

bathing in contaminated waters. Therefore, water quality in bathing beach areas is a critical concern to EPA.

EPA believes there is a need to improve the overall quality and availability of public information about health protection activities at beaches, which include, but are not limited to, water quality standards, monitoring and assessment activities, and beach closures. Many organizations share responsibility for these activities. Consequently, EPA's Office of Water will conduct an annual "beach" survey which will be sent to environmental health officials from State, tribal, county, and city agencies, as well as representatives from various interest groups. It will obtain and verify information on the location and condition of swimming beaches and the agencies and persons responsible for maintaining and issuing advisories or closings for those beaches at freshwater sites (the Great Lakes and others) and saltwater (estuarine and coastal) sites around the Nation. Responses to the questionnaire (either on paper or electronically via the Internet) are required to determine compliance with water quality standards, to assess public health risks, and to determine what steps EPA should take next, if any. Completion of the questionnaire and map marking will be voluntary.

EPA will assemble the information (maps and questionnaire responses) into electronic database and graphic formats that can be readily analyzed and shared with responsible parties (e.g., EPA program and regional offices, other Federal, state, tribal, county, and city agencies), as well as the public. The nationwide collection of information is being conducted in phases over three years, with an average estimated number of respondents of 533 per year. When the survey is fully implemented, it is estimated that 750 respondents per year will be involved. The estimated annual cost for the survey per respondent is anticipated to decrease each year, since respondents will only be requested to provide information that has changed during the year.

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 9/10/99 (64 FR 49180); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.4 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: County, public health, and environmental protection agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 533.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,267.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (non-labor costs): \$1,201.

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. 1814.02 and OMB Control No. 2040-0189 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (2822), 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: December 8, 1999.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6509-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation, EPA ICR Number 0246.07, OMB Control Number 2030-0016, expiration date March 31, 2000. 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 January 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0246.07.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation (OMB Control No. 2030-0016; EPA ICR No. 0246.07, expiring 3/31/2000). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: At the completion of a cost reimbursement contract, contractors report final costs incurred, including direct labor, materials, supplies, equipment, and other direct charges, subcontract costs, consultant fees, indirect costs, and fees. Contractors report this information on EPA Form 1900-10. EPA uses this information to reconcile the contractor's costs, and determine proper reimbursement under the contract. Establishment of the final costs and fee is necessary to close out the contract, and contractor responses are required prior to final payment under the contract.

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15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 9, 1999 (64 FR 43177); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 40 minutes 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: Large and small businesses holding cost type contracts with EPA.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 65.

Frequency of Response: Once, at contract completion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 43 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, Operating/Maintenance Cost Burden: \$0 (zero).

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. 0246.07 and OMB Control No. 2030-0016 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (2822), 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: December 8, 1999.

Oscar Morales,

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00636; FRL-6399-1]

Prior Informed Consent for Chemicals in International Trade; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and availability of document.

SUMMARY: EPA announces a public meeting to review and discuss the provisions of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, and the issues which will be discussed at the first technical meeting of the Interim Chemical Review Committee (ICRC). The PIC Agreement creates an international approach to the export of banned or severely restricted chemicals and pesticides among countries who are signatories of the Agreement. The U.S. is a signatory, and an EPA delegate will represent the U.S. on the ICRC. The ICRC is responsible for developing the implementation of the Agreement. A document entitled, "Guidance to the U.S. Representative to the Interim Chemical Review Committee," has been prepared to guide and inform the public discussion at the meeting. Comments are invited on this document.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 19, 2000, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 1126, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Requests to participate may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your request must identify docket control number OPP-00636 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathleen M. Barnes, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-7101; fax number: (703) 308-1850; e-mail address: barnes.cathleen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be

of interest to those persons who manufacture, import, export, or use pesticides and industrial chemicals, and those persons who have interest in the topic of international trade in products that have been designated as "banned or severely restricted pesticides and industrial chemicals." Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register-Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. Alternatively, you may wish to review materials provided at <http://www.epa.gov/oppfeed1/international/> which also has links to the PIC Home Page maintained by the Interim Secretariat for the PIC Procedure. You may link directly to the PIC Home Page of the U.N. Food Agriculture Organization at <http://www.fao.org/waicent/FaoInfo/Agricult/AGP/AGPP/Pesticid/PIC/pichome.htm>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this meeting under docket control number OPP-00636. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to the January 19, 2000 meeting, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments that may be submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal