

- Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from the Polymer Manufacturing Industry (NSPS Subpart DDD); EPA ICR Number 1150; OMB Number 2060-0145.

- Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) Air Oxidation Unit Processes (NSPS Subpart III); EPA ICR Number 0998; OMB Number 2060-0197.

- Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry Distillation Operations (NSPS Subpart NNN); EPA ICR Number 0998; OMB Number 2060-0197.

- Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) Reactor Processes (NSPS Subpart RRR); EPA ICR Number 1178; OMB Number 2060-0269.

- National Emission Standard for Equipment Leaks (Fugitive Emission Sources) (NESHAP Subpart V); EPA ICR Number 1153; OMB Number 2060-0068.

- National Emission Standard for Benzene Emissions from Benzene Storage Vessels (NESHAP Subpart Y); EPA ICR Number 1080; OMB Number 2060-0185.

- National Emission Standard for Benzene Emissions from Benzene Transfer Operations (NESHAP Subpart BB); EPA ICR Number 1154; OMB Number 2060-0182.

- National Emission Standards for Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants from Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry for Process Vents, Storage Vessels, Transfer Operations, and Wastewater (NESHAP/MACT Subpart G, the HON); EPA ICR Number 1414; OMB Number 2060-0282.

- National Emission Standards for Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants for Equipment Leaks (NESHAP/MACT Subpart H, the HON); EPA ICR Number 1414; OMB Number 2060-0282.

Abstract: This ICR contains a consolidation of recordkeeping and reporting requirements that are mandatory for compliance with the applicable Subparts listed above of 40 CFR part 60, 61, 63 & 65. Under an initiative issued on March 16, 1995 aimed at reinventing environmental regulation, President Clinton called on EPA to consolidate all federal air rules for an industry sector into a single rule, thereby enhancing understanding and eliminating duplicative or unnecessary

compliance activities. The outcome of this for the synthetic organic chemical industry (SOCMI) was the Consolidated Federal Air Rule, or CAR. The CAR is an optional alternative compliance approach for plant sites that must comply with existing subparts in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The CAR is a consolidation of major portions of 13 different New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) pertaining to storage vessels, process vents, transfer racks, and equipment leaks as well as the general provisions for the three applicable parts (40 CFR parts 60, 61, and 63). These subparts from 40 CFR parts 60, 61, and 63 are referred to as referencing subparts because they have been amended to refer to the CAR as a compliance alternative. The referencing subparts include 40 CFR part 60 subpart Ka, 40 CFR part 60 subpart Kb, 40 CFR part 60 subpart VV, 40 CFR part 60 subpart DDD, 40 CFR part 60 subpart III, 40 CFR part 60 subpart NNN, 40 CFR part 60 subpart RRR, 40 CFR part 61 subpart V, 40 CFR part 61 subpart Y, 40 CFR part 61 subpart BB, 40 CFR part 63 subpart F, 40 CFR part 63 subpart G, and 40 CFR part 63 subpart H.

Compliance with the CAR is a voluntary alternative; sources may continue to comply with existing applicable rules or may choose to comply with the consolidated rule. The CAR, therefore, does not constitute additional requirements per se. Rather, the recordkeeping and reporting activities in the CAR would be carried out in place of existing requirements. Because the overall intent and effect of the CAR are to reduce the recordkeeping and reporting burden for plant sites, and because the CAR is an optional compliance alternative, there is effectively no additional burden incurred pursuant to the CAR. In an effort to account for the burden hours which may move from a referencing subpart in the CAR, it is the Agency's intent to consolidate the underlying ICR's for each of the referencing subparts into one ICR. This will allow the Agency to account for those sources which may opt to comply with the CAR without having to amend the ICR's for the referencing subparts upon each CAR renewal or to amend the CAR ICR upon each referencing Subpart renewal.

Burden Statement: The Agency computed the burden for each of the recordkeeping and reporting requirements applicable to the industry based on the totals of the currently approved ICRs. A consolidation of the referencing Subparts and the CAR results in a total annual burden of

1,750,398 person-hours at a cost of \$111,707,233. The estimate was based on the assumption that there would be 324 SOCOMI facilities (from the most recent HON ICR renewal) and that 25 percent of these facilities, or 81, would elect to comply with the CAR.

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Michael M. Stahl,

Director Office of Compliance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6941-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, (NESHAP) Benzene Emissions From Benzene Storage Vessels and Coke By-Product Recovery Plants

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: NESHAP for Benzene Emissions from Benzene Storage Vessels—40 CFR part 61, subpart Y, and Coke By-Product Recovery Plants, Subpart L, OMB No. 2060-0185, Expiration Date: January 31, 2001. 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 April 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No.1080.10 and OMB Control No. 2060-0185, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by

E-mail at

Farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at *http://www.epa.gov/icr* and refer to EPA ICR No.1080.10. For technical questions about the ICR contact Mr. Rafael Sánchez, telephone: (202) 564-7028, facsimile: (202) 564-0050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, Benzene Emissions from Benzene Storage Vessels and Coke By-Product Recovery Plants, OMB Control No. 2060-0185; EPA ICR No.1080.10, expiring January 31, 2001. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Respondents are all owners or operators of benzene storage vessels and Coke By Product Recovery Plants. It is estimated that 162 existing plants are subject to the standard. All owners and operators of new or reconstructed plants would also have to respond. In the General Provisions of 40 CFR part 61 applicable to storage vessels, up to four separate onetime-only reports are required for each owner or operator: notification of construction or reconstruction, initial source report, notification of physical/operational changes, notification of anticipated and actual startup. The initial source report is the only one of these reports that would be required from existing sources under the standard. Certain records and reports are necessary to assist EPA and State agencies to which enforcement has been delegated in determining compliance with the standard.

An initial emissions test is not required because conducting an emission test is not feasible. Therefore, the format of the standard is that of an equipment standard. Owners or operators of vessels equipped with the specified controls are required to submit, along with the notifications required by the General Provisions, a report that describes the control equipment used to comply with the regulation. Thereafter, an annual visual inspection is required of the primary seal of internal floating roof vessels (IFR's) (in cases where no secondary seal is present). An annual seal gap measurement of the secondary seal system on external floating roof vessels (EFR's) is required. The following inspections are required every five years: (1) internal inspection of seal system on IFR's equipped with primary and secondary seals in situations where the owner or operator has decided to forego the annual visual inspection; and (2) measurement of gaps between the tank wall and primary seal on EFR's. An internal inspection in which the tank is

emptied and degassed is required at least every 10 years for IFR's.

Subpart L was revised on September 19, 1991 to allow for the use of carbon adsorbers and vapor incinerators as alternative means of complying with the standards for process vessels, storage tanks and tar-intercepting sumps. The use of carbon absorbers and vapor incinerators instead of gas blanketing, the control technology on which the standards were based, is optional. The provisions include recordkeeping and reporting requirements specific to these alternative control devices. An information collection request (ICR number 1080.07) was developed for that revision and is consolidated into this ICR with this review.

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 July 12, 1999 (64 FR 37530); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 93 hours per combined subpart L & Y 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: Owners or operators of Benzene Storage Vessels and Coke By-Product Recovery Plants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 7,131.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M 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 addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1080.10 and OMB Control No.2060-0185 in any correspondence.

Dated: January 25, 2001.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-50874A; FRL-6764-6]

Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application 524-EUP-OU from Monsanto Company requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for the plant-pesticide Cry2Ab protein and the genetic material necessary for its production in corn (Vector ZMBK28L). The Agency has determined that the application may be of regional and national significance. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 172.11(a), the Agency is soliciting comments on this application.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number OPP-50874A, must be received on or before February 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and data may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-50874A in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Mike Mendelsohn, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8715; e-mail address: mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: