

Hurricane Wilma. FPL requests that the waiver begin on October 25, 2005 and continue through November 30, 2005. Effective on the date of this notice, the Commission will grant FPL a waiver, until November 15, 2005, of the otherwise applicable requirements of section 358.4(a)(2) to record a log of emergency-related deviations from the Standards of Conduct and to post these deviations on its web site.

FPL explains that Hurricane Wilma was a Category 3 hurricane with hurricane force winds that cut a 180-mile swath across southern Florida and had tropical-force winds well beyond that. FPL states that about 60 percent of its 35-county territory was affected, covering nearly 22,000 square miles. FPL states, further, that its transmission lines and substations have been severely damaged. FPL notes that approximately 3.2 million of its 4.3 million customers were without power at the height of the damage. FPL estimates that it may take four to five weeks to restore power to all its customers. FPL explains that its restoration force totals over 6,000 employees, including out-of-state crews and contractors, in addition to FPL teams.

FPL states that the entire workforce of FPL Group is involved in these restoration efforts on FPL's transmission and distribution systems. FPL anticipates that, due to the magnitude of the task, it is likely that there will be numerous communications among employees concerning the status of the restoration and to coordinate joint operations and repair work. FPL explains that the requirement to report each deviation of the Standards of Conduct within twenty-four hours would create a monumental task that could slow its restoration efforts. FPL notes that the waiver request is limited to those employees involved in the Hurricane Wilma restoration effort and the communications required to carry out the restoration. FPL concludes, therefore, that good cause exists to grant it a waiver of this requirement.

The Commission has previously granted similar waivers due to Hurricane Katrina¹ and Hurricane Rita.² The waivers, among other things, allowed affected transmission providers to delay for a limited period of time

¹ Notice Granting Extension of Time To Comply With Posting and Other Requirements, *Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Docket Nos. EY05-14-000, et al. (August 31, 2005); Notice Waiving Recordkeeping Requirements, *Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Docket Nos. EY05-14-001, et al. (September 7, 2005).

² Notice Granting Extension of Time To Comply With Posting and Other Requirements, *Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Docket Nos. EY05-20-000, et al. (September 23, 2005).

compliance with the requirement of section 358.4(a)(2) of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 358.4(a)(2)(2005), to report to the Commission and post on the OASIS or Internet Web site, as applicable, each emergency that resulted in any deviation from the Standards of Conduct. In addition, due to the extreme nature of the emergency in each instance, the Commission also waived, for those limited periods, the requirements to record and retain a record of each deviation of the Standards of Conduct.³

The Commission grants FPL a waiver of the recording and posting requirements of section 358.4(a)(2) of the Commission's regulations in these emergency circumstances, effective on the date of this notice until November 15, 2005, without prejudice to FPL requesting a further extension, if necessary. The Commission directs FPL to ensure that the employees affected by this waiver observe the no-conduit prohibition in the Standards of Conduct, 18 CFR 358.5(b)(7) (2005).

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2005-0003; FRL-7994-1; Docket ID # OPPT-2005-0003]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Allegations of Significant Adverse Reactions to Human Health or the Environment (TSCA Section 8(c)); EPA ICR No. 1031.08, OMB No. 2070-0017

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

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: Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Allegations of Significant Adverse Reactions to Human Health or the Environment (TSCA Section 8(c)); EPA ICR No. 1031.08, OMB No. 2070-0017. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of

³ *Supra* notes 1 and 2.

the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before December 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID Number OPPT-2005-0003, to (1) EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to oppt.ncic@epa.gov or by mail to: Document Control Office (DCO), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 7407T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Cunningham, Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 7408, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On February 9, 2005, EPA sought comments on this renewal ICR (70 FR 6857), pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received one comment during the comment period, which is addressed in the Supporting Statement of the ICR.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. OPPT-2005-0003, which is available for public viewing at the OPPT 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket is 202-566-0280. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to www.epa.gov/edocket.

ICR Title: Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Allegations of Significant Adverse Reactions to Human Health or the Environment (TSCA Section 8(c)).

ICR Status: This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2005. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

Abstract: TSCA section 8(c) requires companies that manufacture, process, or distribute chemicals to maintain records of significant adverse reactions to health or the environment alleged to have been caused by such chemicals. Since section 8(c) includes no automatic reporting provision, EPA can obtain and use the information contained in company files only by inspecting those files or requiring reporting of records that relate to specific substances of concern. Therefore, under certain conditions, and using the provisions found in 40 CFR part 717, EPA may require companies to report such allegations to the Agency.

EPA uses such information on a case-specific basis to corroborate suspected adverse health or environmental effects of chemicals already under review by EPA. The information is also useful to identify trends of adverse effects across the industry that may not be apparent to any one chemical company.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR

717). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice as CBI. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a CBI claim only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in 40 CFR part 2.

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 in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register**, are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and included on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable.

Burden Statement: The total annual public burden for this collection of information is estimated to be about 24,550 hours, with the burden ranging between 15 minutes and 8 hours per response depending upon the type(s) of activity that a respondent must complete. Burden is 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: Entities potentially affected by this action are companies that manufacture, process, import, or distribute in commerce chemical substances or mixtures.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent: 1.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 13,445.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 24,548 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Labor Costs: \$1,232,417.

Changes in Burden Estimates: There is a decrease of 5,391 hours (from 29,939 hours to 24,548 hours) in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the information collection request most recently approved by OMB. This decrease is an adjustment and is based on several factors that are described in detail in the ICR.

Dated: August 9, 2005.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OA-2005-0004, FRL-7993-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Focus Groups as Used by EPA for Economics Projects, EPA ICR Number 2205.01

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request for a new collection. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OA-2005-0004, to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail oei.docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Office of Environmental Information, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathalie Simon, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Mail Code 1809T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-566-2347; fax 202-566-2363; e-mail address: simon.nathalie@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number OA-2005-0004, which is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, 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