

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 36,105 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This is due to a reduction in the total number of active contracts and corresponding responses than previously reported.

Title: Oral and Written Purchase Orders, (OMB Control No. 2030-0007, EPA ICR No. 1037.07). This is a request to renew an existing approved collection that is scheduled to expire on 02/28/03. Under the OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

Abstract: When EPA has a requirement for supplies or services and the value of same is under the simplified acquisition threshold, the Agency solicits verbal or written quotes from potential vendors. Vendor responses are voluntary and generally consist of item name, unit cost, delivery terms, company name, small business status, address, phone number, and point of contact. The Agency uses the collected information to make award decisions and obtain needed supplies and services.

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Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes 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: Contractors who seek to provide supplies and services to the EPA under simplified acquisition procedures.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 28,462.

Frequency of Response: 1 per year.
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 7,116 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$136,618.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 2,257 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease is solely due to the drop in the number of purchase orders awarded over \$25,000. In addition, the number of purchase orders awarded with a value less than \$2,500 have decreased slightly due to the use of the Government-wide commercial purchase cards.

Title: Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation, (OMB Control No. 2030-0016, EPA ICR No. 0246.08). This is a request to renew an existing approved collection that is scheduled to expire on 02/28/03. Under the OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

Abstract: At the completion of a cost reimbursement contract, contractors will report final costs, incurred, including direct labor, materials, supplies, equipment, and other direct charges, subcontracting, consultant fees, indirect costs, and fixed fee. Contractors will report this information on EPA Form 1900-10. This form will be used to reconcile the contractor's costs. Establishment of the final costs and fixed fee is necessary to close-out the contract, and is required to receive final payment. Information submitted is protected from public release in accordance with the Agency's confidentiality regulation, 40 CFR 2.201 *et seq.*

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Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 40 minutes 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: Contractors holding cost reimbursable contracts with the Agency.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 247.

Frequency of Response: Completion of contract.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 163 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$6,819 of which \$2,470 is Operational and Maintenance.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 98 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. The increase is solely due to the estimated number of information collected based on a large quantity of contracts closed out during FY 2002. EPA expects to continue to close out contracts at a high volume.

Dated: February 4, 2003.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Gulf of Mexico Program Management Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), EPA gives notice of a meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) Management Committee (MC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Thursday, March 13, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. (1-888-874-9074)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria D. Car, Designated Federal

Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Mail Code EPA/GMPO, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000 at (228) 688-2421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed agenda items include: Update on Progress of Executive Order, FY 2005 State Project Meetings, Report on Mercury Project Team Meeting, Report on Nutrient Pilot Study in Northern Gulf, Report on Pilot Nitrogen Farming Project, Gulf of Mexico Governor's Accord Workgroup Coordination, Harte Institute Proposal for Joint Symposium, The Nature Conservancy Migratory Birds Proposal.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: February 14, 2003.

Gloria D. Car,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7454-7]

Final Guidance on Completion of Corrective Action Activities at RCRA Facilities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to provide the newly issued "Guidance on Completion of Corrective Action Activities at RCRA Facilities" memorandum to regulators and to the regulated community. The memorandum provides the EPA Regions, the States, Tribes, the regulated community, members of the public, and other stakeholders with guidance on significant issues related to completion of corrective action activities at RCRA facilities. It provides guidance on when each type of completion determination is appropriate. It also discusses completion determinations for less than an entire facility. Finally, it provides guidance on procedures for EPA and the authorized States when making completion determinations.

DATES: This guidance was issued February 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: For more detailed information on specific aspects of the guidance document, contact Barbara Foster, Office of Solid Waste 5303W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, (703-308-7057), (*foster.barbara@epa.gov*), or Peter Neves, Office of Site Remediation

Enforcement 2273A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460 (202-564-6072) (*neves.peter@epa.gov*).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. RCRA-2001-0004. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the OSWER Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Docket is (202) 566-0270.

You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically.

Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified above. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number.

The guidance document, which is published below, was issued as a memorandum from EPA headquarters to the Regional offices. If you would like to receive a hard copy, please call the RCRA Call Center at 800-424-0346 or TDD 800-553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, call 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323. Additional information about RCRA corrective action is available on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/correctiveaction>.

Background

On October 2, 2001, EPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comment on a draft guidance document entitled "Recognizing Completion of Corrective Action Activities at RCRA Facilities" (see 66 FR 50195). Comments received by the Agency on that draft guidance largely supported the content, but expressed

concern that the Agency needed to expand the scope of the guidance, for example, to address when and under what circumstances decisions that corrective action is complete should be made.

On February 27, 2002, the Agency published a second draft guidance in the **Federal Register** (see 67 FR 9174), which included most elements of the first draft, but was expanded to discuss two types of corrective action completion determinations. The Agency again solicited comment on the guidance.

Generally, commenters on the February 27 draft guidance supported the Agency's effort (and some supported all or part of the Agency's approach) to develop guidance related to completion of corrective action. However, some commenters raised concerns about aspects of the guidance, with many commenters offering suggestions for revising the guidance. The Agency modified the draft guidance in response to comments received, and the resulting final "Guidance on Completion of Corrective Action Activities at RCRA Facilities" memorandum is published below in this **Federal Register** notice.

Discussion of Public Comment

Comments Related to the Definition of Completion

In the February 27, 2002 **Federal Register** notice, the Agency described two types of completion of corrective action. For both types, all of the following have been satisfied: (1) A full set of corrective measures is defined; (2) the facility has completed construction and installation of all required remedial actions; (3) site-specific media cleanup objectives, which were selected based on current and reasonably expected future land use, and maximum beneficial groundwater use, have been met.

A Corrective Action Complete without Controls¹ means that these objectives have been met, and the areas subject to the determination do not require any additional action or measures to ensure the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment. For Corrective Action Complete with Controls, all that remains is performance of required operation and maintenance and monitoring actions, and/or compliance with and

¹ In the February 27, 2002 **Federal Register** notice, this form of completion was referred to as Corrective Action Complete. The Agency added "without controls" in this final guidance to more clearly reflect that this is a form of completion (see discussion of comments below).