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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6952-8]

Extension of Time To Comment on Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reimbursement to Local Governments for Emergency Responses to Hazardous Substance Releases

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing an extension of time to comment on the Reimbursement to Local Governments for Emergency Responses to Hazardous Substance Releases Information Collection Request renewal.

DATES: Comments are due by April 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Lisa Boynton, EPA, 5204G, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. Materials relevant to this ICR may be inspected from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by visiting the Public Docket, located at 1235 Jefferson-Davis Highway (ground floor), Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Boynton, (703) 603-9052, e-mail: boynton.lisa@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA announces an extension of time to submit comments on the Reimbursement to Local Governments for Emergency Responses to Hazardous Substance Releases Information Collection Request renewal from December 4, 2000 to April 30, 2001. The original notice for comment was published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 69510 (November 17, 2000).

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Larry Reed,

Acting Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The George Washington University, Writing Center; Transfer of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that pesticide related information submitted to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), including information that may have been claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) by the submitter, will be transferred to The George Washington University, Writing Center in accordance with 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3) and 2.308(i)(2). The George Washington University, Writing Center has been awarded a contract to perform work for OPP, and access to this information will enable The George Washington University, Writing Center to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

DATES: The George Washington University, Writing Center will be given access to this information on or before March 26, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Erik R. Johnson, FIFRA Security Officer, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-305-7248; e-mail address: johnson.erik@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, 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 person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

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,"

"Regulations and Proposed Rules," 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/>.

II. Contractor Requirements

Under contract number 01-01-0851/000, the contractor will perform the following:

Scientists must determine the risk of each pesticide to be registered or reregistered according to its use. Such risk assessments must be communicated in writings of "plain language" as mandated by former President Clinton in his memorandum, dated June 1, 1998.

The purpose of this service is to ensure or make certain that scientists can transition from scientific/technical writers into competent writers of information intended for the lay public. They will be trained to produce risk assessments that are structured logically, that avoid redundancy, and that use active instead of passive voice. Each risk assessment will be written to express the hazard and exposure as well as the estimate of potential risks (e.g., exposure and safety factors for infants and children, assessing pesticide exposure from food, assessing pesticide exposure from drinking water, assessing residential pesticide exposure and assessing occupational pesticide exposure.) The risk estimates are used to support risk management decisions and are the basis of risk communication.

The contractor shall work with a base of 20 EPA/OPP students individually and develop a needs assessment specific to each individual.

The contract involves no subcontractors.

The OPP has determined that the contract described in this document involves work that is being conducted in connection with FIFRA, in that pesticide chemicals will be the subject of certain evaluations to be made under this contract. These evaluations may be used in subsequent regulatory decisions under FIFRA.

Some of this information may be entitled to confidential treatment. The information has been submitted to EPA under sections 3, 4, 6, and 7 of FIFRA and under sections 408 and 409 of FFDCA.

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3), the contract with The George Washington University, Writing Center prohibits use of the information for any purpose not specified in the contract; prohibits disclosure of the information to a third party without prior written approval from the Agency; and requires that each