

burden is estimated to be 410 hours for respondents for the first year, and 706 hours in the second year.

There are no direct respondent costs for this data collection. An incentive payment of \$100 will be offered to defray the burden for pesticide applicators participating in the exposure measurement study. An incentive payment of \$20 will be offered to spouses and children providing urine samples, and \$5 to children responding to the questionnaire only.

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: May 27, 1999.

Gary J. Foley,

Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6359-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Foreign Purchaser Acknowledgment Statement of Unregistered Pesticides; Submission of ICR No. 0161.08 to OMB for Review and Approval; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: "Foreign Purchaser Acknowledgment Statement of Unregistered Pesticides" (EPA No. 0161.08, OMB No. 2070-0027) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and

approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.12. This ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden. The Agency is requesting that OMB renew for 3 years the existing approval for this ICR, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 1999. Before submitting this ICR to OMB, EPA issued a **Federal Register** document announcing the Agency's intent to seek OMB approval for this ICR and providing a 60-day public comment opportunity (64 FR 3083, January 20, 1999). EPA did not receive any comments on this ICR during the comment period.

DATES: Additional comments, identified by ICR numbers EPA No. 0161.08 and OMB No. 2070-0027, must be received on or before July 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone on (202) 260-2740, by e-mail:

"farmer.sandy@epa.gov." You may also obtain copies of the ICR document from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0161.08.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0161.08 and OMB Control No. 2070-0027, to the following addresses:

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regulatory Information Division (Mail Code: 2137), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460;

and to:
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Review Requested: This is a request to renew a currently approved information collection pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12.

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 0161.08; OMB Control No. 2070-0027.

Current Expiration Date: Current OMB approval expires on June 30, 1999.

Title: Foreign Purchaser Acknowledgment Statement of Unregistered Pesticides.

Abstract: This data collection program is designed to provide notice to foreign purchasers of unregistered pesticides exported from the United States that the pesticide product cannot be sold in the United States. Section 17(a)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA or the Act) requires an exporter of any pesticide not registered under FIFRA section 3 or sold under FIFRA section 6(a)(1) to obtain a signed statement from the foreign purchaser acknowledging that the

purchaser is aware that the pesticide is not registered for use in the United States and cannot be sold in the United States. A copy of this statement must be transmitted to an appropriate official of the government in the importing country. The purpose of the purchaser acknowledgment statement requirement is to notify the government of the importing country that a pesticide judged hazardous to human health or the environment, or for which no such hazard assessment has been made, will be imported into that country. This information is submitted in the form of annual or per-shipment statements to the EPA, which maintains original records and transmits copies thereof to appropriate government officials of the countries which are importing the pesticides. The burden for this information collection has been constant since the implementation of the 1993 pesticide export policy governing the export of pesticides, devices, and active ingredients used in producing pesticides.

A detailed description of the collection activity covered by this ICR is provided in the ICR. The other activities related to pesticide registration, e.g., labeling and recordkeeping, are covered by a separate ICR (EPA ICR No. 0277; OMB Control No. 2070-0060). In general, the records that are required to be maintained under section 8 of FIFRA are already covered by the Pesticide Registration ICR. In addition, this ICR does not include any estimated burden or costs related to pesticide product labeling, which is not considered to be a collection of information subject to approval under the PRA because the information that must be included as the product labeling has been approved and provided by EPA. In 1995, in the context of the Pesticide Registration ICR, OMB determined that the Agency does not need to estimate burden or costs for the third party disclosure requirement involving the registrant's disclosure of product specific information to potential users and the general public through the pesticide labeling is not considered to be a collection of information subject to approval under the PRA because the information that must be included as the product labeling has been approved and provided to the registrant by EPA. (5 CFR 1320.3(c)(2)). This ICR, therefore, only accounts for the incremental burden of maintaining records related to the foreign labeling, and providing appropriate translations of certain required labeling statements.

Burden Statement: The annual respondent burden for this information collection, which is based on a response

consisting of the submission of an FPAS and use of multi-lingual labeling, and varies slightly according to the registration status of the product, is estimated to average about 6.2 hours per response for registered products (1.081 hours for the FPAS+5.083 hours for multi-lingual labeling), and about 6.7 hours per response for unregistered products (1.081 hours for the FPAS+5.583 hours for multi-lingual labeling). The annual respondent cost for this information collection is estimated to average about \$492.49 per response for registered products (\$74.33 for the FPAS+\$418.16 for multi-lingual labeling), and about \$553.99 per response for unregistered products (\$74.33 for the FPAS+\$479.66 for multi-lingual labeling). Under the PRA, "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. For this collection it includes the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. No person is required to respond to a collection of information subject to approval under the PRA, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA regulations, after initially appearing in the Final Rule, are displayed in 40 CFR part 9, and on any applicable information collection instrument.

The following is a brief summary of the estimates presented in this ICR:

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Exporters of pesticide products.

Estimated total number of potential Respondents: 2,500.

Frequency of Response: As determined by the exporter.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 21,451.3.

Estimated total annual burden costs: \$1,746,536.

Changes in Burden Estimates: The change in respondent burden is due to three factors: (1) EPA has revised the burden estimate for the purchaser acknowledgment requirement to reflect the numbers of FPASs submitted to EPA under the revised policy; (2) EPA has also adjusted the estimated burden imposed by the multi-lingual export labeling requirement, which requires exporters to translate the approved label provided by EPA, and (3) the estimated costs have increased significantly due to the use of the labor rates recently supplied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, no changes have been made to the requirements for foreign purchaser acknowledgments.

Next Step in the process for this ICR: After providing a 30 day opportunity for additional comments from the public, OMB will review and take action on the Agency's request. If this ICR involves the renewal of a currently approved collection activity for which the renewal request was submitted to OMB before the current approval expires, then the current approval will be extended month-to-month until OMB takes an action on the pending request (see 5 CFR 1320.10(e)(2) and 1320.12(b)(2)). Periodically, EPA publishes a notice in the **Federal Register** listing recent OMB actions on the Agency's ICR submittals. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Dated: June 9, 1999.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140280; FRL-6082-8]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Versar Inc.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor Versar, Incorporated, of Springfield, Virginia for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data by Versar occurred as a result of an approved waiver dated May 4, 1999, which requested granting Versar immediate access to TSCA CBI. This waiver was necessary to allow Versar to provide exposure assessment support for both new and existing chemicals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Augustyniak, Acting Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under contract number 68-W-99-041, contractor Versar Incorporated, of 6850

Versar Center, Springfield, VA, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in providing exposure assessment support for both new and existing chemicals submitted under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W-99-041, Versar will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. Versar personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA that EPA may provide Versar access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only.

All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at U.S. EPA Headquarters and Versar's Springfield, VA site.

Versar will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at their office under the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at Versar's office site, EPA will perform the required inspection of its facility and ensure that the facility is in compliance with the Manual. Upon completing review of the CBI materials, Versar will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until April 30, 2004.

Versar personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: June 6, 1999.

Oscar Morales,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution and Prevention and Toxics.

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Exposure Factors Handbook

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.