

cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [Insert date 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1286.05.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Used Oil Management Standards Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements, ICR No. 1286.05, OMB No. 2050-0124, expires 3/31/99. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Used Oil Management Standards, which include information collection requests, were developed in accordance with section 3014 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), which directs EPA to "promulgate regulations * * * as may be necessary to protect public health and the environment from the hazards associated with recycled oil" and, at the same time, to not discourage used oil recycling. In 1985 and 1992, EPA established mandatory regulations that govern the management of used oil (see 40 CFR part 279). To document and ensure proper handling of used oil, these regulations establish notification, testing, tracking and recordkeeping requirements for used oil transporters, processors, re-refiners, marketers, and off-specification burners. They also set standards for the prevention and cleanup of releases to the environment during storage and transit, and for the safe closure of storage units and processing and re-refining facilities to mitigate future releases and damages. EPA believes these requirements minimize potential hazards to human health and the environment from the potential mismanagement of used oil by used oil handlers, while providing for the safe recycling of used oil. Information from these information collection requirements is used to ensure compliance with the Used Oil Management 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 10/14/98 (63 FR 55115); seven comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to range from six minutes to 23 hours per response depending on the type of 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.

Respondent/Affected Entities: business.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 732.

Frequency of Response: biennially.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 363,664 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. 1286.05 and OMB Control No. 2050-0124 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, 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 11, 1999.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6310-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Pesticide Registration Application, Notification and Report for Pesticide-Producing Establishments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 (a)(1)(D)), this document announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) for the Application for Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments, and the Pesticides Report for Pesticide-Producing Establishments described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; and it includes the forms. Also included is the Notification of Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments, which EPA uses to notify the company of their newly registered pesticide-producing establishments, and the assignment of their Establishment Number(s).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0160.06.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Pesticide Registration Application, Notification and Report for Pesticide-Producing Establishments; (OMB Control No. 2070-0078; EPA ICR No. 0160.06).

Abstract: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must collect information on pesticide-producing establishments in order to meet the statutory requirements of Section 7 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). FIFRA requires producers of pesticide products, active ingredients, and devices to register their establishments with EPA and to submit an initial report, and thereafter, annually report on the types and amounts of products produced. The purpose of this notice is to request renewal of the collection process and reporting processes for the

Application for Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments (EPA Form 3540-8), the Notification of Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments (EPA Form 3540-8A), and the Pesticides Report for Pesticide-Producing Establishments (EPA Form 3540-16).

Application for Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments information, collected on EPA Form 3540-8, is a one-time requirement for all pesticide-producing establishments. The reporting of pesticide production information collected on the Pesticides Report for Pesticide-Producing Establishments, EPA Form 3540-16, is required within 30 days of receipt of the Notification of Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments (EPA Form 3540-8A); and then annually thereafter, on or before March 1. The information is entered and stored in EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA)/Office of Compliance (OC) Section Seven Tracking System (SSTS), a computerized data processing and record-keeping system.

The Office of Compliance/OECA collects the establishment and pesticide production information for compliance oversight and risk assessment. The information is used by EPA Regional pesticide enforcement and compliance staffs, OECA, and the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) within the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS), as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), other Federal agencies, States under Cooperative Enforcement Agreements, and the public.

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** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 01/05/99 (64 FR 499), and no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to be an average of 18 minutes for a one time response for the Application for Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments (EPA Form 3540-8), and 1 hour and 26 minutes for the annual yearly response for the Pesticides Report for Pesticide-Producing Establishments (EPA Form 3540-16). There is no public burden associated with the Notification of

Registration of Pesticide-Producing Establishments (EPA Form 3540-8A) because EPA completes this form. 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. The burden associated with this ICR is described below:

Respondents/Affected Entities: Pesticide producing establishments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,262.

Frequency of Response: One time and yearly.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 18,173 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. 0160.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0078 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Office of Regulatory Management, 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 8, 1999.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6311-4]

Formation of a Task Force on Innovative Approaches to Environmental Protection and a Public Meeting on draft recommendations for innovative actions by the Agency

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of formation of the Task Force on Innovative Approaches to Environmental Protection and notice of a public meeting on draft recommendations for innovative actions by the Environmental Protection Agency.

SUMMARY: On January 28, 1999, Administrator Browner formed a Task Force on Innovative Approaches to Environmental Protection to assess the Agency's progress on reinvention activities designed to achieve improved environmental protection at lower cost, with greater efficiency, and with less burden on the regulated community. The Task Force will review the effectiveness of innovative activities designed to achieve compliance with environmental requirements and to encourage broader environmental stewardship. The Task Force will submit recommendations to the Administrator on May 15, 1999 that include practical actions that can be implemented over the next 12 to 18 months to further our progress toward compliance and stewardship. Involvement from EPA's State partners, the regulated community, the environmental community and the public, as well as EPA staff will be essential to identifying the best opportunities for successful action with the greatest environmental benefit. In order to obtain this input, EPA program offices and regional offices are holding a series of focus group sessions to develop a broad range of ideas. In addition, input received in recent stakeholder meetings conducted by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance will be integrated into the input that the Task Force considers in developing draft recommendations for public comment, before preparing final recommendations to submit to the Administrator. There are two opportunities for comment in this process. The Office of Reinvention has established a web site at <http://www.epa.gov/reinvent/taskforce>. Users may provide comment directly at the web site with initial suggestions as well as comments on draft recommendations when they are available. The Office of