

Executive Order 12866 and is therefore not subject to formal OMB review prior to proposal.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, requires that EPA prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis for regulations that have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The permit being issued is not a "rule" subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Section 201 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), Public Law 104-4, generally requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their "regulatory actions" on State, local and tribal governments and the private sector. UMRA uses the term "regulatory actions" to refer to regulations. (See, *e.g.*, UMRA section 201, "Each agency shall * * * assess the effects of Federal regulatory actions * * * (other than to the extent that such regulations incorporate requirements specifically set forth in law)" (emphasis added)). UMRA section 102 defines "regulation" by reference to section 658 of Title 2 of the U.S. Code, which in turn defines "regulation" and "rule" by reference to section 601(2) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA). That section of the RFA defines "rule" as "any rule for which the agency publishes a notice of proposed rulemaking pursuant to section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), or any other law * * *". NPDES general permits are not "rules" under the APA and thus not subject to the APA requirements to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking. NPDES general permits are also not subject to such a requirement under the Clean Water Act. While EPA publishes a notice to solicit public comment on draft general permits, it does so pursuant to the CWA section 402(a) requirement to provide "an opportunity for a hearing." Thus, NPDES general permits are not "rules" for RFA or UMRA purposes.

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Regional Administrator, Region 1.

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FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Notice of New Interpretation of Federal Financial Accounting Standards, Accounting for Imputed Intra-Departmental Costs: An Interpretation of SFFAS No. 4

Board Action: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, and the FASAB Rules of Procedure, as amended in October, 1999, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) has issued a new Interpretation, *Accounting for Imputed Intra-Departmental Costs: An Interpretation of SFFAS No. 4*.

A summary of the Interpretation follows: On April 18, 2003, the Federal Accounting Standard Advisory Board (FASAB) issued Interpretation No. 6, *Accounting for Imputed Intra-Departmental Costs: An Interpretation of SFFAS No. 4*. The proposed interpretation clarifies that paragraph 110 of SFFAS No. 4 does not limit the recognition of imputed intra-departmental costs. The interpretation further explains that intra-departmental costs should be accounted for in accordance with the full cost of provisions of SFFAS No. 4, which includes the recognition of imputed intra-departmental costs.

The interpretation is available on the FASAB Home page <http://www.fasab.gov/interpretations.htm>. Copies can be obtained by contacting FASAB at (202) 512-7350, or loughanm@fasab.gov.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collection(s) Requirement Submitted to OMB for Emergency Review and Approval

April 21, 2003.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 2, 2003. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Kim A. Johnson, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236 NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-3562 or via internet at Kim_A.Johnson@omb.eop.gov, and Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or a copy of the information collection(s) contact Les Smith at 202-418-0217 or via internet at Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *The Commission has requested emergency OMB review of this collection with an approval by April 25, 2003.*

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