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I. Background

Entities potentially affected by this action are persons who manufacture or import chemical substances, mixtures, or categories. For the collection of information addressed in this notice, EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

II. Information Collections

EPA is seeking comments on the following Information Collection Request.

Title: Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(a) Preliminary Assessment Information Rule (PAIR), EPA ICR No. 0586.08, OMB No. 2070-0054. Expires November 30, 1997.

Abstract: TSCA section 8(a) authorizes EPA to promulgate rules under which manufacturers, importers, and processors of chemical substances and mixtures must maintain records and submit reports to EPA.

EPA has promulgated the Preliminary Assessment Information Rule (PAIR) under TSCA section 8(a). EPA uses PAIR to collect information to identify, assess, and manage human health and environmental risks from chemical substances, mixtures, and categories. PAIR requires chemical manufacturers and importers to complete a standardized reporting form to help evaluate the potential for adverse human health and environmental effects caused by the manufacture or importation of identified chemical substances, mixtures, or categories. Chemicals identified by EPA or any other federal agency, for which a

justifiable information need for production, use, or exposure-related data can be satisfied by the use of the PAIR are proper subjects for TSCA section 8(a) PAIR rulemaking. In most instances the information that EPA receives from a PAIR report is sufficient to satisfy the information need in question.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 712). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Burden Statement: The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 3,489 hours per year with an annual cost of \$233,404. These totals are based on an average burden of approximately 29.6 hours per response for an estimated 48 respondents making one or more responses annually. These estimates include 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.

III. Public Record

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPPTS-00214" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form.

Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection and Information collection requests.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

Susan H. Wayland,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5845-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; 40 CFR Part 60, Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources; New Residential Wood Heaters

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) described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: New source Performance Standards for New Residential Wood Heaters (Subpart AAA), OMB Control Number 2060-0161, expiration date: 8/31/97. 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 July 23, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1176-05.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 40 CFR 60.530 thru 60.539(b), New source Performance Standards for New Residential Wood Heaters (Subpart AAA), OMB Control No. 2060-0161, EPA ICR No. 1176-05, expiring 8/31/97. This is an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Information is supplied to the Agency under the applicable rule by

emission testing laboratories, manufacturers and commercial owners (e.g., distributors, retailers).

The information supplied by manufacturers to the Agency is used: (1) To ensure that the best demonstrated technology (BDT) is being used to reduce emissions from wood heaters, (2) to ensure that the wood heater tested for certification purposes is in compliance with the applicable emission standards, (3) to provide evidence that production-line wood heaters have emission performance characteristics similar to tested models and (4) to provide assurance of continued compliance.

Manufacturers submit a notification to the Agency stating the dates of certification testing, perform the certification testing at an accredited laboratory, supply detailed component drawings including manufacturing tolerances to the Agency, reapply for certification every five years, seal/store each tested model and maintain all necessary certification test records.

Most recordkeeping and reporting provisions of the rule consists of emissions-related data and other information not considered confidential. However, the confidentiality of certain information obtained by the Agency is safeguarded according to Agency policies set forth in Title 40, Chapter 1, Part 2, Subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information (see 40 CFR 2; 41 FR 36902, September 1, 1976; amended by 43 FR 3999, September 8, 1978; 43 FR 42251, September 20, 1978; 44 FR 17674, March 23, 1979).

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 12/2/96 (61 FR 63840).

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.47 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:

Manufacturers/Sellers of new Residential Wood Heaters.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 7,653 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$1,347,984.

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. 1176-05 and OMB Control No. 2060.0161 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: June 18, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-42064B; FRL-5717-3]

Department of Energy Plan for Certification of Pesticide Applicators

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Approve Amended Certification Plan.

SUMMARY: On October 7, 1988, EPA announced approval of the Department of Energy (DOE) plan for the certification of pesticide applicators. The DOE plan only provided for certification of employees of the Bonneville Power Administration. The DOE has submitted a revision to their pesticide applicator certification plan. While continuing to cover only employees of the Bonneville Power Administration, the revised plan would

add a wood treatment category and require recertification every year. The present plan contains only a right-of-way category, which would be retained, and requires recertification at 3-year intervals. Notice is hereby given of the intention of EPA to grant approval of the newly revised DOE plan.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before August 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The Agency invites interested persons to submit written comments on this Notice. Comments identified by the docket control number OPP-42064B should be submitted in triplicate by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-5805, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Copies of the DOE revised plan are available for viewing at the following locations during normal business hours:

1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 1121, Arlington, VA 22202. Contact: John R. MacDonald, (703) 305-7370.

2. U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration, 905 Northeast Eleventh, Stop EP-5, Fifth Floor, Portland, OR 97232. Contact: James Meyer, (503) 230-5038.

3. Select U.S. Department of Energy installations. Contact James Meyer at aforementioned location for list of locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: John R. MacDonald, (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 1121, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, Telephone: (703) 305-7370.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of October 7, 1988 (53 FR 39518), notice was published announcing the final approval of a DOE pesticide applicator certification plan, which only addressed the Bonneville Power Administration.