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i. *FERC Contact:* Dr. John M. Mudre, (202) 219-1208.

j. *Comment Date:* June 8, 1998.

k. *Description:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), licensee for the Potter Valley Project (FERC No. 77) has filed the final report on its 10-year study of the effects of its article 38 minimum flow schedule on salmonids, and its associated proposal for changes to the required minimum flows at the project. The flow proposal represents the culmination of negotiations among technical staff of PG&E, the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Under these "Joint Recommendations" (JR), flows to the Eel River would be adjusted up to three times per day in response to changes in streamflow in the downstream Tomki Creek. The quantity of flow released would be proportional to Tomki Creek flow and would range, in normal years, from 5 to 200 cfs. During dry years, "water conservancy" measures would be implemented that could reduce releases by up to one half, but flow would never be less than 5 cfs. The JR also reserve a block of 5,000 acre-feet of water annually to maintain pre-specified flows during protracted droughts when the release schedule prescribes flow reductions in response to natural conditions.

Because the project serves as an inter-basin transfer, increased minimum flow releases to the Eel River would result in decreases in diversions to the East Fork Russian River. Under the JR, diversions to the East Fork Russian River would decrease from an estimated 8 percent in the wettest years to 25 percent in the driest years. From a volumetric perspective, the annual reduction in diversions would range from an estimated 13,000 to 18,000 acre feet.

The JR also contain non-flow provisions for protecting and enhancing aquatic resources. These include: (1) PG&E will provide \$20,000 annually to fund a scientific aide position at the Van Arsdale Fishery Station; (2) PG&E will fund annual chinook salmon carcass surveys at selected sites on the Eel River and Tomki Creek; (3) PG&E will provide CDFG \$10,000 annually for Sacramento squawfish suppression; (4) PG&E will provide CDFG up to \$30,000 annually for CDFG's chinook salmon and stock rescue program; (5) PG&E will continue to cooperate in releasing warm water from the spillway of Scott Dam in the late winter/spring period to promote the timely migration of juvenile chinook salmon from the Eel River between Scott

and Cape Horn Dams; (6) the Tomki Creek flow gage will be updated to improve the precision of low flow measurements and to allow data telemetry for flow calculation; and (7) Cape Horn Dam will be modified to allow accurate regulation of the higher minimum flows provided under the JR.

Commission staff has determined that amendment of the minimum flow requirements at the Potter Valley Project could constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed amendment. The EIS will also consider reasonable alternatives to the proposed amendment. A draft EIS will be issued and circulated for review to those on the mailing list for this proceeding. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by Commission Staff and considered in the Final EIS.

As part of the EIS process, we will be conducting a series of scoping meetings in the project vicinity. The purpose of the scoping process is to identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS and to provide us with information that may be useful in preparing the EIS. The dates, times, and locations of the scoping meetings will be announced in a subsequent public notice. We will also accept written scoping comments from any interested party, either prior to, or for a limited period following, the scoping meetings. To help focus comments on the environmental issues, a scoping document outlining subject areas to be addressed in the EIS will be sent to those on the mailing list for this proceeding prior to the scoping meetings. The deadline for receiving scoping comments will be specified at that time. Those not on the mailing list may request a copy of the scoping document from the project coordinator, whose telephone number is listed below.

Those wishing to be added to the mailing list or to submit comments, information, or other correspondence pertaining to this proceeding should file their correspondence with the commission at the following address: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

All filings should show the following on the first page: "Potter Valley Project," FERC No. 77-110.

For further information, please contact the FERC Project Coordinator, John M. Mudre, at (202) 219-1208.

1. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* B, C1, and D2.

*B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

*C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

*D2. Agency Comments*—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5998-5]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program Evaluation (Self-Audit)**

**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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program Evaluation (Self-Audit), EPA ICR Number 1728.03, OMB Control Number 2040-0181, expires May 31, 1998. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 16, 1998. All public comments shall be submitted to: DMR ICR Comment Clerk (W-98-17), Water Docket MC 4101, U.S. EPA, East Tower basement, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Please submit the original and three comments and enclosures (including references). Comments must be received or post-marked by midnight no later than June 16, 1998. Commenters who want EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: ow-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and forms of encryption. Electronic comments must be identified by the docket number W-98-17. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 format or ASCII file format. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. The record for this proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) revision has been established under docket number W-98-17 and includes supporting documentation as well as printed, paper versions of electronic comments. It does not include any information claimed as CBI. The record is available for inspection from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the Water Docket, East Tower basement, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. For access to the docket materials, please call (202) 260-3027 to schedule an appointment.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the proposed ICR will be available at the Water Docket (W-98-17), Mailcode 4101, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Copies of the proposed ICR can be obtained without charge by writing to this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Ogbebor, 202/260-6322; fax: 202/260-9544; ogbebor.patrick@epamail.epa.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are wastewater facilities.

*Title:* Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program Evaluation (Self-Audit) (OMB Control No. 2040-0181; EPA ICR No. 1728-03) expiring 05/31/98.

*Abstract:* This is a request for clearance to collect information via self-audit form on the operation, physical capabilities and financial status of Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) programs. EPA will collect the information from more than nine municipal wastewater treatment facilities in any of the ten Regions (currently operated in two regions) with non-approved National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) States.

Since the enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, more than \$85 billion in federal, State and local funds have been invested in constructing and upgrading municipal wastewater treatment facilities. The 1996 Needs Survey total estimates to be \$139.5 billion, to satisfy all program categories eligible for State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding for the design year (2016) population, including \$44.0 billion for wastewater treatment; \$10.3 billion for upgrading existing wastewater collection systems; \$21.6 billion for new sewer construction; and \$44.7 billion for controlling Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). The availability of federal funds which support the construction and upgrade of wastewater facilities is decreasing and EPA program managers and the States have identified that monitoring of early warning systems could detect potential operating and financial problems at wastewater treatment facilities. Early detection and resolution of problems help facilities to maintain compliance and promote proper planning and corrective actions to prevent costly repairs and environmental degradation. The result of the self-audit will be used by the facilities owners and EPA to assess the compliance needs at facilities.

The MWPP program is authorized under section 104 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Section 104(b) (7) of the Act authorizes EPA to develop effective and practical processes, methods, and prototype devices for prevention,

reduction, and elimination of pollution. MWPP program will contribute to the protection of this public investment and will provide an early warning system of potential problems. The information collected will be used to assist communities to become aware of their multi-media pollution prevention efforts such as water conservation, industrial pretreatment practices, energy management, beneficial use of biosolids and management of household hazardous wastes. EPA Regional Offices use this information to target technical, training and compliance assistance; determine needs for grant assistance; and develop operating program priorities to better meet facility and municipality needs. It is an improved approved approach to managing municipal sewage treatment facilities which can benefit local communities, States and federal governments. Facility participation in the program will be at the discretion of the EPA Regional Office. All information collected is available to the public. A hard copy is available for perusal in the Regional Office, or copies of audits may be obtained by mail through a Freedom of Information Act request.

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:* The reporting burden for completion of the self-audit by each facility is estimated to be 26 hours. This estimate includes time to receive and review the self-audit form, gather the requested information, complete the form, develop corrective actions, prepare municipal resolution and submit the completed package to the governing body. The reporting burden for approval of the self-audit by each municipal governing body is estimated to be 2.5 hours. This estimate includes time to review and approve the

self-audit and corrective action plan, sign the resolution and submit the package to the Agency. Approximately 865 facilities will be subject to this information collection for an estimated burden of approximately 24,653 hours. The total estimated burden for this information collection activity, including the Agency, is 27,780 hours nationally.

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.

Dated: April 8, 1998.

**Michael Quigley,**

*Director, Municipal Support Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00531; FRL-5780-8]

### Renewal of Pesticide Information Collection Activities; Application for New or Amended Pesticide Registration; Request for Comments

**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) pursuant to the procedures described in 5 CFR 1320.12: "Application for New or Amended Pesticide Registration" (EPA ICR No. 277.10; OMB No. 2070-0060). Before submitting the following ICR to OMB for review and reapproval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of and recent changes to activities associated with the information collection which is briefly described below. This ICR relates to section 3 of

the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and covers the information collection related pesticide registration. This ICR has recently undergone several changes that impact the Agency's burden estimates. 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:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 16, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to: Rm. 119 of Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit III. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this document. The public docket is available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the Virginia address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Persons submitting information any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR part 2 for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cameo Smoot, Field and External Affairs Division, Mail Code (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (703) 305-5454, e-mail: smoot.cameo@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
**Electronic Availability:**

## Internet

Electronic copies of this document and the ICR are available from the EPA Home Page at the Federal Register - Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

## Fax-on-Demand

Using a faxphone call 202-401-0527 and select item 6052 for a copy of the ICR.

## I. Background

**Affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by the activities covered by this ICR are individuals or entities engaged in activities related to the registration of a pesticide product.

For the collection of information addressed in this notice, EPA would like to solicit comments to:

1. 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.

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. 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.

The Agency is particularly interested in comments and information about the burden estimates, including examples that could be used to reflect the burdens imposed.

## II. Information Collection

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR, as well as the Agency's intention to renew the corresponding OMB approval.

**Expiration date:** This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on May 31, 1998. However, EPA will be seeking an extension until August 1998, in order to provide adequate time for comments to be received and evaluated, and any necessary changes made to the ICR prior to its submission to OMB.

**Title:** Application for New or Amended Pesticide Registrations.

**ICR numbers:** EPA No. 277.10 and OMB No. 2070-0060.

**Abstract:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.