

participation in firm power service rate adjustments at 10 CFR part 903, Western's P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rates were submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on January 10, 1994. On July 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-5031-000 at 68 FERC ¶ 62,040, FERC issued an order confirming, approving, and placing into effect on a final basis the firm power service and the firm peaking power service rates for the P-SMBP-ED. The rates set forth in Rate Order No. WAPA-60 were approved for a 5-year period beginning February 1, 1994, and ending January 31, 1999. On October 16, 1998, upon signing Rate Order No. WAPA-83, the Deputy Secretary extended the existing rates for a 2-year period beginning February 1, 1999, and ending January 31, 2001.

On January 31, 2001, the P-SMBP-ED firm power service and firm peaking power service rates will expire. This makes it necessary to extend the current rates pursuant to 10 CFR part 903. Upon its approval, Rate Order No. WAPA-60, previously extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-83, will be extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-90.

Western proposes to extend the existing rate of \$3.20/kilowattmonth for capacity and the rate of 8.32 mills/kilowatt-hour for energy which are sufficient to recover project expenses (including interest) and capital requirements through September 30, 2003. Increased revenue from good hydrologic conditions and lower operation and maintenance expenses over the cost evaluation period have made this possible. For the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the ratesetting study projected the deficit to peak at \$178 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 1994 and to be repaid in FY 2002. The deficit actually peaked at \$171 million in FY 1993 and was totally repaid in FY 1997. The total annual revenue requirement of \$135.2 million from firm power sales is sufficient to cover the expenses and capital requirements through September 30, 2003.

All documents made or kept by Western for developing the proposed extension of the firm power service and firm peaking power service rates will be made available for inspection and copying at the Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, located at 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, Montana.

Thirty days after publication of this notice, Rate Order No. WAPA-90 will be submitted to the Deputy Secretary for approval through September 30, 2003.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

Michael S. Hacsakaylo,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6566-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Continuing Collection; Comment Request; Performance Evaluation Studies on Water and Wastewater Laboratories

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):

Performance Evaluation Studies on Water and Wastewater Laboratories, EPA ICR #234.07, OMB Control #2080-0021, current expiration date is 9/30/2000. 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 May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: National Exposure Research Laboratory, 26 W. Martin L. King Drive, Room 525, Cincinnati, OH 45268.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray Wesselman, (513) 569-7194, FAX to (513) 569-7115 or Email to WESSELMAN.RAY@EPA.GOV

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are laboratories which produce results of official/required drinking water or wastewater analyses.

Title: Performance Evaluation Studies on Water and Wastewater Laboratories (OMB Control No. 2080-0021; EPA ICR NO. 234.07) currently expiring 9/30/2000.

Abstract: The EPA receives analytical results on drinking waters and wastewaters from a variety of laboratories and must rely on these data as a primary basis for many of its regulatory decisions. As a consequence, it has become desirable to have an objective demonstration that the contributing laboratories are capable of producing valid data. The subject

Performance Evaluation Studies are designed to fulfill this need to document and improve the quality of analytical data for certain critical analyses within drinking water, major point-source discharge and ambient water quality samples. Participation in Water Pollution (WP) studies that relate to wastewater analyses, and Water Supply (WS) studies that relate to drinking water analyses, is only mandated by the EPA for those laboratories that receive federal funds to do such analyses; however successful performance in these studies is often required by states that certify laboratories for drinking water and wastewater analyses. Participation in the Discharge Monitoring Report—Quality Assurance (DMR-QA) studies is mandatory for those designated wastewater dischargers who are doing self-monitoring analyses required under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

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 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 public reporting and record-keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to total 241,619 hours and \$9,853,259. The total number of annual responses is estimated to be 23,430, which leads to an estimated average of 10.3 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.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

Jewel Morris,

Acting Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00274B; FRL-6552-6]

Voluntary Children's Health Chemical Testing Program, Stakeholder Involvement Process; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA will hold a third public meeting to involve stakeholders in the design and development of a voluntary program to ensure that test data are publicly available for industrial chemicals to which children and prospective parents may have a high likelihood of exposure. The purpose of the voluntary testing program is to obtain data needed to assess the potential health risk of chemical exposure to children and prospective parents. At this meeting, stakeholders will have an opportunity to give their reactions to EPA's revised Framework Document for a testing program either as individuals or as representatives of organizations.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 26 and 27, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Requests to pre-register for the meeting must be received on or before April 21, 2000. Written comments on the Framework Document, identified by docket control number OPPTS-00274B, must be received on or before May 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Conference Center

at 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.; telephone number: (703) 907-5500. Requests to pre-register for the meeting should be directed to the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.D. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, your comments must identify docket control number OPPTS-00274B in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For general information contact:* Barbara Cunningham, Director, Office Program Management and Evaluation (7401), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: Ward Penberthy, Chemical Control Division (7405), OPPT, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 260-0508; e-mail address: chem.rtk@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic messages must identify docket control number OPPTS-00274B and the heading, "Voluntary Children's Health Chemical Testing Program, Stakeholder Involvement Process," in the subject line on the first page of your message.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information:

A. Does this Notice Apply To Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those chemical manufacturers and processors who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), individuals or groups concerned with chemical testing and children's health, animal welfare groups, or other members of the general public. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

To access the revised Framework Document, additional information about the third stakeholder meeting, an electronic copy of this document, or information on the first and second stakeholder meetings, you may go directly to the website at <http://www.epa.gov/chemrtk/childhlt.htm>. The Framework Document and the meeting agenda should be on this website by April 12, 2000.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this meeting under docket control number OPPTS-00274B. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this notice, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to the Voluntary Children's Health Chemical Testing Program, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents.