

on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the FERC. Existing DOE procedures for public participation in power rate adjustments are found at 10 CFR part 903.

#### *Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

Pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 601, *et. seq.*), each agency, when required to publish a proposed rule, is further required to prepare and make available for public comment an initial regulatory flexibility analysis to describe the impact of the proposed rule on small entities. In this instance the initiation of the IS transmission rate and ancillary service rate adjustments are related to non-regulatory services provided by Western at particular rates. Under 5 U.S.C. 601(2), rules of particular applicability relating to rates or services are not considered rules within the meaning of the act. Since the IS transmission rates and ancillary services are of limited applicability, no flexibility analysis is required.

#### *Environmental Compliance*

Western will conduct an environmental evaluation of the proposed rates and develop the appropriate level of environmental documentation pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et. seq.*); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508); and the DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021).

#### *Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act*

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et. seq.*), Western has received approval from the Office of Management and Budget for the collection of customer information in this rule, under control number 1910-0100.

#### *Determination Under Executive Order 12866*

DOE has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action because it does not meet the criteria of Executive Order 12866, 58 FR 51735. Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by Office of Management and Budget is required.

#### *Availability of Information*

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memoranda, or other documents made or kept by Western for developing the proposed rates, will be made available for inspection and copying at the Upper Great Plains Regional Office, located at 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59107-5800, during normal business hours.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

**Michael S. HacsKaylo,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPPTS-400116; FRL-5745-7]

#### **Toxics Data Reporting Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Notice of Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, EPA gives notice of a 2-day meeting of the Toxics Data Reporting Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. This will be the first meeting of the Toxics Data Reporting (TDR) Committee, whose mission is to provide advice to EPA regarding the Agency's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program.

**DATES:** The public meeting will take place on September 29-30, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written and electronic comments in response to this **Federal Register** should be received by September 18, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** For the meeting location contact Cassandra Vail after September 18, 1997, at (202) 260-0675. Written comments should be submitted in triplicate to: OPPT Docket Clerk, TSCA Document Receipt Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-G099, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cassandra Vail, telephone: (202) 260-0675, fax number: (202) 401-8142, e-mail: vail.cassandra@epamail.epa.gov.

or Michelle Price, telephone: (202) 260-3372, fax number: (202) 410-8142, e-mail: price.michelle@epamail.epa.gov.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Background**

EPA is proposing that the TDR committee discuss the following subjects regarding the TRI reporting forms, Forms R and Form A: (1) Formatting of the Form R; (2) nomenclature used in the Form R; (3) opportunities for burden reduction in both Form R and Form A; and (4) additional clarification of the elements in the Form R and EPA's presentation of the data in public information documents. EPA also expects to receive specific recommendations from the TDR committee for changes, modifications, deletions, and/or additions of data elements to the Form R and Form A. The purpose of the first meeting will be to discuss section 5 of the Form R with regard to the definition of release.

Oral presentations or statements by interested parties will be limited to 5 minutes. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Cassandra Vail, to schedule presentations before the committee.

#### **II. Public Record**

A record has been established for this action under docket control number "OPPTS-400116" (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.

Dated: September 9, 1997

*Cassandra Vail,*

**Acting, Designated Federal Official, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5888-3]

**Privacy Act of 1974; Research Grant, Cooperative Agreement, and Fellowship Application Files System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed new Privacy Act system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is publishing a notice for public comment on a system of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. This system is entitled "Research Grant, Cooperative Agreement, and Fellowship Application Files." Additional information on this system is described in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This proposed action will be effective, without further notice on October 27, 1997, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Director, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (Mail Code 8701), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Robert E. Menzer, Senior Science Advisor, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (Mail Code 8701), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. Telephone: (202) 260-5779.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this system of records is to assist EPA in conducting and documenting the receipt and review of applications and awards of research grants to the most meritorious applicants in response to solicitations issued by the Office of Research and Development in furtherance of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program. The system includes application files and computer-generated records developed in

connection with the review and decision process for awarding grants under the terms of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, 41 U.S.C. 501 et seq. Application files are comprised of (1) the submitted application, which includes the names and resumes of proposed investigators, (2) peer reviewers' comments on the application, and (3) documentation of the decision process on the application. Computer-generated records include data regarding the administrative management of the application in the peer review process.

This system of records contains records retrieved by the names of the grant principal investigators, universities, not-for-profit research organizations, and other organizations. Only information retrieved by the names of individuals is covered by this Privacy Act notice.

Dated: August 28, 1997.

**Alvin M. Pesachowitz,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management and Chief Information Officer.*

**EPA-36****SYSTEM NAME:**

Research Grant, Cooperative Agreement, and Fellowship Application Files System of Records, EPA/ORD.

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:**

None.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance, Office of Research and Development, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Individuals (principal investigators) who request or have previously requested support from the ORD research grants programs of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, either individually or through an academic or other institution.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

The names of the principal investigators, the proposals and their identifying numbers, supporting data from the academic institutions or other applicants, proposal evaluations from peer reviewers, review records, financial data, and other material related to evaluation of applications.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

44 U.S.C. 3101; Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, 41 U.S.C. 501 et seq.; the Clean Air Act, as

amended, 42 U.S.C. 1857 et seq.; the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1254 et seq.; the Public Health Service Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.; the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.; the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.; and the Grant Act, 42 U.S.C. 1891 et seq.

**PURPOSE(S):**

The purpose of this system of records is to assist EPA in conducting and documenting the receipt and review of applications and award of research grants to the most meritorious applicants in response to solicitations issued by the Office of Research and Development in furtherance of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Disclosure of information from this system of records may be made as follows:

1. To a Member of Congress or a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from that Member or office made at the request of the individual to whom the record pertains.

2. To Federal contractors, grantees, volunteers, and other individuals who have been engaged to assist the Federal Government in the performance of a contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or other activity related to this system of records and who need to have access to the records in order to perform that activity.

3. To a Federal agency which has requested information relevant to its decision in connection with the hiring or retention of an employee; the reporting of an investigation on an employee; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a security clearance, license, grant, or other benefit.

4. To a Federal, State, or local agency where necessary to enable EPA to obtain information relevant to an EPA decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee; the letting of a contract; or the issuance of a security clearance, license, grant, or other benefit.

5. To an appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order, where there is an indication of a violation or potential violation of the statute, rule, regulation, or order and the information disclosed is relevant to the matter.