

for traditional on-system retail sales at WACOG, for capacity release, for off-system bundled gas/transportation sales, and for on-system bundled gas/transportation sales at other than WACOG:

2. For each off-system or on-system bundled gas/transportation sale at other than WACOG, the name of the shipper, the rate charged (including all terms and conditions of the rate), the maximum rate (if applicable), the daily quantity of gas sold, the daily revenue derived, the receipt and delivery points, and the beginning and end date of the transaction.

In addition, where applicable, LDCs must provide a statement of the amount of interstate pipeline capacity held by an affiliated marketer, and for the period of the experiment and one year prior to the experiment, a list of any capacity release transactions with an affiliate.

The Commission will require pipelines and LDCs to file these data in electronic form. The template for reporting the information will be made available to those making applications, upon request, so they can comment on the format. Those filing proposals and comments should discuss the design of the program, including, but not limited to, how long the experiment should run, the period for filing the year-before data and the periodic reports (monthly, quarterly).

#### Application and Comment Procedures

The Commission hopes to be able to begin the pilot program in the 1996-97 winter heating season. LDCs or pipelines, therefore, should file their applications by August 30, 1996, although later applications also will be considered. After receiving the requests to participate, the Commission will provide 15 days for comment on which applications should be granted as well as on the design of the experiment and possible improvements. In addition, at the end of the pilot program, the Commission intends to solicit comments from both buyers and sellers providing their assessment of the results.

Applications and comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, and should refer to Docket No. RM96-14-001.

Additionally, the Commission strongly encourages applicants and commenters to submit a computer diskette of their comments in WordPerfect version 6.1 format or lower or in ASCII format, with the name of the filer and Docket No. RM96-14-001 on the outside of the diskette. Those providing files in ASCII format should take care to examine the form of an ASCII conversion to ensure, for instance, that it includes footnotes,

headers, and footers, as these have often been left out in past electronic filings. All written comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, during regular business hours.

#### Information Collection

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320.10 require OMB to approve certain reporting and recordkeeping requirements (collections of information) imposed by a federal agency. Upon approval of a collection of information, OMB will assign an OMB control number and an expiration date.

The proposed pilot program will be done under two new temporary data collections, FERC-549AP, Gas Pipeline Certificates: Application for Capacity Release/Pilot Program), (OMB Control No. (to be assigned by OMB)) (FERC-549AP), and FERC-549P, Gas Pipeline Rates: Capacity Release/Pilot Program (OMB Control No. (to be assigned by OMB)) (FERC-549-P). The respondents will be local distribution companies and interstate natural gas pipelines. Because participation in the program is voluntary, the Commission is unable to estimate the total number of applicants, nor can the Commission determine the number of applications it will approve until after it receives the applications.

The Commission estimates that the average time per respondent for reviewing the requirements to participate in the program, searching existing data sources, and preparing the application will be 40 hours, with a total cost per respondent of about \$2,000. For those applicants chosen to participate in the program, the estimate for extracting and reporting the year-before and periodic data in the required format will average 60 hours per respondent, with an estimated cost of about \$6,000 per respondent. Participation in this program is purely voluntary, and the costs are one-time costs that will not be incurred on an annual basis.

The proposed collection of information is being submitted to OMB for review. Because the Commission hopes to approve certain applications to participate in the pilot program in time for the 1996-97 winter heating season, the Commission has requested applications within 30 days of this order. Accordingly, the Commission has requested the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to provide for emergency processing of this proposed collection of

information by August 15, 1996.

Comments on the collection of information, therefore, should be filed with the Office of Management and Budget as soon as possible to provide OMB sufficient time for its review. For copies of the OMB submission, contact Michael Miller at (202)208-1415. Interested persons may send comments regarding these burden estimates or any other aspect of these collections of information, including suggestions for reductions of burden, to the Desk Officer FERC, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3019 NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503, phone 202-395-3087 or via the Internet at hillier\_t@a1.eop.gov. Comments should be filed with the Office of Management and Budget. A copy of any comments filed with the Office of Management and Budget also should be sent to the following address at the Commission: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Information Services Division, Room 41-17, Washington, DC 20426, Attention: Michael Miller.

By the Commission.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00192; FRL-5385-6]

### Agency Information Collection Activities

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection as described below. The ICR is a continuing ICR entitled "Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Use in Electrical Equipment and Transformers," EPA ICR No. 1000, OMB No. 2070-0003. 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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 7, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit three copies of all written comments to: TSCA Document Receipts (7407), Room NE-G99, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone 202-260-7099. All comments should reference administrative record number AR-162. This ICR is available for public review at, and copies may be requested from, the docket address and phone number listed above. Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: [ncic@epamail.epa.gov](mailto: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 in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the administrative record number "AR-162 and ICR 1000." No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit III. of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information contact: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-554-1404, TDD: 202-554-0551, e-mail: [TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov). For technical information contact: Tom Simons, Chemical Management Division (7404), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-3991; Fax: 202-260-1724; e-mail: [simons.tom@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:simons.tom@epamail.epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Availability:** Electronic copies of the ICR are available from the EPA Public Access gopher ([gopher.epa.gov](http://gopher.epa.gov)) at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Rules and Regulations."

**I. Background**

Entities potentially affected by this action are owners of PCB-containing transformers used in industry, utilities, government and private buildings or elsewhere. For the collection of information addressed in this notice, 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.

(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.

**II. Information Collection**

EPA is seeking comments on the following Information Collection Request.

Title: Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Use in Electrical Equipment and Transformers; EPA ICR No. 1000, OMB No. 2070-0003, expires April 30, 1997.

Abstract: Section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) generally prohibits the manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce, and use of PCBs after July 2, 1979. EPA has authority, however, to allow a use to continue if it determines that the use will not present unreasonable risks to public health and the environment. In the case of regulating PCB electrical equipment, EPA has promulgated a series of rules since the 1978 prohibition on the use of PCBs (see 40 CFR part 761).

EPA imposed the reporting requirements contained in these rules to ensure that the National Response Center is informed immediately of fires involving PCB transformers. PCB transformer fires generate hazardous dioxins and furans, substances many times more toxic than PCBs. The recordkeeping requirements are used to document the use, location and condition of PCB equipment. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements are essential to prevent adverse effects to human health and the environment from leaks or spills of PCB fluids or from potential exposures to dioxins and furans during transformer fires. Without such recordkeeping and reporting safeguards, EPA would not be able to fulfill its responsibility under TSCA of preventing unreasonable risk to human health and the environment from exposure to PCBs.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 761). The information collected under this ICR is not considered to be confidential.

**Burden Statement:** The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 24,906 hours per year, with an annual cost of \$967,758. These totals are based on an average burden of approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) per response for an estimated 150,000 respondents performing one or more required inspections annually of PCB-containing transformers and maintaining associated records, and an average burden of approximately 1 hour per response for an estimated 6 respondents submitting reports of PCB transformer fires. These estimates include 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.

**III. Public Record**

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPPTS-00192" (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 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: [ncic@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:ncic@epamail.epa.gov)

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in

writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection and Information collection requests.

Dated: July 30, 1996.

Lynn R. Goldman,

*Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Notification of Regulated Waste Activity Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Part A Hazardous Waste Permit Application and Modification**

**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 Requests (ICR) have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Notification of Regulated Waste Activities (Notification), OMB No. 2050-0028; and RCRA Hazardous Waste Permit Application and Modification Part A (Part A), OMB No. 2050-0034, both expiring on October 1, 1996. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 9, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:** Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 261.12 (Notification) and EPA ICR No. 262.08 (Part A).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Notification of Regulated Waste Activity, EPA ICR #261.12, OMB No. 2050-0028, RCRA Hazardous Waste Permit Application and Modification Part A, EPA ICR #262.08, OMB No. 2050-0034. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** Section 3010 of Subtitle C of RCRA, as amended, requires any person who generates or transports regulated

waste or who owns or operates a facility for the treatment, storage, or disposal (TSD) of regulated waste to notify EPA of their activities, including the location and general description of the activities and the regulated wastes handled.

Section 3005 of Subtitle C of RCRA requires TSDs to obtain a permit. To obtain the permit, the TSD must submit an application describing the facility's operation. There are two parts to the RCRA permit application—Part A and Part B. Part A defines the processes to be used for treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes; the design capacity of such processes; and the specific hazardous wastes to be handled at a facility. The Part B ICR will be addressed in a future Federal Register notice when that ICR is submitted to OMB. 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 these collections of information were published on April 4, 1996 (FR 61 15065); 7 comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for the Notification collection of information is estimated to average 3.25 hours per response, and the annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for the Part A collection of information is estimated to average 23.6 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.

#### **Notification**

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Generators and Treaters, storers and disposers of Hazardous Waste.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 44,000.

**Frequency of Response:** One-time.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 143,000 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden:** \$132,000.

#### **Part A**

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Treaters, storers and disposers of Hazardous Waste.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 56.

**Frequency of Response:** One-time.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 1,368 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden:** \$351.00.

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. 261.12, OMB Control No. 2050-0028 for Notification, and EPA ICR No. 262.08, OMB Control No. 2050-0034 for Part A 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: August 1, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

*Director, Regulatory Information Division.*

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#### **Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; NESHA: Benzene Waste Operations**

**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 Information Collection Request (ICR) #1541.04 has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 9, 1996.