

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2004-0310, FRL-7879-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB; Comment Request; EPA ICR No. 1759.04/OMB Control No. 2070-0148; Worker Protection Standard Training and Notification**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (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: Worker Protection Standard Training and Notification, EPA ICR No. 1759.04; OMB Control No. 2070-0148. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before April 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OPP-2004-0310 to (1) EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to opp-docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 7502C, 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: Cameo Smoot, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-5454; fax number: (703) 305-5884; e-mail address: smoot.cameo@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. The **Federal Register** document, required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 30, 2004 (58431). EPA received no comments on this ICR during the 60-day comment period.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. OPP-2004-0310 which is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1801 Bell St., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805. 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. Please note, EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or on 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 <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

ICR Title: Worker Protection Standard Training and Notification

ICR Status: This is a request for extension of an existing approved collection that is currently scheduled to expire on February 28, 2005. EPA is asking OMB to approve this ICR for three years. Under 5 CFR 1320.12(b)(2), the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while the submission is pending at OMB.

Abstract: EPA is responsible for the regulation of pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The Worker

Protection Standard (WPS), codified at 40 CFR part 170, established requirements to protect agricultural workers and pesticide handlers from hazards of pesticides used on farms, on forests, in nurseries, and in greenhouses. EPA regulations in 40 CFR part 170 contain the standard and workplace practices, which are designed to reduce or eliminate exposure to pesticides and establish procedures for responding to exposure-related emergencies. The practices include prohibitions against applying pesticides in a way that would cause exposure to workers and others; a waiting period before workers can return to areas treated with pesticides (restricted entry interval); basic safety training (and voluntary training verification) and posting of information about pesticide hazards, as well as pesticide application information; arrangements for the supply of soap, water, and towels in case of pesticide exposure; and provisions for emergency assistance. The training verification program facilitates compliance with the training requirements by providing a voluntary method for employers to verify that the required safety information has been provided to workers and handlers. Responses to all other aspects of this information collection activity are mandatory. This renewal ICR estimates the third party response burden from complying with the WPS requirements. Information is exchanged between agricultural employers and employees at farm, forest, nursery and greenhouse establishments to ensure worker safety. No information is collected by the Agency under this ICR.

Burden Statement: The annual "respondent" burden for this ICR is estimated to be 2,293,364 hours. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, "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 total estimate includes the third party WPS training and notification requirements such as the provisions requiring employers to provide employees with pesticide-specific treatment (application) information in the form of oral or written notification, provisions requiring that employers assure that employees receive basic pesticide safety information or training, a voluntary program to verify training and relief duplication of training, provisions requiring handler notification to employers regarding pesticide treatments (applications) and provision for emergency information on pesticide

treatments, and provisions requiring employers to notify employees when an exception/exemption to the WPS is being implemented. The 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 number for this information collection appear at the beginning and the end of this document. In addition OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations, after initial display in the final rule, are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

The following is a summary of the burden estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities:

Agricultural workers, pesticide handlers, employers in farms, nurseries, forestry, and greenhouse establishments.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 3,245,393.

Frequency of response: As needed.

Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent: 3.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 2,293,364.

Estimated total annual labor costs: \$109,436,947.

Changes in the ICR since the last approval: The total annual burden associated with this ICR has decreased by 1,261 hours, from 2,294,625 hours in the previous ICR to 2,293,364 hours for this ICR. This change reflects a slight program adjustment and is described in the ICR.

Dated: February 20, 2005.

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[OA-2004-0005; FRL-7879-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Pretest of the Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures (PACE) Survey; EPA ICR Number 2158.01

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 an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request

for a new collection. This ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before April 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OA-2004-0005, to (1) EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to oei.docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information Docket, Mail Code 2822T, 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: Dr. Kelly Maguire, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, National Center for Environmental Economics, Mail Code 1809T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-2273; fax number: (202) 566-2339; e-mail address: maguire.kelly@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 August 19, 2004 (69 FR 51461), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA has addressed the comments received.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. OA-2004-0005, which is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information 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 Office of Environmental Information Docket is (202) 566-1752. 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.

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Title: Pretest of the Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures (PACE) Survey.

Abstract: The Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures (PACE) Survey was conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Census annually between 1973 and 1994 (excluding 1987) and again in 1999. This pretest is to evaluate a revised PACE survey instrument.

The data from the PACE survey are mainly used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to better satisfy legislative and executive requirements to track the costs of regulatory programs and to provide aggregate national statistics on costs and expenditures for pollution abatement activities. Other users of these aggregate data include trade associations, manufacturers, marketing and research companies, universities, financial and environmental institutions, other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and environmental reporters.

This information request is to conduct a pretest of the redesigned survey instrument being considered for use in reinstating the annual PACE survey conducted by the Bureau of the Census. The survey collects information on facility-specific costs and expenditures for pollution abatement activities among manufacturing, mining, and electric utility facilities. Pollution abatement includes treatment, recycling, waste disposal, pollution prevention, and other pollution management activities, such as monitoring and testing and recordkeeping and reporting.