

to be excluded from the "burden" estimates if the Agency can demonstrate that the respondents would maintain this information even if not required to do so. Please note that removing the burden from the ICR does not affect the requirement itself. Certified applicators are still required to maintain this information.

Burden statement: The annual respondent burden for this program for certified applicators was originally estimated to average 3.5 hours for recordkeeping and 10 minutes for completing applicator certification forms. The Agency is proposing to eliminate the average annual burden estimate of 3.0 hours and the associated cost of \$36 per certified applicator, which was previously included in this ICR for the estimated 330,000 commercial applicators and firms that are required to maintain these records. Therefore, the revised burden estimate for certified applicators would be 30 minutes for recordkeeping and 10 minutes for certification forms. For a total revised burden of 40 minutes which represents a reduction of 3 hours related to the recordkeeping.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, "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. For this collection it includes the time needed to review instructions; processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. 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, after initial display in the final rule, are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

II. Request for Comments

EPA solicits comments to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information described above is "usual and customary" information that certified applicators maintain for their business. If not, identify the item(s) that are not part of "usual and customary" information.
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's revised estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information for certified applicators, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or permitting electronic submission of responses.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Director, OPPE Regulatory Information Division, Mail Code 2137, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence, but do not submit the form or report to this address. The actual information or form should be submitted in accordance with the instructions accompanying the information or form, specified in the corresponding regulation.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burdens, to the docket under ADDRESSES listed above.

III. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this document, as well as the public version, has been established for this document under docket control number "OPP-00528" (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 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located at the Virginia address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPP-00528." Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection and Information collection requests.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5989-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; New Source Performance Standards, Standards of Performance for Storage Vessels of Petroleum Liquids for Which Construction, Reconstruction or Modification Commenced After May 18, 1978 and Prior to July 23, 1984

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: Standards of Performance for Storage Vessels for Petroleum Liquids for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After May 18, 1978, and Prior to July 23, 1984, OMB Control Number 2060-0121 expiring on May 31, 1998. 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 May 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1050.06.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Standards of Performance for Storage Vessels for Petroleum Liquids for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After May 18, 1978, and Prior to July 23, 1984, (OMB Control Number 2060-0121; EPA ICR No. 1050.06) expiring on May 31, 1998. This is a request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: In order to ensure compliance with these standards, adequate recordkeeping is necessary. In the absence of such information, enforcement personnel would be unable to determine whether the standards are being met on a continuous basis, as required by the Clean Air Act. Generally, this information will be readily available because it is needed for plant records. As a result, there should be no additional burden from these requirements.

The format of the rule is that of an equipment standard. A performance test is not required because conducting a performance test is not feasible for floating roofs. Floating roofs are subject to visual inspections and periodic measurements. Flares must meet the General Provisions at section 60.18(f). The owner/operator must notify the date of construction or reconstruction no later than 30 days after such date, notify 60 days prior to a physical or operational change to an existing facility which may increase emissions, record occurrences of any start-up, shutdown or malfunction, record gap measurements: primary seals every five years, secondary seals every year, report within 60 days if seal gap measurements exceed regulatory limits (§ 60.112a), provide notice 30 days prior to seal gap measurement, provide information on vapor recovery system including emissions data, operations design and maintenance plan and record whenever the liquid is changed, type of petroleum liquid, period of storage and maximum true vapor.

Information generated by notifications, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements is used by the Agency to ensure that facilities affected by the NSPS continue to operate the control equipment used to achieve compliance. Notification of construction and startup indicates to enforcement personnel when a new affected facility has been constructed and therefore is subject to the standards. If the information were not collected, the Agency would have no means for ensuring that compliance with the NSPS is achieved and maintained by the new, modified, or reconstructed sources subject to the regulation. Under these circumstances, an owner or operator could elect to reduce operating expenses by not installing, maintaining, or otherwise operating the control technology required by the standards. In the absence of the recordkeeping requirements, the standards could be enforced only through continuous onsite inspection by regulatory agency personnel. Consequently, not collecting the information results in (1) greatly

increased resource requirements for enforcement agencies or (2) the inability to enforce the standards.

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 12/02/97 (62 FR 63703); zero comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 115 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: Owners of storage vessels for petroleum liquids.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 183.

Frequency of Response: 1.
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 20,954 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. 1050.06 and OMB Control No. 2060-0121 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: March 26, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5989-5]

Risk Assessment Forum Report on Assessment of Thyroid Follicular Cell Tumors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Risk Assessment Forum report.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today announcing the availability of an EPA Risk Assessment Forum report entitled, Assessment of Thyroid Follicular Cell Tumors (hereafter "Forum Report"). The Forum Report presents science policy guidance that describes the procedures the Agency will use in the evaluation of potential human cancer hazard and dose-response assessments from chemicals that are animal thyroid carcinogens. The Forum Report describes when, under clearly specified conditions, chemical carcinogenesis in thyroid follicular cells can be analyzed as a nonlinear phenomenon, rather than assuming low dose linearity as EPA customarily does for carcinogenic compounds. Four hypothetical case studies are summarized which illustrate how to evaluate toxicological data and make hazard and dose-response estimation choices. The procedures and considerations developed in the Forum Report embody current scientific knowledge of thyroid carcinogenesis and evolving science policy. Should significant new information become available, the Agency will update its guidance accordingly.

ADDRESSES: An electronic version of the Forum Report is accessible from EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment Internet home page at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. Interested parties can obtain a single copy of the report by contacting ORD Publications, Technology Transfer and Support Division, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, Cincinnati, Ohio by calling 513-569-7562, or by sending facsimile to 513-569-7566. Please provide your name and mailing address, and request the document by title and the EPA document number (EPA/630/R-97/002) when ordering. There will be