

the EPCRA section 313 chemical in wastes did not exceed 500 pounds for the reporting year, and that the chemical was manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in an amount not exceeding 1 million pounds during the reporting year. Use of the Form A certification represents a substantial savings to respondents, both in burden hours and in labor costs.

The Form A certification statement provides communities with information that the chemical is being manufactured, processed or otherwise used at facilities. Additionally, the Form A certification provides compliance monitoring and enforcement programs and other interested parties with a means to track chemical management activities and verify overall compliance with the rule. Responses to this collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 372) and facilities subject to reporting must submit either a Form A certification or a Form R.

#### V. What Are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for This ICR?

Under the PRA, "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. For this collection, it 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.

The annual public burden for this collection of information, which is approved under OMB Control No. 2070-0143, is estimated to average 13.7 hours for facilities submitting a Form A certification statement for a single listed chemical. By comparison, the average time required for calculations, form completion and record keeping/mailling for Form R is estimated to average 19.5 hours per form. Thus, for a facility filing a Form A certification for a single chemical, the alternate threshold yields an average savings of 5.8 hours.

The ICR supporting statement provides a detailed explanation of the burden estimates that are summarized in this notice. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR supporting statement:

*Estimated No. of Respondents:* 5,451 respondents.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annual.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 145,534 burden hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Costs:* \$6.35 million.

#### VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

The estimated burden described above differs from what is currently in OMB's inventory for alternate threshold reporting: 14,793 responses (chemicals) and 644,761 burden hours. The burden estimated in this supporting statement differs from OMB's inventory as a result of adjustments to estimates of the number of responses (from 14,793 responses (chemicals) to 5,121 responses (Form As)), changes to unit reporting burden estimates (from 30.2 to 9.2 burden hours per chemical certified on a Form A), and an adjustment for use of TRI-ME, EPA's intelligent report software (an additional burden reduction of 3.1 hours per chemical certified on a Form A) for those forms completed using TRI-ME. These changes are described in greater detail in the supporting statement for this ICR, available in the public version of the official record.

#### VII. What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 372

Environmental protection, Information collection requests, Reporting and record keeping requirements.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy and management issues.

NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principle constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing.

NACEPT will discuss a number of issues, including emerging trends facing the agency, environmental technology, and other program office initiatives. In addition, NACEPT will report on the work and status of subcommittees and workgroups.

**DATES:** NACEPT will hold a two-day public meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, July 19, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hotel Washington at 515 15th Street NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Joyce, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, at (202) 564-9802.

*Meeting Access:* Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Mark Joyce at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: June 21, 2002.

**Mark Joyce,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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