

recent twelve-month period. The rate for Real Power Losses will be posted on Southwestern's OASIS. Southwestern proposes to initially implement this rate effective January 1, 1999, and thereafter the rate will be reviewed and adjusted to become effective at the beginning of each Fiscal Year (October 1).

The Capacity Overrun Penalty provision in the existing rate schedule set forth a penalty of \$0.05 per kilowatthour for any energy which flows outside the authorized bandwidth from a range of 1 to 2,000 kilowatts and a penalty of \$0.10 per kilowatthour for any energy which flows outside the authorized bandwidth from 2,001 kilowatts or greater. As a result of this past summer's price escalation for power and the potential unauthorized use of Southwestern's system, Southwestern has revised its Capacity Overrun Penalty provision. It was determined that the penalty to be applied would need to be increased to provide a greater deterrent not to overrun Southwestern's system. The proposed Capacity Overrun Penalty provision has been revised to assess a \$0.10 per kilowatthour penalty for any energy which flows outside of the authorized bandwidth during the months of March, April, May, October, November, and December. A penalty of \$0.30 per kilowatthour will likewise be assessed during the months of January, February, June, July, August, and September.

Changes to Rate Schedule P-98A (Wholesale Rates for Hydro Peaking Power)

The name of the rate schedule will be changed to P-98B in order to reflect the fact that revisions have been made. Minor corrections and modifications were made throughout the rate schedule for the purpose of clarification; however four areas have been revised. The section discussing and listing the Power Customer-specific credit, which ended June 30, 1998, has been removed since it is no longer applicable. The changes made to the terms and conditions of Real Power Losses, Energy Imbalance Service, and the Capacity Overrun Penalty are addressed in detail below.

The existing rate schedule (P-98A) determined the rate for Real Power Losses based upon the cost of energy for Southwestern's marketing area during the previous Fiscal Year, as set forth in the most recently available Energy Information Administration (EIA) Publication. The EIA has recently ceased to compile this information, making it necessary for Southwestern to develop an alternative source upon which to base its rate for Real Power

Losses. The basis for determining the rate to charge for Real Power Losses was therefore modified to reflect the average actual costs incurred by Southwestern for the purchase of energy to replace Real Power Losses during the most recent twelve-month period. The rate for Real Power Losses will be posted on Southwestern's OASIS. Southwestern proposes to initially implement this rate effective January 1, 1999, and thereafter the rate will be reviewed and adjusted to become effective at the beginning of each Fiscal Year (October 1).

The Energy Imbalance Service description has been modified to clarify that because the Energy Imbalance Service bandwidth specified in Southwestern's Open Access Transmission Tariff does not apply to the deliveries of Hydro Peaking Power and associated energy, Energy Imbalance Service is not charged on such deliveries. However, Power Customers who consume a capacity of Hydro Peaking Power greater than their Peak Contract Demand may be subject to a Capacity Overrun Penalty.

The Capacity Overrun provision set forth in the existing rate schedule assess a penalty of \$0.05 per kilowatthour for any energy which flows outside the authorized bandwidth from a range of 1 to 2,000 kilowatts and a penalty of \$0.10 per kilowatthour for any energy which flows outside the authorized bandwidth from a range of 2,001 kilowatts or greater. As a result of this past summer's recent price escalation for power and the potential unauthorized use of Southwestern's system, Southwestern has revised the Capacity Overrun Penalty provision. It was determined that this penalty would need to be increased to provide a greater deterrent not to overrun Southwestern's system. The Capacity Overrun Penalty provision has been revised to assess a \$0.10 per kilowatt penalty during the months of March, April, May, October, November, and December for each hour during which Hydro Peaking Power was provided at a rate greater than that to which the Power Customer is entitled. A penalty of \$0.30 per kilowatt will likewise be assessed during the months of January, February, June, July, August, and September.

Redlined versions of the revised rate schedules NFTS-98B and P-98B will be made available upon request. To request a copy, please contact Barbara Otte, 918-595-6674 or Tracey Hannon, 918-595-6677.

The Administrator has determined that written comments will provide adequate opportunity for public participation in the rate schedule revision process. Therefore an

opportunity is presented for interested parties to submit written comments on the proposed rate schedule changes. Written comments are due on or before thirty (30) days following publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**. Five copies of written comments should be submitted to: Michael A. Deihl, Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Tulsa, OK 74103.

Following review and consideration of written comments, the Administrator will finalize and submit the proposed rate schedules to the Deputy Secretary of Energy for approval on an interim basis. The Deputy Secretary will then submit the proposed rate schedules to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Dated: November 5, 1998.

Michael A. Deihl,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6188-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): National Water Quality Inventory Reports, ICR #1560.04, OMB #2040-0071, which expires on February 28, 1999. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds (4503F), 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Lehmann, National 305(b) Coordinator, telephone: (202) 260-7021; facsimile: (202) 260-1977; e-mail: Lehmann.Sarah@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are the 50 States, the District

of Columbia, five Territories (Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands). Two Interstate River Basin Commissions and one Indian Tribe or Tribal Group also sent data to EPA during the period covered by the current ICR. The SIC code for respondents is 9511 (Administration of Environmental Quality Programs: Air and Water Resources and Solid Waste Management).

Title: National Water Quality Inventory Reports (Clean Water Act Sections 305(b), 303(d), and 314(a)). OMB Control Number 2040-0071. Expiration date: February 28, 1999.

Abstract: Section 305(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 92-500, 33 U.S.C 1251 *et seq.*; most recently amended in 1987 by Public Law 100-4) requires each State to prepare and submit a biennial water quality assessment report to the EPA Administrator. Regulations for water quality monitoring, planning, management and reporting are found in 40 CFR part 130. Each 305(b) report includes such information as a description of the quality of waters of the State; an analysis of the extent to which these waters provide for the protection and propagation of a balanced population of shellfish, fish, and wildlife, and allow recreational activities in and on the water; recommendations for additional action necessary to achieve such uses; an estimate of the environmental impact and economic and social costs as well as the economic and social benefits of such achievement; and a description of the nature and extent of nonpoint sources of pollutants and recommendations as to programs needed to control each category of such sources.

Under CWA section 314(a)(2), States must incorporate their Clean Lakes Report into the 305(b) reports. Clean Lakes Reports include an identification and classification according to trophic condition of all publicly owned lakes; a description of the methods to control sources of pollution and restore these lakes; methods to mitigate the harmful effects of high acidity; a list and description of publicly owned lakes for which uses are known to be impaired; and an assessment of the status and trends of water quality in lakes.

Section 303(d)(1) of the CWA requires States to identify and rank water-quality limited waters which will not meet State water quality standards after implementation of technology-based point source controls.

Reporting under sections 305(b) and 314 is thus required of the 50 States.

Reporting activities under section 303(d) may be submitted as part of the 305(b) report or may be submitted under separate cover. Other respondents (Territories, River Basin Commissions, certain Indian Tribes or Tribal Groups) also prepare 305(b) reports to document the quality of their waters to EPA, Congress, and the public and, in some cases, to meet grant conditions.

The 305(b) reporting process is an essential component of the EPA water pollution control program. EPA's Office of Water uses the 305(b) reports as the principal information source for assessing nationwide water quality, progress made in maintaining and restoring water quality, and the extent of remaining water pollution problems. EPA prepares the National Water Quality Inventory Report to Congress and evaluates impacts of EPA's water pollution control programs with the information and data supplied in the State and Tribal 305(b) reports and the corresponding national database, the EPA Waterbody System. The Office of Water uses the Report to Congress to target persistent and emerging water quality problems with new initiatives and to improve or eliminate ineffective programs.

EPA uses the information submitted under section 314 to evaluate the effectiveness of the Clean Lakes grant program. The Agency assembles national information on water quality trends in lakes eligible for section 314 grants, initiation and completion of Clean Lakes Projects funded with 314 grants, and tangible results of lake restoration projects.

Under section 303(d), EPA must review and approve or disapprove the State lists of water-quality limited waterbodies still requiring total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). Section 303(d) of the CWA establishes the TMDL process to provide for more stringent water-quality based controls when required Federal, State or local controls are inadequate to achieve State water quality standards. TMDLs encourage a holistic view of water quality problems considering all contributions and instream water quality and provide a method to allocate those contributions to meet water quality standards.

EPA is currently developing proposed revisions to the TMDL program regulations and, as part of that effort, will determine whether it needs to prepare a new ICR based on the proposed regulatory revisions. While at this time, EPA believes that it is likely that a new ICR will be needed, no final decision will be made and the Agency will continue to undertake the necessary

analyses needed to make such a final decision.

EPA is also working with our partners on the development of 1998 Clean Water Action Plan Unified Watershed Assessments (UWA). EPA and its partners are looking into whether these assessments should be updated in the future. If the UWA are updated and are subject to ICR requirements, EPA will conduct a complete burden analysis.

The next 305(b) reports and 303(d) lists are due to EPA in April 2000. EPA has published guidelines on the types of information requested of respondents in their 305(b) reports. The current edition is Guidelines for Preparation of the Comprehensive State Water Quality Assessments (305(b) Reports) and Electronic Updates: Report Contents, EPA841-B-97-002A, and Guidelines for Preparation of the Comprehensive State Water Quality Assessments (305(b) Reports) and Electronic Updates: Supplement, EPA841-B-97-002B (see contact information above).

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 displayed in 40 CFR part 9. This ICR renewal does not involve third-party and public disclosures not previously reviewed and approved by OMB.

The 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;
- (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 through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The existing burden estimate for all reporting and recordkeeping is 229,805 burden hours per year. This estimate was based on 59 respondents and a biennial response frequency, and is equivalent to an average of 3,895 burden hours per year. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the collection of information. EPA intends to reduce the burden in the future by encouraging additional States to undertake abbreviated reporting and

annual electronic reporting on core elements for the geographic areas covered in that year.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed above.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

Robert H. Wayland III,

Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00562; FRL-6044-1]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a two-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review a set of scientific issues being considered by the Agency in connection with methodology for conducting comparative ecological risk assessments, developmental neurotoxicity study (a retrospective analysis), and a status report on use of the FQPA 10x safety factor.

The Agency will present methods for comparing the potential ecological risk of pesticides used on similar crop sites. Risk indices or quotients are calculated and the results are compared to established levels of concern (LOCs). The resultant exceedances are used to rank pesticides and use sites. In addition, since numerous calculations are made using a range of use rates and toxicity values, pesticides and their use sites are compared based on frequency distributions of LOC exceedances. The comparisons include acute and chronic endpoints for terrestrial and aquatic organisms, as well as incident reports and information on extent of use. Pesticide specific ecotoxicology data and environmental fate and transport data are used in the analysis. Models such as GENEEC and FATE are used to estimate pesticide exposure. The Agency will also present two sessions concerning human health risk assessment. The first session will concern a retrospective analysis of 12 developmental neurotoxicity studies. The Agency will also provide an update

of activities concerning the FQPA 10x safety factor.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8 and 9, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: The Sheraton Crystal Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. The telephone number for the hotel is: (703) 486-1111.

By mail, submit written comments (one original and 20 copies) to: Paul I. Lewis, Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the FIFRA/Scientific Advisory Panel (7101C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by delivery service, bring comments to: Room 117S, Crystal Mall 2 (CM #2), 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

Comments and data also may be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: 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. Comments and data also will be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-00562." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Paul I. Lewis, DFO, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7101C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, DC 20460; Office location: Rm. 117S, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 305-5369; e-mail: Lewis.Paul@epamail.epa.gov

A meeting agenda is currently available and copies of EPA primary background documents for the meeting will be available no later than November 13, 1998. The meeting agenda and EPA primary background documents are available on the EPA web site <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/SAP/> or may be obtained by contacting the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; Office location: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis

Highway, Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 305-5805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any member of the public wishing to submit written comments should contact Paul I. Lewis at the address or the phone number given above to confirm that the meeting is still scheduled and that the agenda has not been modified or changed. Interested persons are permitted to file written statements before the meeting. To the extent that time permits and upon advanced written request to the DFO, interested persons may be permitted by the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Panel to present oral statements at the meeting. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the Panel, but oral statements before the Panel are limited to approximately five minutes. The Agency will allow additional time for presentation of oral comments at the FQPA 10x safety factor session to provide public commenters sufficient time to state their remarks at the meeting. The Agency also urges the public to submit written comments in lieu of oral presentations. Persons wishing to make oral and/or written statements should notify the DFO and submit 20 copies of the summary information. The Agency encourages that written statements be submitted before the meeting to provide Panel Members the time necessary to consider and review the comments.

Information submitted as a comment in response to this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information marked CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. An edited copy of the comment that does not contain the CBI material must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket. All comments and materials received will be made part of the public record and will be considered by the Panel.

A public record has been established for this notice under docket number "OPP-00562" (including comments and data submitted electronically). A public version of this record, including printed versions of electronic comments, which does not include information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 119 of the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental