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Dated: February 13, 1997.

Stephen D. Luftig,

Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.

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Agency Information Collection Activities

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 EPA is planning to submit the following proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collections as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Docket A-91-60, Central Docket Section, South Conference Room 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460. Interested persons may make a copy of the ICR without charge from the docket. The docket is open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays. The telephone number is (202) 260-7549, and the fax number is (202) 260-4400. To expedite review of comments, a second copy of the comments should be sent to Mavis Sanders, Stratospheric Protection division, Mail Code 6205J, EPA, 401 M Street, Washington, DC 20460. Overnight mail should be sent to

our 501-3rd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 street address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mavis Sanders at (202) 233-9737, or fax (202) 233-9665.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action include manufacturers, distributors, retailers, importers, and recyclers/reclaimers that manufacture, sell or distribute products made with or containing class I or class II substances.

Title: Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Labeling, Final Rulemaking under Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, OMB Control No. 2060-0342, Expiration Date: 9/30/97.

Abstract: The Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) promulgated regulations on February 11, 1993, and a subsequent amendment on January 19, 1995, that became effective as of October 1, 1995. Pursuant to the enactment of the reauthorized Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), labeling requirements are no longer exempt from review under the PRA. OAR is submitting this renewal ICR relative to the requirements in effect on October 1, 1995, in compliance with the reauthorized PRA.

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. The regulations require that all containers of class I and II substances, products containing class I substances, and products manufactured with class I substances be labeled. The required warning must state: "WARNING: Contains (Manufactured with) [insert name of substance], a substance which harms public health and environment by destroying the ozone in the upper atmosphere." Labels must be applied when a product enters into interstate commerce or is imported into the U.S. Exceptions are available under a variety of circumstances including:

- Those products manufactured prior to May 15, 1993, do not need to be labeled.
- Those products where a component product made with a class I substance is sold to another party and incorporated into another product do not need to bear the warning label.
- Those products manufactured by a company that achieved a 95% reduction over its 1990 use of methyl chloroform and CFC-113 used as solvents (if petitioned before May 15, 1994) are exempt from bearing the warning label.

• Incidental uses of class I substances are exempt.

- Products that are manufactured with class I substances, where those substances are destroyed at the end of the process, are exempt from labeling.
- Waste containing a class I substance and bound for discard is exempt.
- Spare parts manufactured with a class I substance and sold to a distributor or a repairperson, to be used for repair purposes, are exempt from the label pass-through requirement.
- Products repaired using a class I substance do not need to be labeled.
- Products containing trace quantities of class I impurities resulting from inadvertent production, unreacted feedstock, or process agents are exempt.

The 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 estimates the projected hour burden of the renewed information collection is an annual total of 3024 hours. In comparison with the original labeling ICR, this estimate of hourly burden reflects a 40% reduction in the number of manufacturers that use a class I substance in their manufacturing process. This estimate 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.

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Paul Stolpman,
Office Director, Office of Air Programs.
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Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment

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 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 described below. The ICR is a continuing ICR entitled "Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(a) Chemical-Specific Rules," EPA ICR No. 1198.05, OMB No. 2070-0067, which relates to reporting requirements found at 40 CFR part 704, subpart B. 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 April 28, 1997. **ADDRESSES:** Submit three copies of all written comments to: TSCA Document Receipts (7407), Room E-G99, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-7099. All comments should be identified by administrative record number AR-171 and ICR number 1198.05. 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: oppt.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 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the administrative record number AR-171 and ICR number 1198.05. No confidential business

information (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. For technical information contact Keith Cronin, Chemical Control Division (7405), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-8157, Fax: 202-260-1096, e-mail: cronin.keith@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the ICR are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

I. Background

Entities potentially affected by this action are persons who manufacture, process or import, or who propose to manufacture, process or import, chemical substances and mixtures. 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 Collections

EPA is seeking comments on the following Information Collection Request.

Title: Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(a) Chemical-Specific Rules, EPA ICR No. 1198.05, OMB No. 2070-0067. Expires August 31, 1997.

Abstract: TSCA section 8(a) authorizes the Administrator of EPA to promulgate rules that require persons who manufacture, import or process chemical substances and mixtures, or who propose to manufacture, import or process chemical substances and mixtures, to maintain such records and submit such reports to EPA as may be reasonably required. Any chemical covered by TSCA for which EPA or another Federal agency has a reasonable need for information and which cannot be satisfied via other sources is a proper potential subject for a chemical-specific TSCA section 8(a) rulemaking. Information that may be collected under TSCA section 8(a) includes, but is not limited to, chemical names, categories of use, production volume, byproducts of chemical production, existing data on deaths and environmental effects, exposure data, and disposal information. Generally, EPA uses chemical-specific information under TSCA section 8(a) to evaluate the potential for adverse human health and environmental effects caused by the manufacture, importation, processing, use or disposal of identified chemical substances and mixtures. Additionally, EPA may use TSCA section 8(a) information to assess the need or set priorities for testing and/or further regulatory action. To the extent that reported information is not considered confidential, environmental groups, environmental justice advocates, state and local government entities and other members of the public will also have access to this information for their own use.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 704, subpart B). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Burden Statement: The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 275 hours per year with an annual cost of \$15,745. These totals are based on an average burden of approximately 69 hours per response for an estimated four respondents making one response annually. 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