

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1178 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$18,200.00.

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. 1285.05 and OMB Control No. 2060-0132 in any correspondence.

Dated: May 21, 2002.

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Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7219-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Modification of Secondary Treatment Requirements for Discharges Into Marine Waters

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 following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Modification of Secondary Treatment Requirements for Discharges into Marine Waters, EPA ICR Number 0138.07, OMB Control Number 2040-0088, expiring July 31, 2002. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 28, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Susan Auby at EPA by phone at (202) 566-1672, by email at auby.susan@epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0138.07.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Modification of Secondary Treatment Requirements for Discharges into Marine Waters (EPA ICR Number 0138.07; OMB Control Number 2040-0088) expiring July 31, 2002. This is a

request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Clean Water Act (CWA) 301(h) program involves collecting information from two sources: (1) The municipal wastewater treatment facility, commonly called a publicly owned treatment works (POTW); and (2) the State in which the POTW is located. Municipalities had the opportunity to apply for a waiver from secondary treatment requirements, but that opportunity closed in December 1982. A POTW seeking to obtain a 301(h) waiver, holding a current waiver, or reapplying for a waiver, provides application, monitoring, and toxic control program information. The State provides information on its determination whether the proposed conditions of the waiver ensure the protection of water quality, biological habitats, and beneficial uses of receiving waters, and whether the discharge will result in additional treatment, pollution control, or any other requirement for any other point or nonpoint sources. The State also provides information to certify that the discharge will meet all applicable State laws and that the State accepts all permit conditions.

EPA requires updated information on the discharge to: (1) Determine whether the section 301(h) criteria are still being met and whether the section 301(h) waiver should be reissued; (2) determine whether the water quality, biological habitats, and beneficial uses of the receiving waters are protected; and (3) ensure that the permittee is effectively minimizing industrial and nonindustrial toxic pollutant and pesticide discharges into the treatment works. EPA needs information from the State to: (1) Allow the State's views to be taken into account when EPA reviews the section 301(h) application and develops permit conditions; and (2) ensure that all State laws are met and that the State accepts all permit conditions. This information is the means by which the State can non-concur with a section 301(h) approval decision made by the EPA Regional office. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain or retain a benefit. Regulations implementing CWA section 301(h) are found at 40 CFR part 125, subpart G. 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 January 3, 2002 (67 FR 71245); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 667 hours per response for POTWs and 86 hours per response for States. The average annual reporting burden varies depending on the size of the respondent and the category of the information collection. There are 6 categories of information collection in this ICR renewal. The frequency of response varies from 1 time to once every 5 years, to case-by-case, as the individual permit specifies, depending on the category. 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: Municipalities with publicly owned treatment works (POTW) that currently have section 301(h) waivers from secondary treatment, who have applied for a renewal of a section 301(h) waiver, or have a pending section 301(h) waiver, and the States within which these municipalities are located.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 51.

Frequency of Response: Varies from 1 time to once every 5 years, to case-by-case, depending on the category of information collection.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 65,057 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (capital/startup and O&M costs only): \$0.

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 following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0138.07 and OMB Control No. 2040-0088 in any correspondence.

Ms. Susan Auby, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Information Collection, Collection Strategies Division (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503

Dated: May 21, 2002.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7219-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Evaluations of Innovative Pilot Project Innovations

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 following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Evaluations of Innovative Pilot Project Innovations, EPA ICR 1993.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1993.01, to the following addresses: Susan Auby, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; 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 Susan Auby at EPA by phone at (202) 566-1672, by E-mail at auby.susan@epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1993.01. For technical questions

about the ICR contact Eric Marsh in EPA's Office of Environmental Policy Innovation at (202) 260-2782.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Evaluations of Innovative Pilot Project Innovations, EPA ICR No. 1993.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: In 1995 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began to solicit innovative pilot projects in response to a challenge to transform the environmental regulatory system to better meet the needs of a rapidly changing society while maintaining the nation's commitment to protect human health and safeguard the natural environment. Through site-specific agreements with project sponsors, EPA is gathering data and project experience that will help the Agency redesign current approaches to public health and environmental protection. Through these projects, sponsors—private facilities, multiple facilities, industry sectors, Federal facilities, communities, universities, Tribes and States—can implement innovative strategies that produce superior environmental performance, provide flexibility, cost savings, paperwork reduction or other benefits to sponsors, and promote greater accountability to stakeholders.

In September 2002, EPA would like to begin in-depth evaluations of different innovative pilot project innovations in order to determine which, if any, innovations have the potential for wider application. These innovations center around regulations, permitting, environmental information management, compliance and enforcement, environmental stewardship, and stakeholder involvement. From the identified innovations, EPA plans to evaluate a select set the Agency believes has potential for broader application. As more innovative pilot projects move into implementation and more innovations emerge, EPA plans to continue this same process of selecting a set of new innovations and then evaluating them.

The evaluation of innovative pilot project innovations will serve a variety of purposes. First, by learning which innovations are working and which are not, EPA management can better discern which innovations can be applied on a wider-scale, which need further testing and refining before wide-scale adoption, and which should eventually be retired. Second, the evaluations will provide information to state, tribal, and local agencies attempting their own unique efforts to transform their regulatory systems. Third, they will inform industry representatives and the public,

allowing them to play an active, creative role in finding solutions to environmental problems. Finally, the evaluations will help set the course for future EPA innovative environmental programs. As a start, EPA intends to begin evaluating permit innovations from projects that have been in implementation for at least a year.

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 November 22, 2000, (65 FR 70345); one comment was received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average three 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: State, Local and Tribal Government, Individuals, Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,800.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$0.

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. 1993.01 in any correspondence.