries recordkeeping	41 (avg.)	372,000
o. 54.504 (b)-(c), 54.507(d) & 54.509(a)—Description of services requested & certification	2	100,000
p. 54.601(b)(4) & 54.609(b)—Calculating support for health care providers	100	340,000