

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6105-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Evaluation of Jobs Through Recycling Grant Projects**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): Evaluation of Jobs Through Recycling Grant Projects, ICR Number 1865.01. 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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-98-JRIP-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 below. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-98-JRIP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of encryption.

Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public 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 \$0.15/page. The index and some supporting materials are available electronically.

The ICR is available on the Internet. Follow these instructions to access the information electronically:

WWW: <http://www.epa.gov/jtr/seconds/program/program.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 public record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing.

EPA responses to comments, whether the comments are written or electronic, will be in a notice in the **Federal Register**. EPA will not immediately reply to commenters electronically other than to seek clarification of electronic comments that may be garbled in transmission or during conversion to paper form, as discussed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at 800 424-9346 or TDD 800 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, call 703 412-9810 or TDD 703 412-3323.

For more detailed information on specific aspects of this ICR, contact Susan Nogas, Office of Solid Waste (5306W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. Phone: 703 308-7251. Fax: 703 308-8686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are Jobs Through Recycling (JTR) grantees, which include state, multistate, and tribal organizations that have received grant funding through JTR. Also affected are project partners (including state and local agencies) and selected businesses assisted by JTR grantees.

Title: Evaluation of Jobs Through Recycling Grant Projects, ICR Number 1865.01.

Abstract: EPA launched the JTR initiative in 1994 to help facilitate the growth of the recycling industry. The industry includes businesses involved in collecting, processing, manufacturing, and selling products made from recovered materials. With JTR, EPA intended to create jobs, increase capital invested in the recycling industry, create new recycling capacity, and increase the amount of secondary materials actually used.

To assess the success of the JTR grant projects, EPA designed a methodology

to evaluate the results, accomplishments, and lessons learned from each JTR grant. The first step in the methodology is to review grant workplans, progress and final reports, and grant products. The second step is to interview the grantees as well as one project partner and one business assisted by each grantee. To facilitate the evaluation, EPA developed an interview guide with a standard set of questions for grantees, project partners, and assisted businesses. The interview guide will enable EPA to collect both qualitative and quantitative information on the accomplishments of the JTR grantees through either phone or onsite interviews. Grantees, for example, are asked to describe the lessons learned and challenges overcome in implementing and managing their projects as well as the results, such as the number of jobs created, amount of capital invested, volume of new capacity created, and volume of secondary materials actually used. EPA pilot tested the evaluation process and the discussion guide with six 1994 JTR grants. All participation in JTR project evaluation interviews is voluntary.

The purpose of the ICR is to allow EPA to continue its evaluation of JTR grant projects by measuring the success of the remaining 1994 grant projects as well as the grants awarded in 1995, 1996, and 1997. The information compiled during these interviews will be disseminated to current and future program participants as well as other recycling market development professionals, so that others can replicate project successes and avoid past mistakes. In addition, EPA will use the information gathered to help identify opportunities to improve the overall JTR program and ensure its continued growth and success. Finally, the evaluation will assist EPA in complying with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), by measuring progress towards the goals and objectives detailed in the EPA Strategic Plan.

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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: EPA estimates that a total of 35 grantees, 35 project partners, and 35 assisted businesses will be interviewed as part of the ICR. Completing the JTR evaluations involves the following activities for each grantee, project partner, and assisted business: reviewing EPA's questions and preparing responses, participating in phone or onsite interviews, and participating in followup activities such as reviewing a 4-page grantee fact sheet. Specifically, JTR grantees will be asked to provide information on their project history, the types of business assistance provided, barriers and lessons learned, the future of the project, overall project benefits, and partnerships established. EPA estimates an annual burden per grantee of 2 hours for reviewing questions and preparing responses, 3 hours for participating in the interview, and 1 hour for participating in followup activities. Thus, EPA estimates that an average annual burden for the 35 grantees would be 210 grantee hours or \$10,500 to provide EPA with the requested information. Businesses assisted by JTR grantees will be asked to assess the services provided by the grantee and to estimate the direct and indirect economic benefits of the assistance. Project partners will be asked to discuss their interaction with the grantee and to evaluate the types of assistance provided. EPA estimates that each project partner and assisted business will annually incur 0.75 hours to review the questions and prepare responses, 1 hour to participate in the interview, and 0.5 hours to participate in followup activities. The average annual burden for the 35 partners and the 35 businesses would be 78.75 hours or \$3,325 for each. Therefore, the total annual burden for the 105 grantees, project partners, and assisted businesses is estimated to be 367.5 hours or \$17,150.

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: May 26, 1998.

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Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6105-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; NSPS for Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers

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: NSPS Subpart UU: Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers; OMB Control Number 2060-0002; expiring July 31, 1998. 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 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>, and refer to EPA ICR No. 0661.06

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: NSPS Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers; OMB Control Number 2060-0002, ICR 0661.06, expiring July 31, 1998. This is

a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This ICR contains recordkeeping and reporting requirements that are mandatory for compliance with 40 CFR part 60, New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), subpart UU. The respondents of the recordkeeping and reporting requirements are asphalt processing and roofing manufacturers (SIC Codes 2911, 2951, and 2952) which commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction after November 18, 1980, or May 26, 1981 as appropriate.

The control of emissions of particulate matter from asphalt processing and asphalt roof manufacturing requires not only the installation of properly designed equipment, but also the operation and maintenance of that equipment. Particulate matter emissions from asphalt processing and asphalt roof manufacturing are the result of materials handling, fuel combustion, and storage. These standards rely on the reduction of particulate matter emissions by pollution control devices such as electrostatic precipitators, high velocity air filters, or afterburners.

In order to ensure compliance with these standards, adequate recordkeeping is necessary. In the absence of such information enforcement personnel would be unable to determine whether the standards are being met on a continuous basis, as required by the Clean Air Act.

The standards require initial notification reports with respect to construction, modification, reconstruction, startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions. The standards also require reports on initial performance tests.

Under the standard, the data collected by the affected industry is retained at the facility for a minimum of two (2) years and available for inspection by the Administrator.

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 by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 2, 1997 (62 FR 63703-63712); comments were received from the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 182 hours per