

compliance assistance activities commonly include: hotlines, workshops/seminar/trainings, compliance guides (e.g., plain language explanations of regulations, videos), and on-site visits. Since compliance assistance is a rather new tool for OECA, we are very interested in learning about its effectiveness. In particular, we are interested in learning about the "outcome" of compliance assistance on a continuum of potential outcomes. The continuum includes determining the "reach" of activity within the intended audience; determining their "satisfaction" with the activity; and determining what "behavioral changes" they make as a result of the activity. The purpose of this generic ICR is to enable OECA to collect data on the program effectiveness of their compliance assistance program so that we can begin to understand which of our various types of compliance assistance activities are most effective as well as to obtain anecdotal information on the outcomes of these assistance efforts. Moreover, since measuring the impact of compliance assistance is a new activity for OECA, we are also interested in experimenting with different types of measurement methods (e.g., comment cards, mailed surveys, phone surveys) to better direct our program evaluation program. Moreover, we are interested in learning if this data can be obtained using statistically-valid methods and will be supporting our measurement activities with analysis in this area.

In each instance we will be measuring whether or not the compliance assistance activity is meeting its intended goal. Typical goals for compliance assistance activities include: informing the regulated community of their compliance obligations (e.g., plain-language guides); assisting the regulated community in their understanding of complex federal and/or state requirements (e.g., Section 215 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act asks EPA to undertake demonstration projects with states to develop compliance assistance tools that integrate state and federal rules); and motivating behavioral change (e.g., pollutants reduced, permits adopted) from on-site visits, in-depth workshops/trainings.

This activity is being undertaken to assist EPA in its implementation of the National Performance Measures Strategy that was finalized on December 22, 1997, which includes compliance assistance.

None of the information collected by this action results in or requests sensitive information of any nature from the states.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it display 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 EPA is soliciting 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; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

The Office of Compliance (OC) will use this information to evaluate the effectiveness of our compliance assistance programs so that we can plan more effective programs in the future. OC will also include highlights in its end-of-year accomplishments report. This information also will be provided to Congressional staffs and committees interested in environmental matters and small business assistance activities at the EPA regional and state level (the SBREFA Section 215 projects are being conducted as cooperative agreements with state assistance programs). In addition, we will share our lessons learned about compliance assistance program effectiveness widely with state and local assistance programs. Since compliance assistance is a relatively new program for most state programs, this program effectiveness information should be of great interest and value to them.

Burden Statement: This information collection request is for three years with an OMB review of progress after 18 months. The information collection request is a generic request for all surveys conducted over the 3-year period. Sample surveys are attached to the ICR and actual surveys will be submitted to OMB with a 10-day comment period from OMB. OC will minimize the numbers of surveys by providing consistent surveys for several similar activities. This will also increase

the ability to compare program effectiveness across program activities.

For each respondent, the annual cost burden is estimated to be \$4.20. Total capital and start-up cost component annualized over its expected useful life is \$0. Total operations and maintenance is estimated at \$0, and the cost for purchase of services is estimated at \$0.

Total annual burden for the 155,163 respondents is estimated to be 19,470 hours at a cost of \$218,090.

Federal burden is estimated to be 53 hours a year at an annual labor cost of \$15,510. Total capital and start-up cost component annualized over its expected useful life is \$0. Total operations and maintenance is estimated at \$0, and the cost for purchase of services is estimated at \$75,000.

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, 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.

Dated: April 10, 1998.

Elaine Stanley,

Director, Office of Compliance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[No. W-98-14; FRL-6000-1]

Availability of Draft Water Conservation Plan Guidelines

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is making available for public comment a draft document entitled "Water Conservation Plan Guidelines." The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 require the Agency to publish guidelines for water conservation plans for public water systems, taking into consideration such factors as system size, water availability

and climate. States may require water systems to submit a water conservation plan consistent with EPA's guidelines as a condition of receiving a loan from a State Drinking Water Loan Fund. The first part of the document introduces the guidelines and provides information to the States about their nature and possible use. The second part of the document provides three sets of water conservation plan guidelines—Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced—which correspond generally to system size. Each set of guidelines follows nine steps, with variations for some steps under the Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Guidelines: Conservation Planning Goals, Water System Profile, Demand Forecasting, Planned Improvements and Additions, Water Conservation Measures, Benefits and Costs, Selection of Measures, Integrated Resource Options, and Implementation and Evaluation of Plan.

To meet the statutory schedule the final guidelines must be published by August 6, 1998. The draft document being made available today was developed by EPA in concert with a Subcommittee under the auspices of the Local Government Advisory Committee. Subcommittee membership includes State agencies, water utilities, environmental groups, and various industry and public interest groups. EPA invites interested members of the public to submit comments on the draft document. EPA will consider public comments and publish a final document by the August 6, 1998 statutory deadline.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing addresses.

Draft Guidelines: Paper copies of the draft guidelines may be obtained by writing to Valerie Martin, U.S. EPA, Office of Wastewater Management (Mail Code 4204), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20460.

Public Comments: Address all comments concerning the draft guidelines to W-98-14 Comment Clerk, Water Docket (Mail Code 4101), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Docket: The administrative record for this notice is located in the Water Docket, East Tower Basement, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John E. Flowers, (202) 260-7288 or flowers.john@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Draft Guidelines:* The draft guidelines may

also be viewed and downloaded from EPA's homepage, <http://www.epa.gov/OWM/genwave.htm>.

Public Comments: Please send an original and three copies of your comments and enclosures (including references). Commenters who want EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. Comments may also be submitted electronically to ow-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and forms of encryption. Electronic comments must be identified by the docket number (W-98-14). Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1, 6.1 or ASCII file format. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Docket: The administrative record for this notice has been established under docket number W-98-14, and includes supporting documentation as well as printed, paper versions of electronic comments. The record is available for inspection from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at the Water Docket, East Tower Basement, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, Washington, D.C. For access to docket materials, please call (202) 260-3027 to schedule an appointment.

Dated: April 14, 1998.

Michael B. Cook,

Director, Office of Wastewater Management.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

April 15, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications 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 collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (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 estimate; (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 May 21, 1998. 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: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
OMB Control No.: 3060-0715.

Title: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information, CC Docket No. 96-115.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 4,832.

Estimated Time Per Response: .50 - 77 hours (avg. range).

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping; on occasion and one-time reporting requirements.

Cost to Respondents: \$229,520,000.

Total Annual Burden: 780,989 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Second Report and Order, CC Docket No. 96-115 implements the statutory obligations of section 222 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Among other things, carriers are permitted to use CPNI (customer proprietary network information), without customer approval, to market offerings that are related to, but limited by, the customer's existing service relationship with their carrier. Carriers must obtain express