

Recordkeeping Activities: Under section 112.3, a facility owner or operator must prepare a written SPCC Plan, maintain it at or near the facility, and have it certified by a Registered Professional Engineer (PE). Under section 112.5 the SPCC Plan must be amended (i) whenever there is a facility change that materially affects the potential to discharge oil, and (ii) to include more effective prevention and control technology identified in the owner or operator's triennial Plan review. If amended, the Plan must also be certified by a PE. Under section 112.4, in the event of certain oil discharges, facility owners or operators must submit the SPCC Plan and other information to the EPA Regional Administrator and the appropriate state water pollution control agency within 60 days. Upon review, the Regional Administrator may require amendment of the SPCC Plan. Again, the amended Plan must be certified by a PE. Under section 112.3, the owner or operator must maintain (and update) records of specific inspections as outlined under section 112.7(e).

On December 2, 1997, at 62 FR 63812, EPA published proposed revisions to the SPCC rule (40 CFR part 112). The proposed revisions were designed to reduce the information collection burden of the SPCC rule. The comment period for the proposal closed on February 2, 1998. EPA is now reviewing the comments received. EPA will also review the comments received pursuant to proposals to modify the SPCC rule in 1991 and 1993 (see 56 FR 54612, October 22, 1991; and 58 FR 8824, February 17, 1993) and craft a single final rule embodying the 1991, 1993, and 1997 proposals. The final rule should be published in 1999.

Purpose of Data Collection: Facility owners or operators are the primary users of SPCC Plans and related data. EPA does not collect the Plan or related records on a routine basis. Facilities that prepare, implement, and maintain an SPCC Plan improve their ability to prevent oil discharges, and mitigate the environmental damage caused by such discharges. As facility owners or operators accumulate the data, they necessarily analyze the facility's capability to prevent oil discharges, facilitate safety awareness, and promote the use of appropriate design and operational standards that reduce the likelihood of an oil discharge. The Plan information can also help the facility respond efficiently in the event of a discharge. Inspection records help facility owners and operators to promote important operation and maintenance,

and demonstrate compliance with SPCC requirements.

EPA also uses the SPCC data in certain situations. EPA primarily uses SPCC Plan data to verify that facilities comply with the regulation and implement their Plan, including design and operation specifications and inspection requirements. EPA reviews SPCC Plans; (1) when facilities submit the Plans because of oil discharges, and (2) as part of EPA's inspection program. State and local governments may also use the data, which is not necessarily available elsewhere and can greatly assist local emergency preparedness planning efforts.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current 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 December 18, 1997 (62 FR 66360); EPA received five comment letters.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 39.9 hours per newly regulated facility and 5.4 hours per already regulated facility. 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 to 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: Non-transportation facilities with the potential to discharge oil to navigable waters.

Estimated number of respondents: 455,472.

Frequency of response: One-time plan, occasional records/reports.

Estimated total annual hour burden: 2.62 million hours.

Estimated total annualized cost burden: \$79.3 million.

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. 328.07 and OMB Control No. 2050-0021 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460;

and
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725-17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for the 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: The 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance, EPA ICR#1816.01. 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 April 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1816.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: The 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs

Guidance (EPA ICR No. 1816.01). This is a new collection.

Abstract: Section 1453 (a)(3) of the Safe Drinking Water Act requires states to submit to EPA a Source Water Assessment Program within 18 months after issuance of the national guidance on State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs, which was issued by EPA on August 5, 1997. These State source water assessments and protection programs describe the process by which a State does assessments for the protection and benefit of public water systems by: delineating source water protection areas, conducting contamination source inventories and susceptibility determinations, and indicating whether or not it plans to implement a source water protection program. A State is also required to develop such a program with public participation and report the results of the assessments to the public.

Once a State program is approved by EPA, the State has two years to complete the source water assessments for the public water systems within its borders. Section 1453(a)(4) allows a State to request an extension of up to 18 months to complete the assessments. The extension request must indicate the reason a State requires additional time and must include a description of how and when the State will complete the assessment within the requested extension period. The request must also include information on the progress in implementing the assessments by the end of the first 18 months. 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 document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 6/24/97 (FRL-5846-4). No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2,436 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: States and Puerto Rico.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 51.

Frequency of Response: Occasional.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 402,009 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$18,582,723.

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. 1816.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
OPPE Regulatory Information Division
(2137),

401 M Street SW,
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and
Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs,
Office of Management and Budget,
Attention: Desk Officer for EPA,
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Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140268; FRL-5781-2]

Computer Based Systems, Incorporated; Access to Trade Secret Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized Computer Based Systems, Incorporated (CBSI), 2750 Prosperity Avenue, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22031, for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 303, 311, 312, and 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986, also known as Title III. Some of the information may be claimed or

determined to be trade secret information.

DATE: CBSI will have access to the trade secret information submitted to EPA pursuant to this Notice effective April 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janette Petersen, Information Management Division (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Rm. NE-G102, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 260-1558.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), industry must report information on the presence, use, production, and manufacture of certain chemicals to EPA.

Under contract number 68-W-98-045, CBSI will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Information Management Division in receiving and processing the information submitted by industry in response to the requirements of sections 303, 311, 312, and 313 of SARA. Specifically, CBSI will establish and maintain a facility, called the Regulatory Data Collection Reporting Center. For example, CBSI personnel will be given access to SARA section 303, 311, 312, and 313 submissions and related documents. Some of the information may be claimed or may be determined to be trade secret. Personnel will be required to sign non-disclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 303, 311, 312, and 313 of SARA that EPA may provide CBSI access to these trade secret materials on a need-to-know basis. All access to SARA trade secret information under this contract will take place at the Regulatory Data Collection Reporting Center. Upon termination of their contract or prior to termination of their contract at EPA's request, CBSI will return all materials to EPA.

Clearance to access to SARA trade secret information under this contract is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2003.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: March 20, 1998.

Allan S. Abramson,

Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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