

chance that pollutants that may be in the groundwater will be drained into a water supply well.

EPA uses the information to maintain a profile of program membership and to monitor the success of the program, demonstrate that pollution prevention can be accomplished with a non-regulatory approach, and to promote the program to potential partners. Participation in the WAVE Program is voluntary; however, a participant joins the program by signing and submitting a Membership Agreement and an annual Results Report to EPA to receive and retain program benefits, such as software and publicity. No participant is required to submit confidential business information. EPA maintains and distributes a list of program participants, and presents aggregated data only in its program progress reports.

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 April 29, 1999 (64 FR 23069); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average three hours and three minutes per Membership Agreement response, and five hours and 54 minutes per Results Report response. Approximately 870 facilities will be subject to this information collection for an estimated annual burden of 2,556 hours. 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: Businesses, Institutions, State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 870.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2556 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (non-labor costs): \$0.00.

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. 1654.03 and OMB Control No. 2040-0164 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460;

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

Dated: August 11, 1999.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6423-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, New Source Performance Standards for Volatile Organic Compound Emissions From the Polymer Manufacturing 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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Standards of Performance of Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from the Polymer Manufacturing Industry, OMB Control No. 2060-0145, expiration date November 30, 1999. 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 September 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1150.05.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Standards of Performance of Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from the Polymer Manufacturing Industry, Subpart DDD, OMB Control No. 2060-0145; EPA ICR No. 1150.05, expiring 11/30/99. 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 60.560, subpart DDD, Standards of Performance for VOC Emissions from the Polymer Manufacturing Industry. This information is used by the Agency to identify sources subject to the standards and to insure that the best demonstrated technology is being properly applied. Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make the following one-time-only reports: notification of the date of construction or reconstruction; notification of the anticipated and actual dates of startup; notification of any physical or operational change to an existing facility which may increase the regulated pollutant emission rate; notification of the date of the initial performance test; and the results of the initial performance test. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. The standards require periodic recordkeeping to document process information relating to the sources' ability to meet the requirements of the standard and to note the operation conditions under which compliance was achieved. 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 06/04/99 (64 FR 30019); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 59 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: Owners and operators of the Polymer Manufacturing Industry.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 105.

Frequency of Response: Initial and semi-annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 14,691.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$765,000.

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. 1150.05 and OMB Control No. 2060-0145 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460;

and

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

Dated: August 11, 1999.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6423-3]

Request for Information Concerning Transfrontier Movements of Wastes Destined for Recovery Operations Within the OECD Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting specific information from interested parties, and the U.S. regulated community in particular, on imports and exports of secondary materials, wastes and hazardous wastes moving toward recycling operations in the 29 member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). This information will be used by EPA and other federal agencies in developing U.S. positions with respect to potential harmonization of certain provisions of OECD Council Decision C(92)39 concerning the control of transfrontier movements of wastes destined for recovery operations with those of the *Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal* ("Basel Convention" or "the Convention"), including the possible replacement of the OECD waste lists (green, amber, and red) with the Basel waste lists (Annexes VIII and IX).

DATES: Responses to this document should be submitted no later than September 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-1999-TMWA-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 to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-1999-TMWA-FFFFF. 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 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. For information on accessing this document electronically, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Julia Gourley, Office of Solid Waste (5304W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C. 20460; telephone: (703) 308-8751; fax: (703) 308-0514; e-mail: gourley.julie@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Internet Access

This document may be accessed at the following internet address: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/exp-imp/oecd.htm>.

I. Background

A. Relationship of OECD Council Decision C(92)39 to the Basel Convention

The Basel Convention is an international treaty under the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) that applies to transboundary movements (exports and imports) of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal. It opened for signature upon the conclusion of UNEP negotiations on March 22, 1989 and entered into force, 90 days after the 20th ratification, on May 5, 1992. As of June 17, 1999 there are 123 parties to the Basel Convention (countries and others that have ratified, acceded to, approved, or otherwise accepted it). The U.S. signed the agreement on March 22, 1990, but has not ratified it. The Basel Convention, therefore, does not apply to the U.S. at the present time.

The Basel Convention prohibits imports and exports of covered wastes between parties to it and non-parties; however, Article 11 of the Convention provides for an exception to this prohibition for those parties and non-parties that have entered into separate agreements that are consistent with the environmentally sound management provisions of the Convention. The member countries of the Organization