

comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6856-3]

### Withdrawal of Request for Comment on Renewal Information Collections for the Notification of Episodic Releases of Oil and Hazardous Substances; and the Continuous Release Reporting Regulations (CRRR) Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that it has withdrawn the following notices published in the **Federal Register** (June 13, 2000) that solicited comment on EPA's request to renew existing ICRs: Notification of Episodic Release of Oil and Hazardous Substances (EPA ICR No. 1049.09, OMB No. 2050-0046) (65 FR 37128); and Continuous Release Reporting Regulations (CRRR) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) (EPA ICR No. 1445.05, OMB No. 2050-0086) (65 FR 37131).

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Why Are the Requests for Comment Withdrawn?

The EPA has withdrawn the request for comment so that it may include more information in each of the

Information Collection Requests before asking the public to comment and so that it may issue another notice to give the public a 60 day period for comment.

### II. Does EPA Intend To Renew the Existing ICRs?

Yes, EPA plans to submit the continuing Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Notification of Episodic Releases of Oil and Hazardous Substances (EPA ICR No. 1049.09, OMB No. 2050-0046); and Continuous Release Reporting Regulations (CRRR) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) (EPA ICR No. 1445.05, OMB No. 2050-0086).

### III. When Will the Comment Period Begin?

EPA will announce its plan to submit the Information Collection Request in subsequent **Federal Register** notices. The subsequent **Federal Register** notices will also include detailed Agency milestones and a schedule for completion of the renewal process for each Information Collection Request.

Dated: August 15, 2000.

**Larry G. Reed,**

*Acting Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6855-5]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission of EPA ICR# 0794.09 to OMB for Review and Approval

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of submission to OMB.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: Notification of Substantial Risk under TSCA Section 8(e) (EPA ICR# 0794.09; OMB# 2070-0046) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden. A **Federal Register** notice announcing the Agency's intent to seek OMB approval for this ICR and a 60-day public comment opportunity, requesting

comments on the request and the contents of the ICR, was issued on March 2, 2000 (65 FR 11306). One comment was received, which is addressed in the attachment to this ICR.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before September 21, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0794.09 and OMB Control No. 2070-0046, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code: 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; and to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandy Farmer by phone at (202) 260-2740, or via e-mail at:

"[farmer.sandy@epa.gov](mailto:farmer.sandy@epa.gov)," or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0794.09.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Notification of Substantial Risk under TSCA Section 8(e) (OMB Control No. 2070-0046; EPA ICR No. 0794.09), expiring 09/30/2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Section 8(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires that any person who manufactures, imports, processes or distributes in commerce a chemical substance or mixture and who obtains information that reasonably supports the conclusion that such substance or mixture presents a substantial risk of injury to health or the environment must immediately inform EPA of such information. EPA routinely disseminates TSCA section 8(e) data it receives to other Federal agencies to provide information about newly discovered chemical hazards and risks.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 15 U.S.C. 2607(e)). Respondents may claim all or part of a document confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 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. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 2, 2000 (65 FR 11306). EPA received comments on this ICR during the comment period, which are addressed in an attachment to the ICR.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 27 hours per response for initial TSCA section 8(e) submissions, and 5 hours per follow-up/supplemental section 8(e) submission. 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:** Companies that manufacture, process, distribute or import chemical substances or mixtures.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Estimated No. of Respondents:** 267.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 8,209 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Non-labor Costs:** \$0.

**Changes in Burden Estimates:** The total burden associated with this ICR has decreased from 9,500 hours in the previous ICR to 8,209 for this ICR. This adjustment in burden reflects a reduction in the anticipated number of follow-up or supplemental TSCA section 8(e) notices received by EPA.

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 notice, as described above.

Dated: August 15, 2000.

**Oscar Morales,**

*Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6855-4]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Compliance Requirement for Child-Resistant Packaging

**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: Compliance Requirement for Child-resistant Packaging, (EPA ICR No. 0616.07, OMB No. 2070-0052). The ICR, which expires on August 30, 2000, is abstracted below and describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden. A **Federal Register** document, required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 4, 1999 (64 FR 42365). EPA did not receive any comments on this ICR during the comment period.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before September 21, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0616.07 and OMB Control No. 2070-0052, to the following addresses: Ms Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code: 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 And to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer by phone at 202-260-2740, or via e-mail at "farmer.sandy@epa.gov", or using the address indicated below. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0616.07 and OMB Control No. 2070-0052.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Compliance Requirement for Child-resistant Packaging (OMB Control No. 2070-0052; EPA ICR No. 0616.07) expiring 08/31/2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** This ICR covers packaging information on pesticide products sold and distributed to the general public in the United States. Section 25 (c)(3) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, the Agency) to establish standards for packaging of pesticide products and pesticidal devices to protect children and adults from serious illness or injury resulting from accidental ingestion or contact. The law requires that these standards are designed to be consistent with those under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act, administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The information covered by this request is collected when a pesticide registrant certifies to the Agency that the packaging for the pesticide product meets the standards of 40 CFR part 157, or requests an exemption to the requirement. Unless a pesticide product qualifies for an exemption, the product must meet certain criteria regarding toxicity and use, and it must also be sold and distributed in child-resistant packaging (CRP). Registrants must certify to the Agency that the packaging or device meets the standards set forth by the Agency. There are no forms associated with this information collection activity. 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.

**Burden Statement:** The incorporation of alternative methods to verify that the package meets the requirements of 40 CFR 157.32 have allowed manufacturers to use extrapolation schemes, available child-resistant protocol test data, and supporting documentation without spending the time and money to develop the data on their exact package. The burden and cost to industry also is minimized by the reference of the CPSC effectiveness standards and protocol test procedures which precludes duplicative testing for pesticidal and non-pesticidal purposes, as well as allowing for the use of CRP developed for non-pesticidal purposes.

The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.7 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