

- Maintaining or operating such facilities and requiring such additional qualifications as to ownership, continuity of operation, training for personnel, and financial responsibility as may be necessary or desirable.

The regulations implementing these requirements are codified in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Title 40, parts 264 and 265. The collection of this information enables EPA to properly determine whether owners/operators or hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities meet the requirements of Section 3004(a) of RCRA. 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: This proposed ICR is an estimate of the total respondent burden for all activities related to general facility operating requirements, record keeping requirements, contingency plan and emergency reporting requirements, releases from solid waste management units, closure/post-closure requirements, financial requirements, corrective action management unit requirements, and conditions applicable to all permits.

The total burden to respondents as estimated in the proposed ICR for "General Facility Standards (#1571.07)" is 719,059 hours per year, at a cost of \$45,380,950 per year. This estimate was based on owners and operators of hazardous waste management facilities complying with the information collection requirements set forth in 40 CFR parts 264 and 265, subparts B–H and by using an average hourly respondent labor cost (including overhead) of \$108.00 for legal staff, \$77.00 for managerial staff, \$57.00 for technical staff, and \$29.00 for clerical staff. EPA estimates the total number of respondents per year to be 2,724, which includes both permitted and interim status facilities. The number of respondents varies depending upon the category of each facility and the required activity.

The annual public reporting burden and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 319 hours per respondent.

For general facility operating standards, there is no associated reporting. The record keeping burden for general facility operating standards is estimated to average 119 hours per respondent per year. This estimate includes time for reading the regulations, preparing and submitting notices, collecting and documenting

waste analysis data, and developing a waste analysis plan, inspection schedule, personnel training schedule, and construction quality assurance plan.

For operating record requirements, the record keeping burden is estimated to average 131 hours per year. This burden includes time to collect and file information in the operating record. There is no associated reporting burden for these requirements.

For contingency plan and emergency procedure requirements, there is no associated reporting burden. The record keeping burden is estimated to average one hour per respondent per year.

For requirements covering releases from solid waste management units, the public reporting burden is estimated to average 1 hour per respondent per year. This estimate includes time to read the regulations and prepare and submit demonstrations. There is no associated record keeping burden for these requirements.

For closure and post-closure requirements, the public reporting burden is estimated to average 45 hours per respondent per year. This estimate includes time to read the regulations; prepare and submit plans, notices, demonstrations, certifications, and records; and make modifications to plans. The record keeping burden is estimated to average 1 hour per respondent per year.

For financial requirements, the public reporting burden is estimated to average 16 hours per respondent per year. This estimate includes time to read the regulations and prepare and submit financial and liability assurance documentation. There is no associated record keeping burden for these requirements.

For permit condition requirements, the public reporting burden is estimated to average 6 hours per respondent per year. This estimate includes time to read the regulations, and prepare and submit information requested by EPA, required by the permit, or required as a result of an incident that occurs at the facility. There is no associated record keeping burden for these requirements.

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: August 2, 2002.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,
Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7252–9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; 2003 Hazardous Waste (Biennial) Report

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are announcing our plan to submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): The 2003 Hazardous Waste Report, also known as the Biennial Report. Before submitting this ICR to OMB for review and approval, we are asking for comments on the information collection.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: EPA, Office of Solid Waste (5302W), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Burchard (703) 308–8450, fax: (703) 308–8433, burchard.robert@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are those which generate, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste.

Title: "The 2003 Hazardous Waste Report (Biennial Report)" EPA ICR No.0976.10, OMB Control No. 2050–0024.

This ICR renews an on-going information collection from hazardous waste generators and treatment, storage, or disposal facilities. This collection is done on a two year cycle, and is required by Sections 3002 and 3004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The information collected is collected via a mechanism known as the Biennial Report.

The Biennial Report provides information on the quantities, type, and management of hazardous waste in the

United States. The Biennial Report data are used by EPA and the states to understand available capacity to treat, store, dispose, and recycle hazardous wastes; to provide information for analysis of trends in waste generation, waste treatment, recycling, and source reduction; to target facility inspections; and to understand how much waste a state receives from out of state or sends out of state.

Data are collected from respondents and entered into an electronic database by state and EPA Regions. States coordinate with EPA Regions and Headquarters to supply EPA with the data. These data are maintained in RCRAInfo, a database residing on centrally managed servers at the Agency's National Computing Center (accessible through the Envirofacts web page: www.epa.gov/enviro).

Once an initial version of the national database is compiled, EPA Headquarters coordinates a data quality review with the states and EPA Regions. This process identifies cases where the state or Region may want to confirm that data were correctly entered, and where they should contact a respondent to confirm what they reported and provide them with the opportunity to submit an updated report if the original contained errors. Following the submittal of revised data, no further changes are made to the database and it becomes the final version.

For the 2003 cycle, we plan to use most of the 2001 Biennial Report forms and instructions. There will be some small changes for 2003: eliminating the reporting of radioactive mixed waste, clarifying the explanations for some of the Source and Management codes, and providing better directions for determining which North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code is appropriate. We are eliminating radioactive mixed waste because the information is not used by program implementers. We plan to have the 2003 forms and instructions available to the public by the beginning of the 2003 calendar year.

Burden Statement

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The EPA solicits comments to help us:

- (i) Evaluate whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate;
- (iii) find ways to enhance the quality and utility of the information; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the information collection, such as using automated techniques.

Based on the 2001 Biennial Report ICR, EPA estimates there will be 20,300 respondents to the 2003 Biennial Report. We also estimate that Biennial Report will impose an annual burden of 195,200 hours on the states and regulated community and require the expenditure of \$10,260,000.

The annual reporting burden is estimated at 17 hours per respondent, which includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, completing and reviewing the forms, and submitting the report. The annual record keeping requirement is estimated at 2.5 hours per respondent, which includes the time for filing and storing the Biennial Report submission for three years. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information.

Dated: August 6, 2002.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7257-8]

Privacy Act of 1974: System of Records, Creation of a New Privacy Act System of Records

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of establishment of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is giving notice that it proposes to establish a new system of records, AutoAudit. This system of records is an automated information tracking and storage system employed in connection with OIG audits, consulting services, and evaluations commenced on or after April 8, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The proposed amendments will be effective without further notice on September 23, 2002 unless comments received require a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Gary Johnson, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Mission Systems, Office of Inspector General (2441), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Johnson, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Mission Systems, on (202) 566-0848).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OIG, pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, currently maintains four systems of records: (1) Investigative Files of the Office of Inspector General (EPA-40); (2) Personnel Security Files of the Office of Inspector General (EPA-41); (3) Inspector General's Operation and Reporting (IGOR) System Audit, Assignment, and Timesheet Files (EPA-42); and (4) Hotline Files of the Office of Inspector General (EPA-30). The notice for the first three systems of records was published on October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49947). The notice for the Hotline system of records was published on February 22, 2002 (67 FR 8246).

Section 552a(e)(4) and (11) of Title 5, United States Code, provides that the public be afforded a 30-day period in which to comment on this addition to OIG's existing record systems. Additionally, a copy of this notice has been submitted to the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(r).

AutoAudit, OIG's new automated information tracking and storage system, is an electronic database which organizes and contains assignment work papers. The software cross-references, indexes, and tracks work papers in a centralized, paper-less environment. Records maintained in AutoAudit primarily will be accessed by assignment number. In addition, records may be accessed by reference to any information entered into such system, including name, alias, social security number, address, etc.

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SYSTEM NAME:

OIG AutoAudit—EPA/OIG.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

National Technology Service Division, Office of Technology Operations and Planning, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; 79 Alexander Drive; Building 4201, MD-34; Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals covered by the system include the assigned OIG auditor or evaluator, the audit or evaluation