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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. The Agency has committed through its Strategic Plan, Goal 9 to provide a credible deterrent to pollution and greater compliance with the law. By ensuring compliance through an array of traditional and innovative approaches, EPA is working to mitigate and avoid risks to human health and the environment, and help the regulated community understand and fully comply with environmental and statutory requirements. The information on facilities that did not submit their Tier II forms will be forwarded to EPA Regional offices for appropriate follow-up.

(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. The reporting form has been discussed with Regional and headquarters EPCRA section 312 coordinators. Although there is variability among the states' ability to respond to this request, EPA Regions were asked to determine how long it would take each state in their Region to retrieve, review, and provide the information requested based on a list of specific facilities located in that state. Some of the Regional offices conducted some preliminary review of the requested information which was used to estimate burden hours. EPA has determined that three states and some California LEPCs have this information in automated files which would require minimum resources to access. This information was also considered in determining burden hours.

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. These projects have an anticipated length through September 30, 2001. However, we anticipate that if the information reveals any non-compliance, some follow-up with the states may be necessary. The information sought was kept to an absolute minimum to avoid any

problems with data identification or retrieval.

(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. To the extent possible, the Agency will collect the information through automated data systems.

**Burden Statement:** This information collection involves responses from 50 states, two territories (Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands), and the District of Columbia, for a total of 53 respondents.

The requested information will be collected as part of this specific one-time only Agency initiative for each relevant sector. EPA does not anticipate any capital or start-up costs. Since the states collect and retain the requested information as part of their state EPCRA section 312 program, EPA does not anticipate any operations or maintenance costs associated with this request. EPA Regional or Headquarters activities are considered as part of program oversight and will not be included as burden hours.

The estimated maximum burden for the respondents is estimated to be approximately 4440 hours at a cost of approximately \$78,125 (The cost of purchasing contract services, if needed, is estimated to be \$7500). This estimate is based on records review and recording time plus some oversight for three of the largest sectors (i.e. greatest number of facilities). The review may be conducted for more than three sectors but at fewer than all 53 respondents. The response cost is calculated using labor rates of \$17.48 per hour for clerical review and response time and \$30.34 for supervisory time. The source of labor rates is the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 1998, Table 4: Employment Costs of State and Local Government. This estimate includes the time needed to review the instructions, retrieve the records and record the results of the questionnaire.

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: August 19, 1999.

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*Acting Director, Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.*  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[AD-FRL-6430-2]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Automobile Refinish Coatings

**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 EPA is planning to submit for renewal the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Automobile Refinish Coatings," EPA No. 1765.01, OMB No. 2060-0353, expires January 31, 2000. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, the EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comments.* Comments should be submitted (in duplicate) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention: Docket No. A-95-18, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

*Docket.* Information on the ICR and the Automobile Refinish Coatings Rule can be obtained from the docket (above) and is also available for downloading from the EPA's internet website for this rule at "<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/uatw/183e/arc/arcp.html>." The docket is available for public inspection and copying between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday, at the EPA's Air and Radiation Docket and

Information Center, Waterside Mall, Room M-1500, 1st Floor, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-7548, FAX (202) 260-4400. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark Morris at (919) 541-5416, Organic Chemicals Group, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, e-mail (morris.mark@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which manufacture or import automobile refinish coatings or coating components for sale or distribution in the United States, including the District of Columbia and all United States territories.

**Title:** National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Automobile Refinish Coatings; OMB Control No 2060-0353; EPA ICR No. 1765.01; expires January 31, 2000.

**Abstract:** The information collection includes initial and periodic reporting necessary for the EPA to ensure compliance with Federal standards for volatile organic compounds in automobile refinish coatings. Respondents are manufacturers and importers of automobile refinish coatings and coating components. Responses to the collection are mandatory under 40 CFR part 59, subpart B—National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Automobile Refinish Coatings. All information submitted to the EPA for which a claim of confidentiality is made will be safeguarded according to the Agency policies set forth in 40 CFR part 2, subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information. 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 the EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

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:** 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. Total industry burden is estimated to be 22 hours per year, at a total labor cost of \$1,100 per year. Labor costs were estimated based on Table 2 of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Employment Cost Trends. After adding overhead costs of 100 percent to the BLS figures, the resulting hourly rates for management, technical, and clerical labor are \$69, \$48, and \$32 respectively. There are no capital costs associated with this collection. Burden was calculated based on the following assumptions:

(i) Initial Notification Reports will have been submitted by all regulated entities (approximately 30) prior to expiration of the existing ICR. Therefore, the burden calculation is based on one new initial notification per year by a new regulated entity.

(ii) Reading the rule to obtain the recordkeeping and reporting instructions would require 2 hours.

(iii) Completion of the Initial Notification Report would require 2 hours.

(iv) Notification of a change in date coding systems would require 2 hours.

Dated: August 15, 1999.

**John S. Seitz,**

*Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6429-7]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Responses

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notices.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). 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 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at (202) 260-2740, or E-mail at "farmer.sandy@epa.gov", and please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

##### OMB Approvals

**EPA ICR No. 1789.02;** NESHAP for Source Category: Natural Gas Transmission and Storage; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart HHH; was approved 07/22/99; OMB No. 2060-0418; expires 07/31/2002.

**EPA ICR No. 1821.02;** National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Steel Pickling, HCl Process Facilities and Hydrochloric Acid Regeneration; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart CCC; was approved 07/22/99; OMB No. 2060-0414; expires 07/31/2002.

**EPA ICR No. 1811.02;** National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Polyester Polyols Production; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart PPP; was approved 07/22/99; OMB No. 2060-0415; expires 07/31/2002.

**EPA ICR No. 1788.02;** NESHAP for Source Category: Oil and Gas Production; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart HH; was approved 07/22/99; OMB No. 2060-0417; expires 07/31/2002.

**EPA ICR No. 1856.02;** National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Primary Lead Smelters; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart TTT; was approved 07/22/99; OMB No. 2060-0419; expires 07/31/2002.

**EPA ICR No. 1888.01;** National Roster for Environmental Dispute Resolution