

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.

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Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[SWH-FRL-6112-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities-Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Survey of the Chlorinated Aliphatics Industry

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): Survey of Chlorinated Aliphatics Industry, ICR Number 1866.01. This ICR includes information about clarifications to updated information from the initial RCRA section 3007 questionnaire and possible site visits anticipated for this information collection effort. 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 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-98-CAIP-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 also may be submitted electronically through the Internet to: rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format also should be identified by the docket number F-98-CAIP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form 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 am to 4 pm, 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/epaoswer/osw/hazwaste.htm#id>

FTP: [ftp.epa.gov](ftp://ftp.epa.gov)

Login: anonymous

Password: your internet address

Files are located in /pub/epaoswer

The official record of 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 also will include all comments submitted directly in writing.

EPA responses to comments, whether the comments are written or electronic, will be in a document in the **Federal Register**. EPA will not reply immediately 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 rulemaking, contact Wanda Levine, Office of Solid Waste (5304W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, (703) 308-0438, or levine.wanda@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those

generating, transporting, storing or disposing of the wastes of interest from the chlorinated aliphatics industry.

Title: Survey of Chlorinated Aliphatics Industry ICR, Number 1866.01.

Abstract: Under the Industry Studies Program, EPA's Office of Solid Waste is planning to conduct surveys of various industries during the rest of this fiscal year through FY 1999, primarily for the purpose of developing hazardous waste listing determinations as part of a rulemaking effort under sections 3001 and 3004 of the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Information collected under authority of this ICR specifically will be used to establish and expand an information data base with regard to hazardous waste generation and management by industry to support a goal of more effective regulation under sections 3001 and 3004 of RCRA.

The information acquired through the Industry Studies Program has contributed to the effective development and implementation of the hazardous waste regulatory program. The ICR, once approved, will allow continued and expanded data collection for the following program areas:

- Listing.
- Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) and Capacity.
- 1• Source Reduction and Recycling.
- Risk Assessment.

To support these hazardous waste program areas, EPA has been conducting surveys and site visits for the chlorinated aliphatics industry since 1992 under authority granted under RCRA section 3007 and OMB #2050-0042. Responses to the surveys were received and site visits conducted in early 1993 to collect data for development of hazardous waste rulemakings as required by a consent decree signed December 9, 1994, which resulted from the *EDF v. Reilly* case.

For the chlorinated aliphatics that is the subject of this information collection, the main data to be collected will be clarifications to updated survey information, and possibly site visits if necessary.

The information collected will be used primarily to determine if wastes from the chlorinated aliphatics industry should be listed as hazardous. In addition, this information also will be used to support other RCRA activities including developing engineering analyses; conducting regulatory impact analyses, economic analyses, and risk assessments; and developing land disposal restrictions treatment standards and waste minimization programs.

EPA anticipates that some data provided by respondents will be

claimed as confidential business information (CBI). Respondents may make a business confidentially claim by marking the appropriate data as CBI. Respondents may not withhold information from the Agency because they believe it is confidential. Information so designated will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

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: 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.

The average annual burden imposed by the clarification to the survey updates is approximately 20.0 hours per respondent. The average number of responses for each respondent is 1. The estimated number of likely respondents is 25. The average annual burden

imposed by site visits is approximately 16 hours per respondent. The average number of responses for each respondent is 1.

The estimated number of likely respondents is 3.

Data will be collected from the chlorinated aliphatics industry that generate wastes that may be listed as hazardous.

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5497-7]

Second Public Scoping Meeting for EPA's Environmental Impact Statement for the Final Rule for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of second public scoping meeting for EPA's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the final rule for environmental impact assessment (EIA) of nongovernmental activities in Antarctica.

SUMMARY: The U.S. EPA, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), will prepare a Draft EIS for proposed final regulations that will provide for: (1) environmental impact assessment of nongovernmental activities, including tourism, in Antarctica for which the United States is required to give advance notice under paragraph 5 of Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty of 1959; and (2) coordination of the review of information regarding environmental impact assessments received by the United States from other Parties to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty. These final regulations will be prepared pursuant to the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996. EPA held its first public scoping meeting on July 8, 1997, and, at the request of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators, individual Antarctica tour operators, and The Antarctica Project on behalf of the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition, agreed to conduct a second scoping meeting following the 1997-1998 Antarctic tour season, the first such season following promulgation of EPA's Interim Final

Rule governing Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (**Federal Register**/Vol. 62, No. 83/ Wednesday, April 30, 1997/Rules and Regulations). EPA invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the rulemaking with regard to the environmental and regulatory issues to be addressed in the EIS.

DATES: The public scoping meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14, 1998, from 1:00 PM until 4:30 PM, at the Washington Information Center—EPA Conference Service Center, Conference Room 3 North, Waterside Mall, 4th and M Street SW, Washington, DC. To access Conference Room 3 North, enter Waterside Mall through the entrance directly in front of the Waterfront-SEU Metro Station (green line), turn right at the central hallway, left at the end of this hallway, and enter the North Conference Center through the last door on the right. Written comments from the public may also be sent directly to EPA to the contacts listed below and will be accepted by EPA through July 31, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joseph Montgomery or Ms. Katherine Biggs, Office of Federal Activities (2252A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202)564-7157 or (202)564-7144, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please refer to the Public Scoping Meeting Notice for the July 8, 1997 meeting (**Federal Register**/Vol. 62, No. 105/ Monday, June 2, 1997/Notices), and the Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS for the final rule for EIA of nongovernmental activities in Antarctica (**Federal Register**/Vol. 62, No. 90/Friday, May 9, 1997/Notices). Copies of documents pertinent to this project are available from the contacts listed above and also on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa>.

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Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of Public Advisory CSI Petroleum Refining and Computers