

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: State, territory, and tribal environmental and health agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 92.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hours

Burden: 3,565 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost

Burden (non-labor costs): \$528.

Dated: September 12, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Availability of FY 99 Grant Performance Reports for States of Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, and Local Agencies Within Those States as well as Jefferson County, KY

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of grantee performance evaluation reports.

SUMMARY: EPA's grant regulations (40 CFR 35.150) require the Agency to evaluate the performance of agencies which receive grants. EPA's regulations for regional consistency (40 CFR 56.7) require that the Agency notify the public of the availability of the reports of such evaluations. EPA recently performed end-of-year evaluations of five state air pollution control programs (Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Tennessee Department of Environmental & Conservation) and 16 local programs

(Knox County Department of Air Pollution Control, TN; Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, TN; Memphis-Shelby County Health Department, TN; Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Health Department, TN; Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District, KY; Western North Carolina Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, NC; Mecklenburg County Department of Environmental Protection, NC; Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department, NC; Palm Beach County Public Health Unit, FL; Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, FL; Dade County Environmental Resources Management, FL; Jacksonville Air Quality Division, FL; Broward County Environmental Quality Control Board, FL; Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, FL; City of Huntsville Department of Natural Resources, AL; Jefferson County Department of Health, AL). The 21 evaluations were conducted to assess the agencies' performance under the grants awarded by EPA under authority of section 105 of the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 4 has prepared reports for each agency identified above and these reports are now available for public inspection. The evaluations for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the States of Georgia and Mississippi will be made available for public review at a later date.

ADDRESSES: The reports may be examined at the EPA's Region 4 office, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the Air, Pesticides, and Toxics Management Division.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria Knight, (404) 562-9064, at the above Region 4 address, for information concerning the state agencies in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and the local agencies in those states, or Vera Bowers, (404) 562-9053, at the above Region 4 address, for information concerning the state agencies in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the local agencies in those states.

Dated: September 11, 2000.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Informal Public Meetings Regarding the Recommendations From the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality on Agricultural Burning and Voluntary Measures

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Informal Public Meetings.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce that EPA will hold informal public meetings to receive comments on the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force (AAQTF) recommendations regarding the development of an air quality policy on agricultural burning, and on a voluntary (incentive based) control measures policy to address reasonably available control measures (RACM) / best available control measures (BACM) requirements for particulate matter (PM) nonattainment areas. The meetings are open to the public and will be transcribed.

Informal public meetings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Spokane, Washington on September 27, 2000 at the Ramada Inn, Spokane International Airport, 8909 Airport Road; in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on October 12, 2000 at Langston University, Oklahoma City Center, 4205 North Lincoln Boulevard; and in New Iberia, Louisiana on October 18, 2000 at the Holiday Inn, 2915 Highway 14.

The EPA is seeking public comment at these meetings on both sets of AAQTF recommendations as it begins to develop policies to address the air quality impacts of agricultural burning, and the use of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's incentive based programs/practices in meeting RACM/BACM requirements. The format of the informal public meetings will be as follows: opening remarks by EPA staff regarding the recommendations, the purpose of the informal public meeting, time for the public to make verbal comments, and time for EPA to answer clarifying questions. These informal public meetings will be limited to comments relevant to the agricultural burning recommendations and the voluntary measures recommendations. The EPA will not offer its evaluation nor engage in debate on the issues during these meetings.

Members of the public who are interested in presenting comments relative to the recommendations should, if possible, notify the EPA official