

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[FRL-5660-7]****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Boilers and Industrial Furnaces****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Information Requirements for Boilers and Industrial Furnaces, (OMB Control Number: 2050-0073), expiring January 30, 1997. 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 6, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1361.06.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Information Requirements For Boilers and Industrial Furnaces: General Hazardous Waste Facility Standards, Specific Unit Requirements, and Part B Permit Application and Modification Requirements, (OMB Control No. 2050-0073; EPA ICR No. 1361.06) expiring January 30, 1997. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: On February 21, 1991 and August 25, 1992, EPA expanded controls on hazardous waste combustion to regulate air emissions from the burning of hazardous waste in boilers and industrial furnaces (BIFs), which were previously unregulated. 40 CFR Part 266, Subpart H established standards for the burning of hazardous waste in BIFs under the authority of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). 40 CFR 270.22 established Part B application information requirements for BIFs burning hazardous waste, and § 270.66 established permit requirements for BIFs. Owners and operators of BIF facilities must comply with these regulations in addition to other regulations applicable to all hazardous waste facilities.

EPA requires this mandatory information collection to demonstrate that facilities meet necessary regulatory

requirements and to ensure that the environment is adequately protected. Regulations covering BIFs and general hazardous waste facilities are promulgated under authority of RCRA sections 1006, 2002, 3001 through 3007, 3010, and 7004, as amended. 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 July 29, 1996 (61 FR 39448); two comments were received. Because of the small number of comments received, EPA consulted with industry on the hourly burden estimates made in this ICR. These consultation responses were incorporated into the ICR. A response to the comments and a summary of the industry consultations are included in the docket (see docket number F-96-FBIP-FFFFF).

Burden Statement: The average reporting and recordkeeping burdens for facilities with new BIF units are approximately 2,303 hours and 2,408 hours per year, respectively. The average reporting and recordkeeping burdens for facilities with newly permitted BIF units are approximately 2,041 hours and 2,402 hours per year, respectively. The average reporting and recordkeeping burdens for facilities with existing permitted BIF units are approximately 472 hours and 2,374 hours per year, respectively. The average reporting and recordkeeping burdens for facilities with existing interim status BIF units are approximately 615 hours and 2,458 hours per year, respectively. 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: boilers and industrial furnaces.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 117.

Frequency of Response: on occasion, depending on requirement.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 145,759 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$50,241,119.

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. 1361.06 and OMB Control No. 2050-0073 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE 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: November 25, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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[FRL-5660-8]**Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS) Secondary Lead Smelters (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart L) Reporting and Recordkeeping****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 (a)(1)(D)), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) for the New Source Performance Standards for Secondary Lead Smelters (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart L) 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; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 6, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1128.05.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: New Source Performance Standards for Secondary Lead Smelters (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart L), Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements OMB Control No: 2060-0080, EPA ICR No: 1128.05.

This information collection is a reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: New Source Performance Standards for Secondary Lead Smelters were developed to ensure that air emissions from these facilities do not cause ambient concentrations of lead and non-lead particulate matter to exceed levels that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health and the environment. Owners or operators of secondary lead smelters subject to NSPS must notify EPA of construction, reconstruction, modification, anticipated and actual startup dates, and results of performance tests. These facilities must also maintain records of performance test results, startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions. In order to ensure compliance with the standards, adequate recordkeeping and reporting is necessary. This information enables the Agency to: (1) Identify the sources subject to the standard; (2) ensure initial compliance with emission limits; and (3) verify continuous compliance with the standard. Responses are mandatory under 40 CFR Part 60. 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 June 11, 1996 [61 FR 29551].

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 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: 23.

Estimated Number of Responses: 23.

Frequency of Response: 1/yr/
respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 35 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$1,225.

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. 1128.05 and OMB Control No. 2060-0080 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE 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: November 27, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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[FRL-5660-5]

Investigator-Initiated Grants on Health Effects of Arsenic

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on the four research topics in the draft Request for Applications (RFA) on the health effects of low levels of arsenic in drinking water. EPA staff and academic researchers identified these arsenic research topics as important for reducing the uncertainty regarding the health risks of ingested arsenic at low levels. The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 directed EPA to develop a plan for study to support arsenic rulemaking that would reduce the uncertainty of health risks of arsenic. Congress directed EPA to consult with Federal Agencies and interested public and private entities in conducting the study and authorized

EPA to work with interested parties to carry out the study plan. At a later date, EPA will hold a public meeting(s) on the arsenic study plan.

DATES: Comments are requested on the wording, scope of the topics, and the appropriateness of the research topics presented in this draft RFA. Comments must be received on or before January 6, 1997. EPA plans to issue the RFA a month after the close of the comment period.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted to Dr. Sheila Rosenthal at EPA, (8723), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions or comments regarding the solicitation process, contact Dr. Sheila Rosenthal, telephone number (202) 260-7334, EPA (8723), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, electronic mail address:

rosenthal.sheila@epamail.epa.gov. For questions or comments regarding the arsenic research topics, contact Ms. Irene Dooley, telephone number (202) 260-9531, EPA (4607), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, electronic mail address: dooley.irene@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA's National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (NCERQA) is preparing to issue a joint solicitation for research on the health effects of low levels of arsenic in drinking water. Funding for this joint solicitation will be provided by EPA, the American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AWWARF), and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) for a total of approximately \$3 million. Any proposal submitted will be considered for an EPA grant or AWWARF contract, unless the proposal stipulates otherwise. EPA will fund approximately \$2 million worth of grants, and AWWARF/ACWA will fund approximately \$1 million worth of contracts. It is expected that three to six applications, each with a project period of up to 3 years, will be funded under this joint solicitation.

NCERQA will receive, process, and distribute the proposals to the peer reviewers; convene the peer review sessions in conformance with existing EPA and AWWARF guidelines; and record the review discussion for each proposal. No EPA or ACWA or AWWARF employees will serve as peer reviewers. The funding parties will discuss their respective research agendas for the sole purpose of ensuring that any one proposal is not funded by both EPA and AWWARF. The funding parties will ensure annual review of