

completed annually for domestic shipments and that there are an additional 12,000 manifests that accompany exports of hazardous wastes from the U.S.

The estimated annual reporting burden per manifest for hazardous waste transporters ranges from 10 to 90 minutes. The variation in burden hours for transporters will depend on the nature of the shipment and whether a discharge has occurred. If a discharge of hazardous waste occurs, the transporter is required to notify the authorities and will incur a higher burden.

In addition to reporting burden, hazardous waste transporters are expected to incur a recordkeeping burden of between 10 and 20 minutes per manifest to account for time spent retaining the manifest onsite, obtaining the signature of the next handler of the shipment, and relaying to that handler the remaining copies of the manifest.

#### *Treatment Storage and Disposal Facilities*

The estimated annual recordkeeping and reporting burden for designated TSDFs is 1,344,377 hours. Of the 2,584 TSDFs in the U.S., approximately 644 TSDFs receive hazardous waste shipments from offsite (e.g., they receive waste from any generator or facility, or from a limited group of generators or facilities for commercial purposes). The remaining TSDFs treat or store wastes from onsite sources only. EPA estimates that TSDFs who receive waste for treatment, storage, and disposal will take 1.25 hours to read the manifest regulations once a year.

These designated facilities are also expected to spend between 20 and 205 minutes fulfilling reporting requirements. For most TSDFs, reporting consists of completing and transmitting the manifest. Reporting of this type may require only 20 minutes per manifest. The Agency estimates that of the 1,795,685 manifests prepared by generators, 12,000 manifests are sent with shipments exported out of the U.S. and 178 manifests are lost in transport. These 12,178 manifests are not received or processed by designated TSDFs. The remaining 1,783,687 manifest are received by TSDFs. Of these, 7,135 (0.4%) manifests involve discrepancies. A TSDF who encounters a significant discrepancy may incur a burden as high as 205 minutes per manifest. This includes time for contacting the generator and completing the discrepancy reports.

In addition to reporting burden, designated TSDFs are expected to incur a recordkeeping burden of between five and 35 minutes per manifest to account

for time spent retaining the manifest onsite and if needed, a discrepancy and unmanifested waste report, and relaying a signed copy confirming delivery of the shipment to the generator.

#### **Costs**

EPA estimates that generators, transporters, and TSDFs incur annual costs of \$96,861,043. Of this total, \$96,803,642 (99.9%) is attributable to labor costs and to operation and maintenance costs. Labor costs are estimated to be \$96.16 per hour for legal staff, \$71.50 per hour for managerial staff, \$46.80 per hour for technical staff, and \$24.48 per hour for clerical staff.

Additionally, capital costs for the hazardous waste manifest requirements are approximately \$57,261. For this ICR, capital cost represents the cost of purchasing file cabinets to store paper copies of the manifest. The Agency anticipates that collectively the hazardous waste industry will need to keep copies of 7,872,069 manifests and reports annually and would need to purchase 492 standard size lateral file cabinets each year. In total, EPA estimates that the hazardous waste industry will need to pay an annual cost of \$28,630 for the 492 file cabinets over each of the 15 years of the useful life of the file cabinet.

Because the exhibits in the ICR summarized in this notice present the average annual cost to respondents under the manifest system over the three-year life of the ICR, EPA has averaged the annual cost of purchasing file cabinets over three years. By averaging the annual payments for each of the three years, EPA has determined the total average annual cost to the industry to be approximately \$57,261. Commenters should note that the above estimates reflect an overall increase in burden from the previous ICR. This increase is due primarily to adjustments to the number of manifests per shipment, to the amount of time required to read the regulations, and to the amount of time needed to prepare the manifest and process it during its transmission between various handlers.

The Agency is specifically interested in comments concerning the accuracy of the number of manifests estimated, the amount of time required to read the regulations and prepare the manifest, and elements of the manifest system that result in additional burden but are not included in the ICR.

Commenters should also be advised that EPA plans a more fundamental modification of the manifest system during the period of this ICR renewal. The Agency is interested in reducing the data elements and copy requirements of

the current form, and moving perhaps to a more automated means of tracking and reporting hazardous waste movement data. Therefore, EPA also solicits comments suggesting those elements of the manifest system that are most amenable to change, and the burden reduction or other benefits that could result from the suggested changes. EPA also requests comments on the concept of automating the manifest system, and suggestions and concerns from the public on the automated approaches which EPA should consider in developing a new approach to tracking hazardous waste shipments. Send comments regarding the ICR and suggestions for reducing the burden to the address noted above in the section entitled **ADDRESSES**.

Dated: March 24, 1999.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6319-6]

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Final Authorization for Hazardous Waste Management**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Action (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Final Authorization for Hazardous Waste Management, OMB Control No. 2050-0041, expiration date March 31, 1999. 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 5, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>, and refer to EPA ICR No.969.05.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Final Authorization for Hazardous Waste Management Programs (OMB Control No. 2050-0041, EPA ICR No. 969.05) expiring 3/31/99. This is a

request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** In order for a State to obtain final authorization for a State hazardous waste program or to revise its previously authorized program, it must submit an official application to the EPA Regional office for approval. The purpose of the application is to enable EPA to properly determine whether the State's program meets the requirements of section 3006 of RCRA.

Either EPA or the approved State may initiate a revision to The authorized program. State program revision may be necessary when the controlling Federal or State statutory or regulatory authority is modified or supplemented. The State shall inform EPA of any proposed modifications to its basic statutory or regulatory authority, its forms, procedures, or priorities, in accordance with section 271.21. If a State is proposing to transfer all or any part of any program from the approved State agency to any other agency, it must notify EPA in accordance with section 271.21 and submit revised organizational charts as required under section 271.6, in accordance with section 271.21. Further, whenever EPA has reason to believe that circumstances have changed with respect to a State program, EPA may request, and the State shall provide, a supplemental Attorney General's statement, program description, or such other documents or information as are necessary. These paperwork requirements are mandatory under section 3006(a). 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 November 12, 1998 (63 FR 30275). Two comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1187 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.

**Affected Entities:** Authorized states and territories.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 18.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 21,357 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 address. Please refer to EPA ICR No.969.05 and OMB Control No. 2050-0041 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OP Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 (or E-mail Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov); 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 30, 1999.

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*Director, Regulatory Information Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6318-8]

### National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer and Commercial Products; Variance Requests for the Consumer Products Rule and the Automobile Refinish Coatings Rule

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity for public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides a list of companies that have submitted requests for variances under the Consumer Products Rule and the Automobile Refinish Coatings Rule. The list includes variance requests received from December to early March, and includes the name of each requesting

company, its location, and a brief summary of the request. The EPA will determine whether, and to what extent, and under what conditions to grant the requested variances from the requirements of the specific rules.

**DATES: Public Hearing.** A public hearing will be held, if requested, to provide interested persons an opportunity for oral presentation of data, views, or arguments concerning the variance requests. If anyone contacts the EPA requesting to speak at a public hearing by April 26, 1999, a public hearing will be held on May 25, 1999, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Persons interested in attending the hearing should notify Janet Eck, (919) 541-7946, to verify that a hearing will occur and for notification of the location of the meeting.

**Request to Speak at Hearing.** Persons wishing to speak at the public hearing must contact Janet Eck at the EPA by April 26, 1999. Ms. Eck may be contacted at telephone number (919) 541-7946, or FAX number (919) 541-5689.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the variance provisions of the rules or information on specific variance requests, contact Bruce Moore (telephone: 919-541-5460; email: moore.bruce@epa.gov) or Mark Morris (telephone: 919-541-5416; email: morris.mark@epa.gov), Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 11, 1998, the EPA promulgated National Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emission Standards for Consumer Products (63 FR 48819) and National VOC Emission Standards for Automobile Refinish Coatings (63 FR 48806). These standards established VOC limits for the products affected by the rules. The rules contain provisions that allow a regulated entity to apply for a temporary variance if the entity cannot comply with the requirements of the rule because of circumstances beyond its reasonable control.

Requests for variances must include:

(1) The specific grounds upon which the variance is sought,  
(2) The proposed date by which the regulated entity will achieve compliance with the rule (no later than 5 years after the issuance of the variance), and

(3) A compliance plan detailing the method(s) by which the regulated entity will achieve compliance with the rule. The rules state that the Administrator will issue a temporary variance if a regulated entity can demonstrate that