

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$114,000, includes \$0 annual capital/startup costs, \$0 annual O&M costs, and \$114,000 annual labor costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* This is a new collection.

Dated: July 14, 2004.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OECA-2003-0141; FRL-7791-2]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Sewage Sludge Treatment Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart O) (Renewal), ICR Number 1063.09, OMB Number 2060-0035

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 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 to renew an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2004. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. This ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before August 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OECA-2003-0141, to (1) EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@epa.gov), or by mail to: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, EPA West, Mail Code 2201T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, 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:** Learia Williams, Compliance

Assessment and Media Programs Division (Mail Code 2223A), Office of Compliance, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-4113; fax number: (202) 564-0050; e-mail address: [williams.learia@epa.gov](mailto:williams.learia@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 November 3, 2003 (68 FR 62289), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID Number OECA-2003-0141, which is available for public viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center 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 Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center 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. When 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, 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>.

**Title:** NSPS for Sewage Sludge Treatment Plants (40 CFR part 60, subpart O) (Renewal).

**Abstract:** This ICR contains recordkeeping and reporting requirements that are mandatory for compliance with 40 CFR part 60, subpart O, New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for sewage sludge treatment plant incinerators.

The control of emissions of particulate matter from sewage treatment plant incinerators requires not only the installation of properly designed equipment, but also the operation and maintenance of that equipment. Particulate matter emissions from sewage treatment plant incinerators are the result of the physical and chemical characteristics of the sludge feed and fuel use, the excess air rate, the temperature profile within the incinerator, the pressure drop across the control device, and operating procedures. These standards rely on the reduction of particulate matter emissions by wet scrubbers.

In order to ensure compliance with these standards, adequate recordkeeping is necessary. In the absence of such information, enforcement personnel would be unable to determine whether the standards, that are protectively of public health, are being met on a continuous basis, as required by the Clean Air Act.

These standards require initial notification reports with respect to construction, modification, reconstruction, startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions. The standards also require reports on initial performance tests and semiannual reports of noncompliance.

Under the standard, the data collected by the affected industry is retained at the facility for a minimum of two (2) years and make it available for inspection by the Administrator.

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, and are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 55 hours per

response. 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:* Owners/operators of Sewage Sludge Treatment Plants.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 54.

*Frequency of Response:* Initially and semiannually.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 6,214 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Costs:* \$2,380,931, which includes \$100,000 annualized capital/startup costs, \$1,890,000 annual O&M costs, and \$390,931 annual labor costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is a decrease of 2,875 hours in the total estimated burden. This decrease in the burden from the most recently approved ICR is due to more accurate estimates of existing and anticipated new sources.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7791-5]

### Issuance of Final NPDES General Permits for Wastewater Lagoon Systems Located in Indian Country in MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA Region 8 is hereby giving notice of its issuance of five National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits for wastewater lagoon systems that are located in Indian country in the States of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah (except for those portions of the Navajo

Nation, the Goshutes Indian Reservation, and the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation located in the State of Utah), and Wyoming and that are treating primarily domestic wastewater.

The general permits are grouped geographically by state, with the permit coverage being for specified Indian reservations in the state; any land held in trust by the United States for an Indian tribe; and any other areas which are Indian country within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. 1151. These general permits replace the twenty-one general permits that were issued for a 5-year term in 1998 for Indian reservations in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Utah. The following nine communities in South Dakota have been excluded from coverage under the general permit for South Dakota: Batesland, Claire City, Martin, New Effington, Peever, Rosholt, Sisseton, Summit, and Veblen.

The use of wastewater lagoon systems is the most common method of treating municipal wastewater in Indian country in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. Wastewater lagoon systems are also used to treat domestic wastewater from isolated housing developments, schools, camps, missions, and similar sources of domestic wastewater that are not connected to a municipal sanitary sewer system and do not use septic tank systems.

Region 8 will use general permits instead of individual permits for permitting the discharges from such facilities in order to reduce the Region's administrative burden of issuing separate individual permits. The administrative burden for the regulated sources is expected to be about the same under the general permits as with individual permits, but it will be much quicker to obtain permit coverage with general permits than with individual permits. The discharge requirements would essentially be the same with an individual permit or under the general permit. Therefore, there should be no significant difference in the amount and types of pollutants discharged.

The deadlines for applying for coverage under the general permits are given in the permits and the fact sheet. Facilities that had coverage under the previous general permit which this permit replaces are required to submit a complete Notice Of Intent (NOI) within 90 days after the effective date of this permit if they want to maintain coverage under the general permit. Facilities that did not have coverage under the previous general permit which this permit replaces must submit a complete NOI at least thirty (30) days before

either (1) the expected start of discharge from the wastewater lagoon system, or (2) the date when the operator wants authorization to begin. Authorization to discharge under this permit does not begin until the operator receives written authorization from the permit issuing authority.

**DATES:** The general permits become effective on August 16, 2004 and will expire on August 16, 2009. For appeal purposes, the 120-day time period for appeal to the U.S. Federal Courts will begin on the effective date of the permit.

**ADDRESSES:** The public record is located in the offices of EPA Region 8, and is available upon written request. Requests for copies of the public record, including a complete copy of response to comments, a list of changes made from the draft permit to the final permit, the general permit, and the fact sheet for the general permit, should be addressed to William Kennedy, Water Permits Unit (8P-W-P); U.S. EPA, Region 8; 999 18th Street, Suite 300; Denver, CO 80202-2466 or telephone (303) 312-6285. Copies of the general permit, fact sheet, response to comments, and a list of changes from the draft permit to the final permit may also be downloaded from the EPA Region 8 web page at: <http://www.epa.gov/region8/water/wastewater/npdeshome/lagoonpermit.html>. Please allow approximately one week after the date of this notice for documents to be posted on the web page.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding the specific permit requirements may be directed to Mike Reed, (303) 312-6132 or E-mail at [reed.mike@epa.gov](mailto:reed.mike@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Region 8 proposed and solicited comments on the general permits at 68 FR 62075 (October 31, 2003). In addition, notices and copies of the draft general permit and fact sheet were sent to the applicable tribes in Region 8. Notices were sent to the persons on the Region 8 mailing list for public notices for NPDES permits. Comments were received from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, the Fort Peck Tribes, the Wind River Environmental Quality Commission (WREQC), the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (SDDENR), and an individual from Montana. The response to comments is included as part of the public record. Also, the public record includes a list of the changes made from the draft permit to the final permit.