

through analysis of data to reveal patterns of strategic behavior.⁷

14. The position paper opposing the disclosure of generator run status information contended that generator run status information is proprietary, commercially sensitive information. It argued that a generating facility is the private property of its owners and that such information is proprietary. It also asserted that disclosure of such information to the market could devalue the asset and "essentially represents a confiscation of a portion of the asset itself."⁸ Those objecting to the disclosure of generator run status information further contended that making generator run status information generally available would allow some participants in the market to gain an unfair advantage over others.

15. The Commission is persuaded that certain information pertaining to generator characteristics and operation is proprietary and commercially sensitive. However, the Commission also believes that knowledge by market participants of current market conditions is vital to achieve a fully competitive, and least-cost market. Therefore, the Commission is soliciting responses relating to the confidential treatment of the information versus the release of certain generator run status data elements that could be made available to the marketplace to satisfy these objectives without compromising the legitimate competitive position of generators, and which information should be kept confidential. The Commission intends to respect commercially sensitive information by collecting and maintaining commercially sensitive information on a confidential basis.

Comments Requested

16. The Commission encourages comments regarding the topics above. In addition, the Commission seeks responses to the following specific questions:

a. Which data elements of generator run status, listed previously, should the Commission collect or have access to? In addition, please comment, among other things, on whether the Commission should collect: (1) Generator logs for all 8,760 hours of the year; (2) balancing authority operating logs; (3) raw data as provided to NERC

for its GADS database; (4) capability performance testing results; and (5) equivalent demand forced outage rate (EFORD) data.

b. Should the Commission collect this generator run status information on a regular basis, or instead require public utility generators to maintain generator run status information to provide to the Commission on short notice when requested?

c. How is this data currently collected by industry participants? What would be the burden on the electric industry to make this information on generator run status available to the Commission?

d. Is there other information that would be more appropriate to collect, such as that obtained by NERC for their Generator Availability Data System (GADS)?

e. What should be the frequency of reporting/collection? Should the Commission request generator run status information for the peak operating hour each day, or is some other period more appropriate?

f. What real-time data might facilitate a more efficient market by enabling market participants to respond to current conditions?

g. How might the reporting requirements differ between regions with organized markets under RTOs and ISOs versus those without organized markets?

h. Which specifically, of the generator run status data elements could be made available to market participants and which should be withheld due to their commercial sensitivity. Should some of the data originally held confidentially be released publicly after a set time period?

Comment Procedures

17. The Commission invites interested persons to submit comments on these matters and any related matters or alternative proposals that commenters may wish to discuss. Comments are due August 15, 2005. Comments must refer to Docket No. RM05-16-000, and must include the commenter's name, the organization represented, if applicable, and their commenter's address.

18. Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. The Commission accepts most standard word processing formats and commenters may attach additional files with supporting information in certain other file formats. Commenters filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Commenters unable to file comments electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

19. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely as described in the Document Availability section below. Commenters on this proposal are not required to serve copies of their comments on other commenters.

Document Availability

20. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and in the Commission's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time) at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington DC 20426. E-Mail the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8371.

21. From the Commission's Home Page on the Internet, this information is available in its eLibrary. The full text of this document is available in the eLibrary both in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number of this document, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field.

22. User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours. For assistance contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

By direction of the Commission.

Linda Mistry,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OAR-2002-0073, FRL-7923-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Recordkeeping and Periodic Reporting of the Production, Import, Export, Recycling, Destruction, Transshipment, and Feedstock Use of Ozone-Depleting Substances, EPA ICR Number 1432.25, OMB Control Number 2060-0170

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

⁷Response of ESC, Generator Run Status: Position Paper Supporting Data Disclosure to the Market Within OASIS Phase II, Attachment 7 at 2 (January 29, 2001).

⁸Response of ESC, Generator Run Status: Position Paper Opposing Data Disclosure to the Market Within OASIS Phase II Attachment 7 at 5 (January 29, 2001).

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 renewal continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2005. 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 August 15, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OAR-2002-0073, to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket, Mail Code 6102T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirsten M. Cappel, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Stratospheric Protection Division, Mail Code 6205J, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 343-9556, facsimile (202) 343-2338, e-mail: cappel.kirsten@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number OAR-2002-0073, which is available for public viewing at the EPA Air 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 Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the EPA Air Docket is (202) 566-1742. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, 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 within 60 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, confidential business information (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 <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those that produce, import, export, destroy, transform as a feedstock, distribute, or apply controlled ozone depleting substances (ODS).

Title: Recordkeeping and Periodic Reporting of the Production, Import, Export, Recycling, Destruction, Transshipment, and Feedstock Use of Ozone-Depleting Substances, EPA ICR Number 1432.25; OMB Control Number 2060-0170.

Abstract: The international treaty The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Protocol) and Title VI of the Clean Air Act (CAA) established limits on total U.S. production, import, and export of class I and class II controlled ODS. Under its Protocol commitments, the United States is obliged to cease production and import of class I controlled substances with exemptions for essential uses, critical uses, previously used material, and material that will be transformed, destroyed, or exported to developing countries. The Protocol also establishes limits and reduction schedules leading to the eventual phaseout of class II controlled substances with similar exemptions beyond the phaseout. Additionally, the CAA has its own limits on production and consumption of controlled substances that EPA must adhere to and enforce.

To ensure the United States's compliance with the limits and restrictions established by the Protocol and the CAA, the ODS phaseout

regulations establish control measures for individual companies. The limits and restrictions for individual United States companies are monitored by EPA through the recordkeeping and reporting requirements established in the regulations stated in 40 CFR part 82, subpart A. To submit required information, regulated entities can download reporting forms from EPA's stratospheric ozone Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/ozone/record.index.html>), complete them, and then send them to EPA via U.S. Mail or fax. Upon receipt of the reports, the data is entered and subsequently stored in the Stratospheric Protection Tracking System (Tracking System). The Tracking System is a secure database that maintains all of the data that is submitted to EPA and allows the Agency to: (1) Maintain control over total production and consumption of controlled substances to satisfy conditions of the CAA and fulfill the United States's obligations under the Protocol; (2) monitor compliance with limits and restrictions on production, imports, exports, and specific exemptions to the phaseout for individual U.S. companies; and (3) enforce against illegal imports and violations related to the control of class I and class II substances. Additionally, reporting on the exemptions permits an entity to retain the benefit of being able to produce or import a controlled class I ODS beyond the date of complete phaseout.

EPA is developing an electronic reporting system through the Agency's Central Data Exchange (CDX) that will allow regulated entities to download, complete, and submit reports electronically. Electronic reporting is expected to make the reporting process more effective and efficient for reporting companies and EPA. When electronic reporting becomes available, EPA will change its guidance document and its ICR to indicate a reduction in burden hours.

Pursuant to regulations 40 CFR part 2, part B, reporting businesses are entitled to assert a business confidentiality claim covering any part of the submitted business information as defined in 40 CFR 2.201(c).

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.

EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) 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;

(ii) 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;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) 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.

Burden Statement: EPA requests comments on the following estimated burden hours and costs adapted from ICR number 1432.22. EPA may revise the calculations based on recently submitted class I and class II data to more accurately reflect implementation of the ODS phaseout. Recordkeeping and reporting requirements for class I ODS may have decreased over time as the phaseout of controlled ODS has matured.

The accelerated phaseout rule for ODS requires respondents to submit reports to the Agency and maintain records. The estimated total number of respondents is 253 and the frequency of responses is quarterly and/or annually. The total burden hours is estimated to be about 5,553. Operating and maintenance (O&M) costs include file storage, photocopying, and storage, and postage. They also include the general upkeep of start-up capital equipment, as well as any purchase of services such as contractor or auditing services. O&M costs are estimated at \$3,032 for the accelerated phaseout rule for ODS. The burden hours and costs are as follows: (a) Respondent's annual burden hours, \$6,876; (b) Respondent's annual labor costs, \$536,328; (c) Respondent's capital/start-up costs (ICR renewal notice), \$0; (d) Respondent's O&M costs, \$3,032; (e) Agency's annual burden hours, \$2,159; (f) Agency's annual labor costs, \$102,125.

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.

Dated: June 5, 2005.

Drusilla Hufford,

*Director, Stratospheric Protection Division,
Office of Air and Radiation.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2002-0001; FRL-7718-2]

National Pollution Prevention and Toxics Advisory Committee (NPPTAC); Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Public Law 92-463), EPA gives notice of a 2-day meeting of the National Pollution Prevention and Toxics Advisory Committee (NPPTAC). The purpose of the NPPTAC is to provide advice and recommendations to EPA regarding the overall policy and operations of the programs of the Office of Pollution, Prevention and Toxics (OPPT).

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 29, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and on June 30, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration to attend the meeting, identified by docket ID number OPPT-2002-0001, must be received on or before June 24, 2005. Registration will also be accepted at the meeting.

Requests to provide oral comments at the meeting, identified as NPPTAC June 2005 meeting, must be received in writing on or before June 17, 2005.

Written comments, identified as NPPTAC June 2005 meeting, may be submitted at any time. Written comments received on or before June 17, 2005, will be forwarded to the NPPTAC members prior to or at the meeting.

Meetings of the four Work Groups of the Committee will take place as follows. The High Production Volume (HPV) Work Group will meet on June 28, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to discuss activities related to EPA's HPV Challenge Program. The Pollution Prevention (P2) Work Group will meet on June 28, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to discuss activities related to EPA's Pollution Prevention Programs.

The Tribal Issues Work Group will meet on June 29, 2005, from 10:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., to discuss activities related to EPA's coordination with Tribes and Tribal Organizations. The Broader Issues Work Group will meet on June 29, 2005, from 10:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., to discuss activities related to EPA's New Chemicals and Existing Chemicals Programs.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Washington/Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910.

For address information concerning registration, the submission of written comments, and requests to present oral comments, refer to Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution, Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: John Alter, (7408M), Office of Pollution, Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Assistance Division, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-9891; e-mail address: npptac.oppt@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of particular interest to those persons who have an interest in or may be required to manage pollution prevention and toxic chemical programs, individuals, groups concerned with environmental justice, children's health, or animal welfare, as they relate to OPPT's programs under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be interested in the activities of the NPPTAC. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**