

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: Trade Secret Claims for Community Right-to-Know and Emergency Planning (EPCRA section 322), OMB Control Number 2050-0078, expiring May 31, 2000. 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 March 16, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1428.05. For technical questions about the ICR contact Sicy Jacob at (202) 260-7249.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Trade Secret Claims for Community Right-to-Know and Emergency Planning (EPCRA Section 322), EPA ICR Number 1428.05, expiring May 31, 2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This information collection request pertains to trade secrecy claims submitted under Section 322 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA). EPCRA contains provisions requiring facilities to report to State and local authorities, and EPA, the presence and release of extremely hazardous substances (described in sections 302 and 304), inventory of hazardous chemicals (described in sections 311 and 312) and manufacture, process and use of toxic chemicals (described in section 313). Section 322 of EPCRA allows a facility to withhold the specific chemical identity from these EPCRA reports if the facility asserts a claim of trade secrecy for that chemical identity. The provision establishes the requirements and procedures that facilities must follow to request trade secrecy treatment of chemical identities, as well as the procedures for submitting public petitions to the Agency for review of the "sufficiency" of trade secret claims.

Trade secrecy protection is provided for specific chemical identities contained in reports submitted under each of the following EPCRA sections: (1) 303(d)(2)—Facility notification of changes that have or are about to occur,

(2) 303(d)(3)—Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) requests for facility information, develop or implement emergency plans, (3) 311—Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) submitted by facilities, or lists of those chemicals submitted in place of the MSDSs, (4) 312—Tier II emergency and hazardous chemical inventory forms, and (5) 313—Toxic chemical release inventory forms.

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 September 16, 1999 (64 FR 50280); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9.9 hours per claim. The total annual burden for the respondents is 3,121 hours at a cost of \$190,280. 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: Chemical Manufacturers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 320 annually.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 3,121 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, Operating/Maintenance 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 following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1428.05 and

OMB Control No. 2050-0078 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (2822), 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: February 8, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6537-8]

Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Project XL Proposed Final Project Agreement: International Paper Predictive Emissions Monitoring Project.

SUMMARY: EPA is requesting comments on a proposed Project XL Final Project Agreement (FPA) for International Paper, U.S.A. (hereafter "International Paper"). The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by International Paper, the State of Maine Division of Environmental Protection, the Town of Jay Maine and EPA. Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated entities the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory or procedural requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits. EPA has set a goal of implementing fifty XL projects undertaken in full partnership with the states.

In the draft FPA, International Paper proposes to develop, test, and implement a computer model that can estimate pollutant emissions on a continuous basis. Currently, International Paper is required to measure some of these pollutants only once every year. If successfully developed and implemented, this computer model would provide the surrounding community with information on emissions that is continuous, non-biased, credible, and

reliable. IP is seeking regulatory flexibility in two areas. The first is to allow minor exceedances above existing permit limits to develop the computer model. The second area of flexibility requested is from the frequency of stack testing and the replacement of continuous emission monitoring with the computer model. These requirements are primarily embodied in state regulations that have been approved by EPA and are considered to be federally enforceable.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on March 16, 2000.

ADDRESSEES: All comments on the proposed Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Chris Rascher, EPA New England, 1 Congress Street (SPP), Boston, MA 02114, or Ted Cochin, U.S. EPA, Room 1025 (1802), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Rascher (617) 918-1810, or Mr. Cochin (202) 401-6637. Comments may also be received via electronic mail sent to: rascher.chris@epa.gov or cochin.ted@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the proposed Final Project Agreement, Test Plan or Fact Sheet, contact: Chris Rascher, EPA New England, 1 Congress Street (SPP), Boston Massachusetts, or Ted Cochin, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street SW Room 1025WT (1802), Washington DC 20460. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>. Public files on the project, including the FPA, are also available for review at the Town Hall, Town of Jay, Maine. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Christopher Rascher at (617) 918-1834 or Ted Cochin at (202) 260-0880. To be included on the International Paper Project XL mailing list about future public meetings, XL progress reports and other mailings from International Paper on the XL project, contact Kimberly Thompson, International Paper, Androscoggin Mill, 207-897-1554. For information on all other aspects of the XL Program contact Christopher Knopes at the following address: Office of Policy and Reinvention, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW Room 1029WT (Mail Code 1802), Washington, DC 20460. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, regional XL contacts, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at

<http://www.epa.gov/projectxl/inter/page1.htm>.

Dated: February 10, 2000.

Richard T. Farrell,

Associate Administrator, Office of Policy and Reinvention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6537-7]

Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of United States Postal Service Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement.

SUMMARY: EPA is today requesting comments on a draft Project XL Final Project Agreement (FPA) for United States Postal Service (USPS).

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on March 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the draft Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Mary Byrne, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202-2466, or L. Nancy Birnbaum, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Room 1025WT (1802), Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Byrne at (303) 312-6741 or Ms. Birnbaum at (202) 401-2474. Comments will also be received via electronic mail sent to: byrne.mary@epa.gov or birnbaum.nancy@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the draft Final Project Agreement, contact: Mary Byrne, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202-2466, or L. Nancy Birnbaum, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Room 1025WT (1802), Washington, DC 20460. The documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: "<http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>". In addition, public files on the Project are located at EPA Region 8 in Denver. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Mary Byrne at (303) 312-6491 or L. Nancy Birnbaum at (202) 260-2601. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at "<http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed by

USPS, stakeholders, the State of Colorado, and EPA. Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated sources the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits. If implemented, the draft FPA anticipates that USPS would receive up to 794 emission credits under Colorado's clean fuel fleet requirements. In exchange for these credits, the USPS would scrap 512 late-1970s/early-1980s vintage postal vehicles operating in the Denver/Boulder non-attainment area, taking these vehicles off the road permanently. The USPS would also relocate at least 282 Long-Life Vehicles (1987-1991 vintage USPS delivery vehicles). The USPS would commit to using at least 794 alternative fuel vehicles in the Denver area and helping to stimulate the development of a public infrastructure to support these vehicles.

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Richard T. Farrell,

Associate Administrator, Office of Reinvention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Open Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board Cost-Effective Environmental Management Workgroup, March 6, 2000

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Financial Advisory Board, Cost Effective Environmental Management Workgroup (CEM) will hold an open meeting in Washington, DC on March 6, 2000. The meeting will be held at the National Press Club, 13th Floor in the First Amendment Lounge, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am and end at approximately 4:00 pm.

The meeting will consist of a group of respected panelists who will share their perspectives on what the Environmental Protection Agency's role should be with respect to cost-effective environmental management (CEM) for drinking water and wastewater and what the Environmental Financial Advisory Board should do to assist the Agency in this regard. Several issues to be discussed include: federal and state tax policies that help or hinder CEM,