

information collection request most recently approved by OMB, from 30,488 hours currently to an estimated 43,466 hours. At the time of the last clearance of this ICR in May 1995, EPA estimated the burden for respondents to be 30,488 hours annually, an increase of 12,978 hours from the burden total in the OMB inventory at the time. The increase in burden reflects the increase in the number of petitions requesting a FIFRA section 18 exemption. Based on currently available information, this change represents an increase in annual respondents from 296 to 422.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days of this document, as described above.

Dated: May 27, 1998.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6105-4]

Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods Applications for Reference or Equivalent Method Determinations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notification is given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received five new applications for reference or equivalent method determinations under 40 CFR part 53. The applications were received from Rupprecht and Patashnick Company, Incorporated, Albany, New York (two applications); Advanced Pollution Instrumentation, Incorporated, San Diego, California; Horiba Instruments Incorporated, Irvine, California; and DKK Corporation, Tokyo, Japan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank F. McElroy, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-46), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: (919) 541-2622, email: mcelroy.frank@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR part 53, the EPA examines various

methods for monitoring the concentrations of certain pollutants in the ambient air. Methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated as either reference or equivalent methods, thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR part 58 by States and other agencies in determining attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The EPA is hereby announcing that it has received five new applications for reference or equivalent method determinations under 40 CFR part 53. Publication of a notice of receipt of such applications is required by section 53.5.

On February 3, 1998, EPA received two applications from the Rupprecht and Patashnick Company, Incorporated, 25 Corporate Circle, Albany, New York 12203 to determine if methods based on that Company's Partisol[®]-FRM Model 2000 (single) and Partisol[®]-Plus Model 2025 (sequential) PM-10 Air Samplers should be designated as reference methods for PM₁₀. The EPA received an application on February 24, 1998, from Advanced Pollution Instrumentation, Incorporated, 6565 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, California 92121 for an equivalent method determination for their Model 400A UV Photometric Ozone Analyzer. An application was received on March 26, 1998 from Horiba Instruments Incorporated, 17671 Armstrong Avenue, Irvine, California 92614 for an equivalent method determination for Horiba's Model APSA-360ACE ambient SO₂ monitor. And on April 14, 1998, the EPA received an application from DKK Corporation, 4-13-14, Kichijoji Kitamachi, Musashino-shi, Tokyo, 180-8630, Japan for a reference method determination for DKK's Model GLN-114E Nitrogen Oxides Analyzer.

If, after appropriate technical study, the Administrator determines that any or all of these methods should be designated as either reference or equivalent methods, notice thereof will be published in a subsequent issue of the **Federal Register**.

Thomas A. Clark,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6104-9]

Proposed Settlement Agreement, Clean Air Act Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement, which was lodged with the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") on April 15, 1998, to address a lawsuit filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council. This lawsuit, which was filed pursuant to section 307(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7607(b), concerns, among other things, EPA's alleged failure to list, and determine whether to regulate hazardous air pollutant emissions from, electric utility steam generating units under section 112 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7412. In the proposed settlement agreement, the EPA agrees to: (i) Undertake, and publish the results of, an analysis of the emission reductions of SO₂, NO_x, CO₂, and mercury (and the effect on mercury removal costs) that would be achieved through an array of strategies to control SO₂, NO_x, CO₂ and mercury; and, (ii) proposed and promulgate a new reference test method for determining the ambient concentration of mercury in water.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document, EPA will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement agreement from persons who were not named as parties or interveners to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines, following the comment period, that consent is inappropriate, the final settlement agreement will contain the requirements listed above.

A copy of the proposed settlement agreement was lodged with the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on April 15, 1998. Copies are also available from Phyllis Cochran, Air and Radiation Law

Office (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-7606. Written comments should be sent to Richard H. Vetter, Emissions Standards Division (MD-13), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711 and must be submitted on or before July 2, 1998.

Dated: May 26, 1998.

Scott C. Fulton,

Acting General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140270; FRL-5791-7]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Lockheed Martin Inc.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, Lockheed Martin Technical Services, Incorporated (MAR), of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than [insert date 5 working days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under contract number 68-W7-0055, contractor MAR of 79 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in maintaining and operating the EPA CBI computer facilities located in Research Triangle Park, NC.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W7-0055, MAR will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to

perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. MAR personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA may provide MAR access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Research Triangle Park, NC facilities and EPA Headquarters only.

MAR will be authorized access to TSCA CBI under the EPA "Contractors Requirements for the Control and Security" of the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized for MAR, EPA will perform the required facilities inspection and ensure that it's in compliance with the manual.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until September 30, 2002.

MAR personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: May 18, 1998.

Oscar Morales,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6105-8]

Science Advisory Board; Drinking Water Committee; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting June 18-19, 1998

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Drinking Water Committee (DWC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will hold a public meeting beginning at 8:30 am Thursday, June 18, 1998 and ending not later than 3:00 pm Friday, June 19, 1998 (Eastern Time). The meeting will be

held in Room 3709-Mall of the EPA Headquarters Building, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

At the meeting, the Committee will engage in "consultations" with the Agency on a number of scientific topics of relevance to Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) implementation. Documents discussing some or all of these topics may be the subject of future formal reviews by the Drinking Water Committee. Consultations to be conducted include the following topics: (a) The EPA drinking water contaminant occurrence data base; (b) technologies for small systems; and (c) drinking water intake. The DWC will also receive an update on the agency's final Research Plan for Microbial Pathogens and Disinfection By-Products in Drinking Water, receive information on the agency's M/DBP Research Tracking System, and receive an informational briefing on alternative test systems for disinfection byproduct testing. The DWC will also conduct discussions with the Agency that will help the Committee plan its future actions on drinking water and drinking water research.

An SAB "Consultation" is an early, public interaction between the SAB and the Agency occurring before the Agency has committed itself to a position and even before it has written its ideas down. The intent of a Consultation is to leaven the Agency's thinking by airing and discussing various views and ideas about how the Agency might proceed on a problem—long before the Agency has committed itself to a specific direction. The process of a Consultation is an open dialogue between Agency personnel, who describe the problem, and the members of an SAB panel who give their *individual* ideas and suggestions about how the Agency might proceed. There is no intention to develop a *consensus* position; therefore, an SAB Consultation should not be considered a peer review of the issue by the SAB, since—by definition—the Agency has not produced anything to peer review at the time of the Consultation, and the reactions provided are those of individuals and not formal advice approved by the SAB's Executive Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Single copies of the background information for this review, or the meeting agenda, can be obtained by contacting Mr. Thomas O. Miller, Designated Federal Officer for the Drinking Water Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 260-5886; by fax at (202) 260-7118 or via Email at: