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For the General Hazardous Waste Facility Standards

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
5772

Frequency of Response: 1

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:
1,927,553 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$79,246,198

For the Hazardous Waste Specific Unit Requirements, and Special Waste Processes and Types:

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities

Estimated Number of Respondents:
6658

Frequency of Response: 1

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:
368,543 hours

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$19,081,484

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. (In any correspondence, please refer to EPA ICR No. 1571.05 and OMB Control No. 2050-0120 when referring to the General Hazardous Waste Facility Standards; and EPA ICR No. 1572.04 and OMB No. 2050-0050 when referring to Hazardous Waste Specific Unit Requirements, and Special Waste Processes and Types.)

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 29, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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Draft Guidance for the Implementation of EPA's Radiation Protection Standards for Management and Storage of Radioactive Waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant ("WIPP Subpart A Guidance")

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the 1992 Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act (LWA), Public Law 102-579, EPA is required to determine, on a biennial basis, whether the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) complies with 40 CFR Part 191, Subpart A, the standards for management and storage of radioactive waste. EPA is developing guidance for the implementation of the generally applicable standards of Subpart A at the WIPP to evaluate the facility's compliance with radiation dose limits to the public during the receipt and emplacement of waste in the disposal system, and associated activities. EPA is hereby announcing that draft guidance, known as the WIPP Subpart A Guidance, is available for public comment. The EPA will fully consider timely public comments in revising the guidance document.

DATES: Comments in response to today's document must be received by October 7, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft WIPP Subpart A Guidance are available to the public by calling EPA's WIPP Information Line at 1-800-331-WIPP. Copies of the draft WIPP Subpart A Guidance and supporting materials are also available for review at EPA's Office of Radiation and Indoor Air located at 501 3rd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001; and at the following addresses in New Mexico where EPA maintains public information files for the guidance: (1) Government Publications Department of the Zimmerman Library of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico (open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

on Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday); (2) The Fogelson Library of the College of Santa Fe, located at 1600 St. Michael's Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico (open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight on Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday); and (3) The Municipal Library of Carlsbad, New Mexico, located at 101 South Halegueno (open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday). Citizens wishing to review these materials should request to see the EPA "WIPP Subpart A Guidance File."

Comments on the draft WIPP Subpart A Guidance should be submitted in duplicate to: Betsy Forinash, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (6602J), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460; (202) 233-9310.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betsy Forinash, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (6602J), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460; (202) 233-9310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft guidance document pertains to the requirements established in the WIPP LWA and the federal regulations at 40 CFR Part 191, Subpart A. The document does not establish new binding requirements but will guide EPA's implementation of 40 CFR Part 191, Subpart A at the WIPP. Subpart A is a generally applicable radiation protection standard that limits radiation doses to the public from management of transuranic radioactive waste at disposal facilities operated by the Department of Energy (DOE). The DOE is proposing to use the WIPP, located in Eddy County, New Mexico, as a deep geologic repository for the disposal of transuranic radioactive waste generated by nuclear defense activities. The Subpart A regulations apply to activities associated with receiving and emplacing the waste in the disposal system.

(Limitations on radiation doses which may occur after closure of the disposal system are separately addressed by EPA's disposal regulations at Subparts B and C of 40 CFR Part 191, and by WIPP compliance criteria at 40 CFR Part 194.) The WIPP LWA requires EPA to determine, on a biennial basis, whether WIPP complies with Subpart A of 40 CFR Part 191. EPA may also conduct this determination at any other time. If EPA determines that the WIPP does not comply with the Subpart A dose standards at any time after emplacement

of waste has begun, the WIPP LWA requires the DOE to submit a remedial plan to EPA.

This guidance describes the application of Subpart A to activities associated with the 25- to 30-year period during which packaged waste would arrive at the above ground portion of the WIPP, be unloaded and prepared for emplacement in the underground repository, and ultimately lowered down a mechanical hoist and emplaced in the mined-out repository, if the WIPP is approved for use as a disposal system. During this period, the annual doses from radiation received by members of the general public must not exceed the limits specified by Subpart A. The WIPP Subpart A Guidance interprets Subpart A for the WIPP and provides the Agency's recommendations for methods used to demonstrate and document compliance with the standards. The guidance also describes information DOE should report to EPA for the Agency's evaluation of the WIPP's compliance with the Subpart A dose limits.

By today's action, the EPA is inviting the public to comment on the WIPP Subpart A Guidance, available in draft at the addresses identified above, by submitting written comments for EPA's consideration. EPA requests comments on all aspects of the draft guidance for the implementation of 40 CFR Part 191, Subpart A for the WIPP.

The draft WIPP Subpart A Guidance will be revised and made available to the public. Revised guidance is expected to be made available in fall 1996. The draft guidance interprets 40 CFR Part 191, Subpart A. The guidance does not establish a new standard and does not establish binding rights or duties, but will be a non-binding guide for EPA's evaluation of the WIPP's compliance with Subpart A. Because it is a non-binding, interpretive document, the WIPP Subpart A Guidance is not subject to the notice-and-comment rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. 553. Thus, EPA does not plan to provide written responses to the public comments submitted. Nevertheless, EPA will fully consider public comments in developing the WIPP Subpart A Guidance.

Dated: August 28, 1996.

Richard Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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Meeting of the Ozone Transport Commission for the Northeast United States

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency is announcing its Fall meeting of the Ozone Transport Commission to be held on October 8, 1996.

This meeting is for the Ozone Transport Commission to deal with appropriate matters within the transport region, as provided for under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. This meeting is not subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 8, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at: The Sheraton Inn Plymouth, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360, (508) 747-4900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

EPA: Susan Studlien, Region I, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203, (617) 565-3800.

THE STATE CONTACT: *Host Agency:* Sonia Hamel, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02202, (617) 727-9800, ext. 244.

FOR DOCUMENTS AND PRESS INQUIRIES

CONTACT: Stephanie A. Cooper, Ozone Transport Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 638, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 508-3840, e-mail: ozone@sso.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 contain at Section 184 provisions for the "Control of Interstate Ozone Air Pollution." Section 184(a) establishes an ozone transport region comprised of the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, parts of Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation of the Environmental Protection Agency convened the first meeting of the commission in New York City on May 7, 1991. The purpose of the Transport Commission is to deal with appropriate matters within the transport region.

The purpose of this notice is to announce that this Commission will

meet on October 8, 1996. The meeting will be held at the address noted earlier in this notice.

Section 176A(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 specifies that the meetings of Transport Commissions are not subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This meeting will be open to the public as space permits.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

AGENDA: Copies of the final agenda will be available from Stephanie Cooper of the OTC office (202) 508-3840 (or by e-mail: ozone@sso.org) on Tuesday, October 1, 1996. The purpose of this meeting is to review air quality needs within the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States, including reduction of motor vehicle and stationary source air pollution. The OTC is also expected to address issues related to the transport of ozone into its region, and to discuss market-based programs to reduce pollutants that cause ozone.

Dated: August 27, 1996.

John DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, EPA Region I.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND PLACE: September 26-27, 1996. The Hay-Adams Hotel, The John Hay Room, First Floor, 16th and H Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The PCAST will meet in open session on Thursday, September 26, 1996, at approximately 9:30 AM to discuss the work of various PCAST panels. This session will end at approximately 12:00 Noon. The Committee will reconvene in open session at approximately 2:00 PM to discuss current activities of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), and to review the university-government partnership. This session will end at approximately 5:00 PM.