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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: There are approximately 200 fuel manufacturers, 700 additive manufacturers, 600 registered fuels, and 5500 registered additives. Due to the costs, it is likely that only limited additional Tier 1 research will be done. Future fuels and additives will almost exclusively be those that can group with existing Tier 1 data, and likely will come from manufacturers that have already paid for the Tier 1 research. It is estimated that new Tier 1 research will cost \$0.5 million per product, and that there will be only one Tier 1 submission over the next three years. Standard Tier 2 activity also will be very limited. The EPA has concluded that existing data cover standard Tier 2 for baseline diesel. Baseline gasoline, the six major nonbaseline gasoline oxygenates, and the atypical gasoline additive MMT, are subject to alternative Tier 2 requirements. It is estimated that new standard Tier 2 research will cost \$1 million per product, and that there will only be four standard Tier 2 submissions over the next three years. It is estimated that the alternative Tier 2 testing for gasoline and oxygenates will cost \$15 million over five years. It is estimated that the alternative Tier 2 testing for MMT will cost \$10 million over five years. 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: March 25, 1999.

John W. Holley,

Acting Director, Fuels and Energy Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6320-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Estuary Program

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: National Estuary Program, EPA ICR Number 1500.04, OMB Control Number 2040-0138, expiration date: June 30, 1999. 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 May 7, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1500.04.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* National Estuary Program (OMB Control No. 2040-0138; EPA ICR No. 1500.04) expiring 6/30/99. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Annual Workplans: The National Estuary Program (NEP) involves collecting information from

those state or local agencies or nongovernmental organizations that receive funds under section 320 of the Clean Water Act. The regulation requiring this information is found at 40 CFR part 35. Prospective grant recipients seek funding to develop or oversee and coordinate implementation of comprehensive conservation and management plans (CCMP) for estuaries of national significance. In order to receive funds, grantees must submit an annual workplan to EPA. The workplan consists of two parts: (a) progress on projects funded previously; and (b) new projects proposed with dollar amounts and completion dates. The workplan is reviewed by EPA and also serves as the scope of work for the grant agreement. EPA also uses these workplans to track performance of each of the 28 estuary programs currently in the NEP.

Biennial Reviews: EPA provides funding to NEPs after their CCMPs have been approved by the Administrator if such programs demonstrate adequate progress in implementing their CCMPs through a biennial review process. Biennial reviews are used to determine progress each NEP is making in implementing its CCMP and achieving environmental results. In addition to evaluating progress, the results are used to identify areas of weakness each NEP should address for long-term success in protecting and restoring their estuaries. EPA will also compile successful tools and approaches as well as lessons learned from all biennial reviews to transfer to the NEPs and other watershed programs. For this ICR cycle, biennial reviews will be required of the first 17 NEPs in FY1999 and the first 21 NEPs in FY2001. Biennial reviews are required in addition to annual workplans.

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Burden Statement: The annual public recording and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 100 hours per response for annual workplans and 250 hours per response for biennial review. 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: state or local governments or nongovernmental organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 28.

Frequency of Response: annual workplans; biennial reviews.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 5,967 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$0.

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. 1500.04 and OMB Control No. 2040-0138 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OP 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 the EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 31, 1999.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00593; FRL-6074-7]

Pesticides; Policy Issues Related to the Food Quality Protection Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: To assure that EPA's policies related to implementing the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) are

transparent and open to public participation, EPA is soliciting comments on a draft policy paper entitled "Choosing a Percentile of Acute Dietary Exposure as a Threshold of Regulatory Concern." This notice is the seventh in a series concerning science policy documents related to FQPA and developed through the Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee (TRAC).

DATES: Written comments for this policy paper, identified by docket control number OPP-00593, should be submitted by June 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Martin, Environmental Protection Agency (7509C), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone number: (703) 308-2857, fax: 703-305-5147, and e-mail address: martin.kathleen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Notice Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this notice if you manufacture or formulate pesticides. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Categories	NAICS	Examples of potentially affected entities
Pesticide producers	32532	Pesticide manufacturers Pesticide formulators

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed could also be affected. If available, the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this notice affects certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this announcement to you, consult the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section of this document.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of This Document or Other Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and the science policy paper at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/>. On the Office of Pesticide Program Home Page select "TRAC" and then look up the entry for this document. You can also go directly to the listings at the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register** — Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>) to obtain this notice and the science policy paper.

2. *Fax on Demand.* You may request to receive a faxed copy of this document, as well as supporting information, by using a faxphone to call (202) 401-0527 and selecting item 6034. You may also follow the automated menu.

3. *In person or by phone.* If you have any questions or need additional information about this action, you may contact the person identified in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section of this document. In addition, the official record for the science policy paper listed in the "SUMMARY" section of this document, including the public version, has been established under docket control number OPP-00593 (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of each record, including printed, paper versions of any electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI), is available for inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person or electronically. Be sure to include docket control number OPP-00593 in your correspondence.

1. *By mail.* 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.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of