

For the collection of information addressed in this notice, EPA would like to solicit comments to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

II. Information Collection

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR, as well as the Agency's intention to renew the corresponding OMB approval, which is currently scheduled to expire on May 31, 1998.

Title: Correction of Misreported Chemical Substances on the TSCA Inventory.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1741.02, OMB No. 2070-0145.

Abstract: Section 8(b) of the TSCA requires EPA to compile and keep current an Inventory of Chemical Substances in Commerce, which is a listing of chemical substances manufactured, imported, and processed for commercial purposes in the United States. The purpose of the Inventory is to define, for the purpose of TSCA, what chemical substances exist in U.S. commerce. Since the Inventory thereby performs a regulatory function by distinguishing between existing chemicals and new chemicals, which TSCA regulates in different ways, it is imperative that the Inventory be accurate.

However, from time to time, EPA or respondents discover that substances have been incorrectly described by reporting companies. Reported substances have been unintentionally misidentified as a result of simple typographical errors, the misidentification of substances, or the lack of sufficient technical or analytical capabilities to characterize fully the exact chemical substances. EPA has developed guidelines (45 FR 50544, July 29, 1980) under which incorrectly described substances listed in the Inventory can be corrected.

This information collection request pertains to the use of the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory Reporting Form C (EPA Form 7710-3C), which is used by the chemical industry in submitting requests to EPA to correct misreported chemical identities of substances listed on the Inventory. The correction mechanism ensures the accuracy of the Inventory without imposing an unreasonable burden on the chemical industry. Without the Inventory correction mechanism, a company that submitted incorrect information would have to file a premanufacture notification (PMN) under TSCA section 5 to place the correct chemical substance on the Inventory whenever the previously reported substance is found to be misidentified. This would impose a much greater burden on both EPA and the submitter than the existing correction mechanism.

Responses to this collection of information are voluntary.

Burden statement: The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 200 hours per year with an annual cost of \$8,100. These totals are based on an average burden of 1 hour per response for an estimated 200 respondents making one response annually. These estimates include the time needed to determine applicability; 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.

III. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this document as well as the public version, has been established for this document under docket control number "OPPTS-00236" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information

Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPPTS-00236" and administrative record number 191. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Information collection requests, Reporting and recordkeeping.

Dated: March 9, 1998.

Susan H. Wayland,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5980-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives, Fuel Quality Regulations for Highway Diesel Fuel Sold in 1993 and Later Calendar Years

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives, Fuel Quality Regulations for Highway Diesel Fuel Sold in 1993 and Later Calendar Years; OMB No. 2060-0308; expires 03/31/98. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; and where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-

Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1718.02.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives, Fuel Quality Regulations for Highway Diesel Fuel Sold in 1993 and Later Calendar Years, (OMB Control No. 2060-0308; EPA ICR No. 1718.02.) expiring 3/31/98. This is a request for an extension (with revisions to burden estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 211(i) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7545(i), requires EPA to implement and enforce regulations regarding the diesel fuel quality requirements of the Act. The Act specifically provides that EPA may require that diesel fuel not intended for use in motor vehicles contain dye to segregate it from motor vehicle (highway) diesel fuel. EPA regulations promulgated pursuant to the Act, at 40 CFR § 80.29, require that non-road diesel fuel contain visible evidence of red dye. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) also requires that non-road diesel fuel contain red dye. The IRS further requires that low sulfur highway use diesel fuel sold to tax exempt organizations be dyed red. This latter IRS requirement resulted in the subject EPA recordkeeping requirement that transfers of dyed low sulfur (highway) diesel fuel to tax exempt entities be accompanied by customary business practice paperwork that includes a statement that the product meets EPA standards for highway use but that it is tax exempt fuel. The statement can be in brief code and it can be preprinted or automatically printed. The transferors and transferees of such fuel must keep the transfer documents for five years. There is no reporting requirement or periodic recordkeeping requirement. All responses are mandatory. EPA has authority to require this information under section 211 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7545, section 114 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7414 and section 208 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7542.

Confidentiality of information obtained from parties is protected under 40 CFR Part 2.

The dye requirement and the associated recordkeeping requirement, which is limited to a relatively small quantity of diesel fuel, greatly assists EPA to enforce the highway diesel fuel requirements and also assists parties to determine if they are receiving or transferring appropriate product.

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** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 11/24/97 (62 FR 62592-62593); no comments were received and therefore the ICR supporting statement does not summarize comments or EPA's actions taken in response to comments. However, EPA did consult industry persons by telephone and all parties contacted indicated the paperwork requirement has virtually no measurable burden both because the message is automatically printed on customary business practice documents and because the parties contacted all kept the documents for at least 5 years by normal business practice.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.047 hours per year for highway diesel fuel terminals; there is no measurable burden for other parties. 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: Terminals, distributors, and tax-exempt wholesale purchaser-consumers of highway diesel fuel.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,843 highway diesel fuel terminals; 1,000 truck distributors of tax exempt highway diesel fuel (with no measurable burden); and 10,000 tax exempt wholesale purchaser-consumers (with no measurable burden).

Frequency of Response: diesel fuel terminals: 170 transactions per year with paperwork required on the occasion of the transactions.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 87 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized 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. 1718.02 and OMB Control No. 2060-0308 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, 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: March 12, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5980-4]

Federal Register Notice of Stakeholders Meeting on Chemical Monitoring Revisions and Alternative Monitoring Guidelines for Public Water Systems

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Announcement of stakeholders meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting on April 16, 1998 in Washington, DC. The purpose of this meeting will be to collect opinions regarding the appropriate course of action to take with the Agency's effort to revise the monitoring requirements for certain chemicals in drinking water. On July 3, 1996, EPA issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ANPRM) for Chemical Monitoring Reform (CMR) and Permanent Monitoring Relief (PMR). This ANPRM suggested regulatory changes in chemical monitoring requirements that EPA was considering in order to better focus monitoring on systems at risk of contamination and on the contaminants posing such risk. When finalized, the monitoring revisions were intended to meet Section 1445(a)(1)(D) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, which states that the Administrator shall, by August 6, 1998 "...after consultation with public health experts,