

competitive harm to the survey respondents. EIA uses nonconfidential survey information in its products and may also make the information publicly available in individually-identifiable form.

EIA's proposed policy would eliminate the use of disclosure limitation methods on information displayed in statistical tables based on confidential historical electric power survey data if the survey data is at least 3 years old. EIA believes that because the data are old, this policy would not cause substantial competitive harm to the competitive position of any electric power survey respondent. This policy would expand the electric power information that could be provided in EIA information products by eliminating the requirement to withhold sensitive cells and other nonsensitive cells necessary to ensure protection of sensitive information.

### III. Request for Comments

The public should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The questions below are general issues on which EIA is seeking public comments.

#### *General Issues:*

A. Is the proposed policy appropriate for EIA's confidential historical electric power survey data?

B. Is the assumption that the proposed policy would not cause substantial competitive harm to the competitive position of any survey respondent reasonable?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be considered during development of EIA's final policy regarding the use of disclosure limitation methods for information in statistical tables with confidential historical electric power survey data. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

After EIA has completed development, a **Federal Register** notice will be issued announcing the policy.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 52 of the Federal Energy Administration Act (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 790a).

Issued in Washington, DC, October 18, 2002.

**Guy F. Caruso,**

*Administrator, Energy Information Administration.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7398-7]

### Agency Information Collection Activities OMB Responses

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notices.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). 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.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan Auby at (202) 566-1672, or email at [Auby.susan@epa.gov](mailto:Auby.susan@epa.gov), and please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests**

##### *OMB Approvals*

EPA ICR No. 1617.04; Stratospheric Ozone Protection, Servicing of Motor Vehicle Air Conditions; in 40 CFR part 82, subpart B; was approved 09/24/2002; OMB No. 2060-0247; expires 09/30/2005.

EPA ICR No. 1811.03; NESHAP for Polyether Polyols Production; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart PPP; was approved 09/26/2002; OMB No. 2060-0415; expires 09/30/2005.

EPA ICR No. 1856.03; NESHAP for Primary Lead Smelters; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart TTT; was approved 10/03/2002; OMB No. 2060-0414; expires 10/31/2005.

EPA ICR No. 1656.09; Information Collection Requirements for Registration and Documentation of Risk Management Plans under Section 112r of the Clean Air Act; in 40 CFR part 68; was approved 10/08/2002; OMB No. 2050-0144; expires 10/31/2005.

EPA ICR No. 1081.07; NESHAP for Inorganic Arsenic Emissions from Glass Manufacturing Plants; in 40 CFR Part 61, subpart N; was approved 10/04/2002; OMB No. 2060-0043; expires 10/31/2005.

EPA ICR No. 1821.03; NESHAP for Steel Pickling; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart CCC; was approved 10/04/2002; OMB No. 2060-0419; expires 10/31/2005.

EPA ICR No. 0222.06; Investigation into Possible Noncompliance of Motor Vehicles; was approved 10/03/2002; OMB No. 2060-0086; expires 08/31/2003.

#### *Comments Filed*

EPA ICR No. 2022.01; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for the Brick and Structural Clay Products Manufacturing NESHAP; on 10/03/2002 OMB filed a comment.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

**Doreen Sterling,**

*Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7398-8]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Synopses of Proposed Contract Actions and Market Research Activity

**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: Synopses of Proposed Contract Actions and Market Research Activity, OMB Control Number 2060-0039, expiration date December 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 November 25, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1910.02 and OMB Control No. 2030-0039, 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](mailto:auby.susan@epa.gov) or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1910.02, OMB No. 2030-0039. For technical questions about the ICR contact Jill Robbins at (202) 564-1052.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Synopses of Proposed Contract Actions and Market Research Activity, OMB Control Number 2060-0039, EPA ICR Number 1910.02, expiration date December 31, 2002. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** EPA's Office of Acquisition Management is required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), parts 5 and 10, to publicize certain contract actions, and to conduct market research activity prior to solicitation of certain contract requirements. In addition to the mandated requirements, the FAR encourages the publication of contract actions and the conduct of market research in other instances. The information collected from these activities is used to make procurement decisions such as: the supply or service to procure, which sources to utilize, extent of small business participated, contract type, etc. Response to synopses notices and market research inquiries are voluntary, but may be required in order to be considered for the award of an Agency contract.

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 07/05/2002, 67 FR 44828. No comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.75 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:**

Businesses involved in EPA Procurement.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 9,746.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 28,316.

**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. 1910.02 and OMB Control No. 2030-0039 in any correspondence.

Dated: October 15, 2002.

**Oscar Morales, Director,**

*Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7398-9]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs

**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: General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs, OMB Control Number 2030-0020, expiration date December 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 November 25, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0938.09 and OMB Control No. 2030-0020, 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](mailto:Auby.Susan@epa.gov) or download it off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0938.09. For technical questions about the ICR, contact William Hedling at 202-564-5377.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** General Administrative Requirements for Assistance Programs, OMB Control Number 2030-0020, EPA ICR Number 0938.09, expiration date December 31, 2002. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** The information is collected from applicants/recipients of EPA assistance to monitor adherence to the programmatic and administrative requirements of the Agency's financial assistance program. It is used to make awards, pay recipients, and collect information on how Federal funds are being spent. EPA needs this information to meet its Federal stewardship responsibilities. This ICR renewal requests authorization for the collection of information under EPA's General Regulation for Assistance programs, which establishes minimum management requirements for all recipients of EPA grants or cooperative agreements (assistance agreements). Recipients must respond to these information requests to obtain and/or retain a benefit (Federal funds). 40 CFR part 30, "Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-profit Organizations," includes the management requirements for potential grantees from non-profit organizations. 40 CFR part 31, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," includes the management responsibilities for potential state and local government grantees. These regulations include only those provisions mandated by statute, required by OMB Circulars, or added by EPA to ensure sound and effective financial assistance management. The information required by these regulations will be used by EPA award officials to make assistance awards and