

"OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5928-9]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Information Collection Request Number 1597.02: Universal Waste Handlers and Destination Facilities, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements

**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 EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Universal Waste Handlers and Destination Facilities Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, EPA ICR Number 1597.02, OMB Control Number 2050-0145, current expiration date: 5/31/98. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. Please note that this action does not create any new regulatory requirements for persons who manage universal waste.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-97-UWIP-FFFFF to RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address listed below. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-97-UWIP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway 1, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, first floor, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, the public must make an appointment by calling 703-603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$.15/page.

Copies of the original ICR may be requested from the docket address and phone number listed above or may be found on the Internet. On the Internet, access the main EPA gopher menu and locate the directory: EPA Offices and Regions/Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)/Office of Solid Waste (RCRA/hazardous waste-RCRA Subtitle C/generators.

Follow these instructions to access the information electronically:  
WWW: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/id/univwast.htm>  
FTP: <ftp://ftp.epa.gov>

Login: anonymous  
Password: your Internet address

Files are located in /pub/epaoswer. The official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained in the RCRA Information Center (the RIC address is listed above in this section).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at 1-800-424-9346 or TDD 1-

800-553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington metropolitan area, call 703-412-9610 or TDD 703-412-3323. For technical information, contact Bryan Groce at 703-308-8750.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are waste handlers and destination facilities that collect and manage certain hazardous waste batteries, certain hazardous waste pesticides, and hazardous waste mercury-containing thermostats.

*Title:* Universal Waste Handlers and Destination Facilities Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, EPA ICR Number 1597.02, OMB Control Number 2050-0145, expiration date: 5/31/98.

*Abstract:* EPA promulgated the Universal Waste standards at 40 CFR part 273. The Universal Waste standards govern the collection and management of widely generated wastes known as universal wastes. EPA has identified hazardous waste batteries, certain hazardous waste pesticides, and hazardous waste thermostats as universal wastes. Other wastes may be added to the universal waste Federal program if EPA determines such regulation is appropriate. The regulations allow universal waste handlers to manage universal wastes under a reduced set of regulatory requirements. Destination facilities, on the other hand, (i.e., those facilities accepting universal waste for treatment, recycling, or disposal) remain subject to standards under 40 CFR parts 264 or 265.

The universal waste regulations at part 273 were promulgated by EPA under the authority of Subtitle C in RCRA. This information collection targets the collection of information for the following reporting or recordkeeping requirements: notification, labeling and marking, storage-time limitations, off-site shipments, tracking universal waste shipments, and petitions to include other waste categories at the federal level.

It is necessary for EPA to collect universal waste information to ensure that universal waste is collected and managed in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. EPA requires, among other things, large quantity handlers of universal waste (LQHUWs) to notify the Agency for their universal waste management activities so that EPA can obtain general information on these handlers, and so that it can facilitate enforcement of the regulations at part 273. In addition, EPA requires universal waste handlers to record the date on which they begin storing universal waste on-site to ensure

that such accumulation is performed responsibly. EPA also requires certain universal waste handlers to track receipt of universal waste shipments as well as shipments sent off-site to ensure that universal waste is properly treated, recycled, and disposed. Finally, the submission of petitions in support of regulating other wastes or waste categories under part 273 helps EPA (1) to compile information on these wastes, and (2) to determine whether regulation as a universal waste is appropriate.

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. 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; and

(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.

**Burden Statement:** The estimated number of likely respondents under this collection of information is 79,510 (78,973 Small Quantity Handlers of Universal Wastes (SQHUWs), 485 LQHUWs, and 52 Destination Facilities). The bottom line annual reporting and recordkeeping burden to respondents under this collection of information is 122,674 hours. The average annual public reporting burden per response for SQHUWs under this collection of information is 0 hours. The average annual public reporting burden per response for LQHUWs is estimated to range from 0 to 2.41 hours. The average annual public reporting burden per response for destination facilities is estimated to range from 0 to 2.41 hours. The average annual recordkeeping burden per response for SQHUWs under this collection of information is estimated to range from 1.12 to 1.62 hours. The average annual recordkeeping burden per response for

LQHUWs is estimated to range from 5.82 to 6.82 hours. The average annual recordkeeping burden per response for destination facilities is estimated to be 115.37 hours. The total average annual burden cost for universal waste handlers, universal waste petitioners, and destination facilities is: \$5,303,419 in labor costs; \$1,212 in capital costs; and \$244.25 in annual O&M costs (O&M costs include a purchase of service component). 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.

Dated: November 20, 1997.

**Elizabeth Cotsworth,**

*Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5928-4]

### Request for Nominations to North American Free Trade Agreement- and U.S.-Mexico Border-Related Environmental Advisory Committees

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is inviting nominations to fill vacancies on two national advisory committees: the Governmental Advisory Committee to the U.S. Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation and the Good Neighbor Environmental Board. The Agency is seeking qualified senior level decision makers from diverse sectors to be considered for appointments. Nominees for the Governmental Advisory Committee may come from state, local or tribal government entities anywhere in the

U.S. Nominees for the Good Neighbor Environmental Board must come from governmental or nongovernmental entities in the states of Arizona, California, New Mexico or Texas.

**DATES:** Nominations will be accepted until close of business December 12, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit nominations to: Mr. Robert Hardaker, Team Leader for Environment and Trade, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1601-F, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Hardaker, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1601-F, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-2477.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These two committees are Federal advisory committees operating under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, PL 92-463.

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) advises the U.S. Government Representative to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Commission on Environmental Cooperation (CEC). The Commission on Environmental Cooperation (composed of the heads of the environmental agencies for Canada, Mexico and the U.S.; a Secretariat headquartered in Montreal, Canada; and a Joint Public Advisory Committee composed of members of the public from each country) was established to protect the North American environment and support the environmental goals of NAFTA. NAFTA also authorized each country to establish two public advisory committees to advise its representative to the CEC. The U.S. Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) is composed of 10 representatives of state, local and tribal governments. The counterpart U.S. National Advisory Committee is composed of 12 representatives of nongovernmental organizations. USEPA is not currently soliciting for membership on the National Advisory Committee.

The Good Neighbor Environmental Board, created under the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act of 1992, advises the President and the Congress on approaches to sustainable development for the U.S.-Mexico border region that address environmental, natural resources, health, transportation, housing, and economic development issues, and that promote coordination of governmental activities along the U.S.-Mexico border. The Board consists of representatives from nongovernmental organizations,