

application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

p. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit*—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

q. *Comments, Protests, and Motions or Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

r. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

s. *Agency Comments*—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comment within the time specified for

filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 01-10332 Filed 4-25-01; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

April 20, 2001.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40

CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance.).

Exempt

1. P0-1-49-000; 04-20-01; Greg Deer.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 01-10325 Filed 4-25-01; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6969-8]

Compliance Assurance Monitoring Program Information Collection Request

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), we, the EPA, are planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

- 40 CFR part 64 Compliance Assurance Monitoring Program, EPA ICR Number 1663.03, OMB Control Number 2060-0376, expiration date September 30, 2001.

Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, we are soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments. You may submit comments on this rulemaking in writing (original and two copies, if possible) to Docket No. A-91-52 to the following address: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), US Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Room 1500, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John C. Bosch, Jr., Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, at (919) 541-5583, or e-mail: bosch.john@epa.gov and refer to EPA ICR Number 1663.03. To obtain a copy of the draft ICR electronically, go to <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc> on the internet.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Who is affected by this action? You are affected by this action if you are an owner or operator of a 'major' source, as defined by any title of the Clean Air Act, and are required to apply for and obtain an operating permit under title V of the Clean Air Act as amended by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (the Act).

Title: 40 CFR part 64 Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) Program, OMB Control Number 2060-0376, EPA ICR Number 1663.02 expiring September 30, 2001.

Abstract: The Act contains several provisions directing us to require owners or operators to conduct monitoring and to certify that they are complying with applicable requirements. These provisions are set forth in both title V (operating permits provisions) and section 114 of title I (enforcement provisions) of the Act. Title V directs us to implement monitoring certification requirements through the operating permits program. Section 504(b) of the Act allows us to prescribe by rule, methods and procedures for determining compliance and states that continuous emission monitoring systems need not be required if other methods or procedures provide sufficiently reliable and timely information for determining compliance. Under section 504(c), each operating permit must "set forth inspection, entry, monitoring, compliance, certification, and reporting requirements to assure compliance with the permit terms and conditions." Section 114(a)(3) requires us to promulgate rules on enhanced monitoring and compliance certifications. Section 114(a)(1) of the Act provides additional authority concerning monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. That section provides the Administrator with the authority to require any owner or operator of a source to install and operate monitoring systems and to record the resulting monitoring data. Regulations to implement these authorities were promulgated at 62 FR 54900 (October 22, 1997).

In accordance with section 503(e) of the Act, monitoring information to be submitted by source owners and operators as part of their monitoring reports and compliance certifications shall be available to the public, except as entitled to protection from disclosure as allowed in section 114(c) of the Act.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a request for collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the request displays a currently valid OMB control

number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations, including the control number for the CAM program, are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

We are soliciting comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Agency functions, 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 expected impact of the 40 CFR Part 64 Compliance Assurance Monitoring program for the 3 years from October 1, 2001 until September 30, 2004 is the same as that derived for the original 1997 ICR. The CAM Rule will incur an average annual burden of approximately 49 thousand hours, at an average annual cost of approximately \$2.7 million in 2001 dollars. This includes an annualized capital and O&M cost of \$123 thousand that will be incurred by major sources.

The CAM burden for sources means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide monitoring information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; compile CAM plans; and develop, acquire, and install monitoring systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, and reporting compliance assurance monitoring data. Annualized capital and O&M costs for monitoring programs are also included in the cost burden calculations. The CAM program potentially affects 24,650 large pollutant-specific units plus 110,560 other pollutant-specific units nationwide. The annual burden for sources total about 8,300 hours for large pollutant-specific units and approximately 37,000 hours for other pollutant-specific units.

The annual CAM burden to permitting authorities is about 3,300 hours for large pollutant-specific units and 9,000 hours for other pollutant-

specific units. There is no Federal burden or cost incurred by this rule.

During the period of this ICR, permitting authorities will be revising CAM plans for sources whose permits have already been issued, renewing CAM plans for sources whose 5-year permit term will expire, and reviewing semi-annual compliance monitoring reports for all permitted sources. Sources will primarily be interacting with the permitting authority on preparing their semi-annual CAM reports, carrying out their compliance assurance monitoring, preparing CAM reports, and reporting CAM data as necessary to the permitting authority.

Dated: March 29, 2001.

W. Fred Dimmick,

Acting Director, Emissions, Monitoring and Analysis Division.

[FR Doc. 01-10432 Filed 4-25-01; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6968-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Superfund Site Evaluation and Hazard Ranking System

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 Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

- Superfund Site Evaluation and Hazard Ranking System; ICR #1488.05; OMB Control Number: 2050-0095; Expiration Date: September 30, 2001.

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 June 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (M/S 5204-G), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the ICR without charge, including electronic access, may contact: Randy Hippen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., (M/S 5204-G), Washington, DC 20460, Tel: (703)