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David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6894-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, Subpart J

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 continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan-Subpart J, EPA ICR 1664.04, OMB Control Number 2050-0141, expiring November 30, 2000. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1664.04 and OMB Control No. 2050-0141, 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: For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1664.04. For technical questions about the ICR contact William "Nick" Nichols, (703) 603-9918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, Subpart J (NCP) (OMB Control No. 2050-0141; EPA ICR No.1664.04), expiring November 30, 2000. This is a renewal.

Abstract: Subpart J of the NCP allows and regulates the use of chemical and biological oil spill cleanup and control agents. The information collected is supplied by the manufacturer of such products. This information and data are then analyzed by EPA to determine the appropriateness, and under which category, the product may be listed on the NCP Product Schedule. This product data is critical for EPA to obtain in order to assure that effectiveness and toxicity data for these products is available to the oil spill community, to use them legally and effectively. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory if EPA determines that the products specifications require its listing under subpart J (40 CFR 300.5a Definitions), however, manufacturers volunteer to have their product analyzed. The authority to review and use a product is 40 CFR 300.910. Confidentiality of data, ingredients, and other proprietary information for the products is maintained by EPA. Manufacturers may use any certified lab in the U.S. to test their products effectiveness and toxicity. The cost of such test range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per test. The process to have a product listed takes at least 30 days, but no longer than 60 days, depending on the accuracy and completeness of the product information package provided to EPA by the manufacturer. Due to the technical and graphical data required to be listed, electronic submissions are not accepted.

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 17, 2000 (65 FR 20451). No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection is estimated to average 27 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:

Manufacturers of oil spill dispersants and other chemicals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 28.

Frequency of Response: As needed.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 826.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: 150,000.

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 addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1664.04 and OMB Control No. 2050-0141 in any correspondence.

Dated: October 23, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6894-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; U.S. Exports and Imports of Hazardous Wastes RCRA ICR No. 1647.02

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 and continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): U.S. Exports and Imports of Hazardous Wastes, EPA Docket Number:

F-2000-IEIP-FFFFF. ICR Number: 1647.02. 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 January 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-2000-IEIP-FFFFF to: (1) If using regular US Postal Service mail: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460-0002, or (2) if using special delivery, such as overnight express service: RCRA Docket Information Center (RIC), Crystal Gateway One, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, First Floor, Arlington, VA 22202. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-2000-IEIP-FFFFF and 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 20460-0002.

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.

The ICR is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/exp-imp/icr.htm>.

The official record for 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 will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. EPA responses to comments, whether the comments are written or electronic, will be in a notice in the **Federal Register**. EPA will not immediately reply 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 Patricia Whiting, Office of Solid Waste, 5304W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460-0002, at 703-308-8421, Whiting.Patricia@epamail.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which export hazardous waste from or import hazardous waste to the U.S.

Title: U.S. Exports and Imports of Hazardous Wastes, EPA ICR No. 1647.02, expiring 3/31/01.

Abstract: Authority to promulgate this rule is found in sections 2002(a) and 3017(a)(2) and (f) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments, 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.* The Organization for Economic and Cooperative Development (OECD) Decision C(92)39 is considered legally binding on the United States under Articles 5(a) and 6(2) of the OECD Convention, 12 U.S.T. 1728. In addition, the OECD Decision and EPA's rule implementing the OECD Decision, 40 CFR part 262, subpart H (61 FR 16290-16316, April 12, 1996) impose requirements on U.S. exporters and importers of hazardous waste for recovery to and from OECD member countries. EPA also imposes requirements on U.S. exports and imports of hazardous wastes to and from other countries at 40 CFR part 262, subpart E for exports and at subpart F for imports (51 FR 28664, August 8, 1986). The Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. EPA, uses the information provided by each U.S. exporter and U.S. importer to determine compliance with the applicable RCRA regulatory provisions. In addition, the information will be used to determine the number, origin, destination, and type of exports from and imports to the U.S. for tracking purposes and for reporting to the OECD. This information also will be used to assess the efficiency of the program.

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. In requesting to continue this information collection, the 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: The annual U.S. exporter burden for this collection is estimated to average 10.23 hours per exporter. The annual U.S. importer burden for this collection is estimated to average 1.3 hours per importer. This amounts to a total annual cost of \$441,360 for exporters and \$38,582 for importers. These estimates represent the burden associated with the RCRA export and import requirements. Calculation of these estimates is based on the following numbers:

Exporters: 816.

Importers: 746.

Annual Export Shipments: 25,000.

Annual Import Shipments: 2,984.

The number of export notifications is equal to the number of exporters (816) and the number (and frequency per year) of tracking documents corresponds to the number of annual export and import shipments (25,000 and 2,984, respectively). These estimates take into account all aspects of the information collection, including the time necessary for new entrants to obtain and read the regulations and assess their applicability; time to complete a notification of intent to export; time to complete a tracking document and to transmit copies of the tracking document. 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: October 26, 2000.

Matthew Hale,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6894-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities; EPA ICR No. 1250.06; Submission to OMB; Additional Opportunity To Comment

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 Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: *Request for Contractor Access to TSCA Confidential Business Information* (EPA ICR No. 1250.06; OMB Control No. 2070-0075), has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden. The **Federal Register** notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), announcing the Agency's intent to seek the renewal of this ICR and providing a 60-day opportunity for public comment on the ICR and its renewal, was issued on July 19, 2000 (65 FR 44779). EPA did not receive any comments on the ICR or its renewal during the comment period.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before December 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1250.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0075, to the following addresses: (1) Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code: 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460;

and to: (2) 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 at EPA phone on 202-260-2740, by e-mail at: "farmer.sandy@epa.gov," or by regular mail at the address indicated below. You may also access the ICR at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1250.06.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ICR Title: Request for Contractor Access to TSCA Confidential Business Information (EPA ICR No.: 1250.06; OMB Control No.: 2070-0075).

Review Requested: This is a request under 5 CFR 1320.12 to renew an existing ICR currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2000. Under 5 CFR 1320.10(e)(2), the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while the submission is pending review at OMB.

Abstract: Certain employees of companies working under contract to EPA require access to confidential business information (CBI) collected under the authority of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in order to perform their official duties. The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), which is responsible for maintaining the security of TSCA CBI, requires that all individuals desiring access to TSCA CBI obtain and annually renew official clearance to TSCA CBI. As part of the process for obtaining TSCA CBI clearance, OPPT requires certain information about the contracting company and about each contractor employee requesting TSCA CBI clearance, primarily the name, Social Security Number and identification badge number of the employee, the type of TSCA CBI clearance requested, the justification for such clearance, and the signature of the employee to an agreement with respect to access to and use of TSCA CBI.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary, but failure to provide the requested information will prevent a contractor employee from obtaining clearance to TSCA CBI. EPA will observe strict confidentiality precautions with respect to the information collected on individual employees, based on the Privacy Act of 1974, as outlined in the ICR and in the collection instrument.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.56 hours per response for an estimated 432 respondents making one or more

submissions of information annually. According to the PRA, "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. For this collection it 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.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information that is subject to approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's information collections appear as part of the collection instruments (*i.e.*, form or instructions), in the **Federal Register** notices for related rulemaking and ICR notices, and, if the collection is contained in a regulation, in a table of OMB approval numbers in 40 CFR part 9.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the burden and cost estimates for this ICR, which are only briefly summarized here:

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are companies working under contract to the Federal government whose employees need access to TSCA CBI, and employees of such companies.

Estimated No. of Potential

Respondents: 432.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One, per occasion.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 675 hours.

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

Changes in the ICR Since the Last Approval: There is a decrease of 139 hours (from 814 hours to 675 hours) in the total estimated respondent burden from that currently in the OMB inventory. This decrease reflects a lower estimate of the number of employees at contracting firms that need to obtain clearance to access TSCA CBI.

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