

CP96-248, 002, PORTLAND NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
 CP96-248, 003, PORTLAND NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
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 CP96-249, 002, PORTLAND NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
 CP96-249, 003, PORTLAND NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
 CP96-249, 004, PORTLAND NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM;
 PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE NEW PIPELINE SYSTEM.

PC-4.

DOCKET# CP96-178, 001, MARITIMES & NORTHEAST PIPELINE, L.L.C.
 OTHER#S CP96-178, 000, MARITIMES & NORTHEAST PIPELINE, L.L.C.
 CP96-178, 002, MARITIMES & NORTHEAST PIPELINE, L.L.C.
 CP96-178, 003, MARITIMES & NORTHEAST PIPELINE, L.L.C.
 CP97-238, 000, PORTLAND NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND MARITIMES & NORTHEAST PIPELINE, L.L.C.; PROPOSALS (INCLUDING JOINT PROPOSAL) TO CONSTRUCT NEW PIPELINE SYSTEMS.

PC-5.

DOCKET# CP97-168, 000, ALLIANCE PIPELINE L.P.
 OTHER#S CP97-169, 000, ALLIANCE PIPELINE L.P.
 CP97-177, 000, ALLIANCE PIPELINE L.P.
 CP97-178, 000, ALLIANCE PIPELINE L.P.;
 PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE NEW PIPELINE SYSTEM.

PC-6.

DOCKET# CP95-194, 002, NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY
 OTHER#S CP95-194, 000, NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY
 CP95-194, 001, NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY
 CP95-194, 003, NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY; PROPOSED EXPANSION AND EXTENSION OF NORTHERN BORDER SYSTEM.

PC-7.

DOCKET# CP96-27, 000, NATURAL GAS PIPELINE COMPANY OF AMERICA
 OTHER#S CP96-27, 001, NATURAL GAS PIPELINE COMPANY OF AMERICA;
 PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SYSTEM;
 ALTERNATIVE TO PC-6.

PC-8.

DOCKET# CP97-294, 000, NATURAL GAS PIPELINE COMPANY OF AMERICA;
 PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE EXPANSION FACILITIES.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5864-7]

Pesticides; OMB Review of Information Collection Activities

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 Information Collection Requests (ICR) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collection and expected cost and burden; where appropriate, they include the actual data collection instrument. A **Federal Register** notice requesting public comment on the renewals of these ICRs was published on April 16, 1997 (62 FR 18600). EPA did not receive any comments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, or e-mail:

farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov. Please refer to the appropriate EPA and OMB ICR number as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has forwarded the following three ICRs to OMB for review pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12, requesting an extension of the currently approved information collection activities contained in each ICR.

1. *Title:* Notice of Supplemental Distribution of a Registered Pesticide Product.

ICR No.: OMB Control No. 2070-0044; EPA ICR No. 0278.06.

Current Expiration Date: August 31, 1997.

Abstract: Under section 3(e) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, products which "have the same formulation, are manufactured by the same person, the labeling of which contains the same claims, and the labels of which bear a designation identifying the product as the same pesticide may be registered as a single pesticide, and additional names and labels shall be added to the registration by supplemental statements." This information collection activity is the completion and submission of the supplemental statements referred to in FIFRA section 3(e). A standard form (EPA Form 8570-5) is provided for the

applicant's convenience in providing the necessary information (name and address of the basic product registrant and of the distributor, and the name and EPA Registration Number of the product involved in the distributorship agreement) to the EPA. The pesticide registrant notifies EPA, with the use of this form, that it has entered into an agreement with a second company which will distribute the registrant's product under the second company's name and product name.

Burden Statement: The annual respondent burden for the supplemental registration of a pesticide product is estimated to average 15 minutes per response. This estimate includes the time needed for: planning activities, creating information, gathering information, processing, compiling, and reviewing information for accuracy, recording, disclosing or displaying the information, and storing, filing, and maintaining the data. There is no third party notification included in this ICR.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Parties affected by this information collection are registrants of pesticide products.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 6,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,500 hours.

Frequency of Collection: Once per event.

2. *Title:* FIFRA Reregistration Fees.

ICR No.: OMB Control No. 2070-0101; EPA ICR No. 1495.04.

Expiration Date: August 31, 1997.

Abstract: This reporting and recordkeeping activity, mandated by FIFRA, authorizes the collection of reregistration fees from pesticide registrants. These fees (with waivers and exemptions) apply to the pesticide active ingredients registered under FIFRA before November 1, 1984, which are subject to reregistration. The 1988 amendments to FIFRA established one-time reregistration fees and required EPA to apportion those fees on the basis of market share. Without information on market share, exempt status of registrants, and eligibility for small business waivers, the Agency would not be able to fully implement the statutory requirements of FIFRA or to collect the total amount of required fees, and thus could encounter a shortfall in budget projections.

A small portion of the registrant population (those maintaining registrations for certain biological pesticides) was granted reregistration fee deferrals extending the time for payment of reregistration fees to up to five years (1994-1999). These registrants will be involved only in the reregistration fee deferral information collection process. This renewal is for

the few remaining biological pesticide cases.

The data required under this information collection will be generated through the use of three forms: the Reregistration Fee Apportionment Form, the Small Business Waiver Certification Form, and the Biological Active Ingredient Sales Reporting Form.

Burden Statement: The annual respondent burden for the FIFRA Reregistration Fees information collection activity is estimated to average 3.7 hours per response. This estimate includes the time needed for: planning activities, creating information, gathering information, processing, compiling, and reviewing information for accuracy, recording, disclosing or displaying the information, and storing, filing, and maintaining the data. A Small Business Waiver Certification Form was developed out of a concern for the burden on small entities. Thus, eligible small entities will qualify for fee waivers. There is no third party notification included in this ICR.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Parties affected by this information collection activity are manufacturers of pesticide chemicals who have not previously paid these reregistration fees.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 185 hours.

Frequency of Collection: Once per event.

3. Title: Pesticide Product Registration Maintenance Fees.

ICR No.: OMB Control No. 2070-0100; EPA ICR No. 1214.04.

Expiration Date: September 30, 1997.

Abstract: The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended in 1988 makes provisions for registration maintenance fees under section 4(I)(5). These fees apply to all products registered under section 3 and section 24(c) of FIFRA. The fees are to be paid annually for each product registered and are payable on January 15 of each year.

The information collected is used by the Agency to ensure that the fees prescribed by FIFRA have been paid by each registrant. The information is also used to adjust OPP's computer files to reflect changes in the status of registrations resulting from registrant responses. In order to provide an efficient system to bill, collect, and account for registration maintenance fees, the Agency has used a filing form which is sent to all registrants of currently active products.

Burden Statement: The annual respondent burden for Pesticide Product Registration Maintenance Fees is

estimated to average 0.94 hours per response. This estimate includes the time needed for: planning activities, creating information, gathering information, processing, compiling, and reviewing information for accuracy, recording, disclosing or displaying the information, and storing, filing, and maintaining the data. There is no third party notification included in this ICR.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Parties affected by this information collection activity are registrants of pesticide products holding currently active registrations under FIFRA section 3 and section 24(c).

Estimated No. of Respondents: 2,117 respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,990 hours.

Frequency of Collection: Once per year.

No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for any regulations related to these ICRs are displayed in 40 CFR part 9.

Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the following addresses: Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460; and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. Please be sure to refer to the appropriate EPA and OMB numbers referenced for the ICRs in any correspondence.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5864-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Performance Evaluation Studies on Water and Wastewater Laboratories

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:

Performance Evaluation Studies on Water and Wastewater Laboratories, OMB #2080-0021, to expire on October 31, 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 August 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 234.06.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Performance Evaluation Studies on Water and Wastewater Laboratories (OMB Control No. 2080-0021; EPA ICR No. 234.06) expiring 10/31/97. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The U.S.EPA receives analytical results on drinking waters and wastewaters from a variety of laboratories and must rely on these data as a primary basis for many of its regulatory decisions. As a consequence, it has become very important to have an objective demonstration that the contributing laboratories are capable of producing valid data. The Laboratory Performance Evaluation Studies are designed to fulfill this need to document and improve the quality of analytical data for certain critical analyses within drinking water, major point-source discharge and ambient water quality samples. Participation in Water Pollution (WP) studies that relate to wastewater analyses, and Water Supply (WS) studies that relate to drinking water analyses, is only mandated by the U.S.EPA for those laboratories that are receiving federal funds to do such analyses, however successful participation in these studies is often required by states that certify laboratories for water and wastewater analyses. Participation in the Discharge Monitoring Report—Quality Assurance (DMR-QA) studies is mandatory for those designated wastewater dischargers who are doing self-monitoring analyses required under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. 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