

OTHER#S CP96-153	000 SOUTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY; ORDER ON APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES.
PC-1.(B) DOCKET# CP97-343	000 ALABAMA-TENNESSEE NATURAL GAS COMPANY ORDER ON APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES.
PC-1.(C) DOCKET# RP97-331	000 DECATUR UTILITIES, CITY OF DECATUR, ALABAMA, ETC. V. ALABAMA-TENNESSEE NATURAL GAS COMPANY ORDER ON COMPLAINT.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5831-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Quality Assurance Specification and Requirements

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) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: ICR Number 0866.05, Quality Assurance Specification and Requirements, OMB Control Number 2080-0033, which expires June 30, 1997. 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 June 27, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 0866.05.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Quality Assurance Specification and Requirements (OMB Control No. 2080-0033; EPA ICR No. 0866, expiring 6/30/97. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This ICR covers the quality assurance (QA) paperwork burden that appears at 40 CFR 30.54 [which supercedes 40 CFR 30.503(d)] and 40 CFR 31.45. These are subsections from 40 CFR Part 30—Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations, and 40 CFR Part 31—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments,

respectively. The information collection activity involves the preparation of QA plans or narrative statements that provide supporting documentation sufficient to produce data that are of quality adequate to meet project objectives and (for 40 CFR 30.54) to minimize loss of data due to out-of-control conditions or malfunctions. The quality system of the 40 CFR 30.54 assistance recipient must comply with the requirements of ANSI/ASQC E4, "Specifications and Guidelines for Quality Systems for Environmental Data Collection and Environmental Technology Programs." All QA submissions are reviewed and approved by an EPA certified project officer or a designated quality assurance officer.

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 2/10/97 (FRL-5686-9); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 37 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: Entities applying for Federal financial assistance for proposed projects that include environmentally related measurements.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1497.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 55,635 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$1,498,038.

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. 0866 and OMB Control No. 2080-0033 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, PPE 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: May 21, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5831-7]

OMB Review of Pesticide Information Collection Activities

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 Requests (ICR) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collection and expected cost and burden; where appropriate, they include the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 27, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY

CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 0155.06 or EPA ICR No. 1759.02.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Review Requested:* This is a request to extend the OMB approvals for the following two approved information collection activities pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12.

Title: Certification of Pesticide Applicators.

ICR No.: OMB Control No. 2070-0029; EPA ICR No. 0155.06.

Expiration Date: June 30, 1997.

Abstract: The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) allows a pesticide to be classified as "restricted use" if the pesticide meets certain toxicity or criteria. Restricted use pesticides, because of their potential to harm people or the environment, may be applied only by a certified applicator or someone under the direct supervision of a certified applicator. In order to become a certified applicator, a person must meet certain standards of competency. The primary mechanism for certifying pesticide applicators is State certification plans approved by EPA. 40 CFR part 171 establishes the criteria for State and EPA administered certification plans. In addition, these regulations establish criteria for certification plans from Federal agencies or Indian tribes who wish to develop their own program in lieu of using State certification programs.

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements in these regulations allow the Agency to ensure that restricted use pesticides are used only by or under the direct supervision of properly trained and certified applicators, and to monitor the application of restricted use pesticides.

Burden Statement: The annual respondent burden for the Certification of Pesticide Applicators program is estimated to average 3 hours per certified applicator, 78.4 hours per State reporting, 0.17 hours per Colorado Federal Program, and 5 hours per Pesticide Dealer. These estimates include the time needed for: planning activities, creating information, gathering information, processing, compiling, and reviewing information for accuracy, recording, disclosing or displaying the information, and storing, filing, and maintaining the data. Third party notification is included in this ICR as the applicators are reporting to state lead agencies. No person is 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 displayed in 40 CFR part 9.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Certified pesticide applicators who require certification to apply restricted use pesticides, and States, Indian tribes, and Federal Agencies with EPA-approved certification plans.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 330,644.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 997,222 hours.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

2. *Title:* Pesticides Worker Protection Standard Training and Notification.

ICR No.: OMB Control No. 2070-0148; EPA ICR No. 1759.02.

Expiration Date: May 31, 1997.

Abstract: The Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides, 40 CFR part 170 and 40 CFR part 156 subpart K, includes requirements for protection of agricultural workers and pesticide handlers from hazards of pesticides used on farms, on forests, in nurseries, and in greenhouses. 40 CFR part 170 contains the standard and workplace practices and 40 CFR part 156 prescribes the statements that must be placed on the pesticide label and in pesticide labeling. The WPS workplace practices are designed to reduce or eliminate exposure to pesticides and establish procedures for responding to exposure-related emergencies. The practices include prohibitions against applying pesticides in a way that would cause exposure to workers and others; a waiting period before workers can return to areas treated with pesticides (restricted entry period); basic safety training and distribution and posting of information about pesticide hazards, as well as pesticide application information; arrangements for the supply of soap, water, and towels in case of pesticide exposure; and provisions for emergency assistance.

Prior to September 1995, the WPS information collection activities were covered under OMB ICR No. 2070-0060. In September 1995, however, OMB approved an ICR that consolidated all the WPS information collection activities under a new ICR (EPA No. 1759; OMB No. 2070-0148). The information collection activity associated with the pesticides WPS includes a voluntary program to verify that training has been provided; the WPS provisions for display of basic pesticide safety information and pesticide-specific treatment (application) information at a central location on the agricultural establishment; the provisions requiring

that employers provide employees with pesticide-specific treatment (application) information in the form of oral or written (posted) notification; the provisions that require the actual training for which the verification program was established or that basic pesticide safety information be provided to employees who have not completed the full WPS pesticide safety training and before they enter a treated area; the provisions requiring that pesticide handler employers provide pesticide-specific information to agricultural employers prior to treatment, that pesticide handler employers provide notification to handler employees regarding the safe operation and repair of equipment to be used in handling activities, and that pesticide handler employers provide emergency information on pesticide treatments to employees believed to be poisoned or those treating them; and the provisions requiring that employers provide employees with notification when exceptions/exemptions to the early entry restrictions are being implemented. (The major WPS labeling program was a one-time collection and is completed. Registrants of EPA-registered products may request that the Agency amend their previously approved label. Future requests from registrants for label amendments are covered as part of routine label amendments under a separate ICR approved by OMB under 2070-0060 (EPA ICR No. 277)).

The WPS requires that agricultural employers assure that agricultural workers and pesticide handlers are trained in basic pesticide safety practices to reduce the risk of pesticide poisoning and other injuries. The EPA Training Verification Program is intended to achieve this by requiring the issuance of safety information to workers and handlers. Upon the completion of the training, the WPS provides for the issuance of "EPA-Approved Worker Protection Standard Training Certificates" to workers and handlers to allow employers to verify that workers and handlers have received WPS safety training. The initial burden for this collection activity (24,990 burden hours) is predicted to taper off to a much lower annual burden.

Burden Statement: The annual respondent burden for the Pesticides Worker Protection Standard Training and Notification program is estimated to average 0.23 hours per event. This estimate includes the time needed for: planning activities, creating information, gathering information, processing, compiling, and reviewing information for accuracy, recording,

disclosing or displaying the information, and storing, filing, and maintaining the data. Third party notification is included in this ICR.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Parties affected by this information collection activity agricultural employers, including employers in farms, as well as nursery, forestry, and greenhouse establishments.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 1,800,130.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,238,304 hours.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA No. 0155.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0029 or ICR No. 1759.02 and OMB No. 2070-0148, as appropriate, in any correspondence.

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

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

Dated: May 21, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5832-2]

National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Notice of Open Meeting

Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on June 16, 1997, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., in the Thames Room, Marriott Marquis, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Several Council members will be present at the meeting, with additional members participating by conference call. The meeting is open to the public, but due to past experience, seating will be limited.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the Council with a summary of

public comments on the Draft "State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance" and seek its advice on finalization of this Guidance due in August 1997. The summary will be presented by the Council's Source Water Protection Working Group representatives.

The Council encourages the hearing of outside statements and will allocate one-half hour for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes, and it is preferred that only one person present the statement. Any outside parties interested in presenting an oral statement should petition the Council by telephone at (202) 260-2285 before June 12, 1997.

Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received prior to the meeting will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

Members of the public that would like to attend the meeting, present an oral statement, or submit a written statement, should contact Ms. Charlene Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. EPA, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. The telephone number is Aea Code (202) 260-2285 or E-Mail, shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: May 21, 1997.

Richard Kuhlman,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30435; FRL-5715-1]

W. Neudorf GmbH KG; Applications to Register Pesticide Products

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of applications to register pesticide products containing a new active ingredient not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by June 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30435] and the file symbols to: Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. In person, bring comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1132, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Cynthia Giles-Parker, Product Manager (PM-22), Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 229, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 305-7740, e-mail: giles-parker.cynthia@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA received applications as follows to register pesticide products containing an active ingredient not included in any previously registered products pursuant to the provision of section 3(c)(4) of FIFRA. Notice of receipt of these applications does not imply a decision by the Agency on the applications.

Products Containing Active Ingredients Not Included In Any Previously Registered Products

1. File Symbol: 67702-R. Applicant: W. Neudorff GmbH KG, Postfach 1209, An der Muhle 3, D-31860 Emmerthal,