

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6442-5]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Pretreatment 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: Information Collection Request for the National Pretreatment Program (40 CFR part 403), EPA ICR No. 0002.09 (expires October 31, 1999), OMB Control Number 2040-0009. 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 October 25, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at [farmer.sandy@epa.gov](mailto:farmer.sandy@epa.gov), or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0002.09.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Information Collection Request for the National Pretreatment Program (40 CFR part 403), EPA ICR No. 0002.09 (expires October 31, 1999), OMB Control No. 2040-0009. This is a request for review of an extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** This ICR calculates the burden and costs associated with managing the National Pretreatment Program mandated by sections 402(a) and (b) and 307(b) of the Clean Water Act. This ICR is a renewal of the Revision of the Information Collection Request for the National Pretreatment Program (OMB Control No. 2040-0009, EPA ICR No. 0002.08).

Management of the pretreatment program is the responsibility of the Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) in the Office of Water (OW), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Clean Water Act requires EPA to develop national pretreatment standards to control discharges from Industrial Users (IUs) into Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs). These standards limit the level of

certain pollutants in IU wastewaters. EPA administers the pretreatment program through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. Under the NPDES permit program, EPA may approve State or individual POTW implementation of the pretreatment standards at their respective levels. OWM uses the data collected under the pretreatment program to monitor and enforce compliance with the regulations, as well as to authorize program administration at the State or local (POTW) level. The data collected from IUs includes the mass, frequency, and content of their discharges, their schedules for installing pretreatment equipment, and actual or anticipated discharges of wastes that violate pretreatment standards, have the potential to cause problems at the POTW, or are considered hazardous under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). States and POTWs applying for approval of pretreatment programs submit data concerning their legal, procedural, and administrative bases for establishing such programs. This information may include surveys of IUs, local limits for pollutant concentration, and schedules for completion of major project requirements. IUs and POTWs submit written reports. These data may then be entered into the NPDES databases by the approved State or EPA.

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. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 12, 1999 (64 FR 17660); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6.5 hours per response and to require 7.16 hours per respondent for recordkeeping. 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 and local governments and regulated industrial users.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 29,517.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually, semi-annually, and on occasion.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 1,347,018 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (non-labor costs):** \$40,076,913.

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. 0002.09 and OMB Control No. 2040-0009 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, 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 EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 16, 1999.

**Richard T. Westlund,**

*Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6442-4]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Voluntary Customer Service Satisfaction Surveys****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: Voluntary Customer Service Satisfaction Surveys, EPA ICR Number

1711.03, OMB Control Number 2090-0019, expiring on 10/31/99. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection, and its expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 25, 1999. They may be sent via e-mail to

*bonner.patricia@epa.gov* or via fax to 202-260-4968.

**ADDRESSES:** USEPA, Policy & Reinvention, Mail Code 2161, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone: (202) 260-2740; by

e-mail: *farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov* or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1711.03.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Voluntary Customer Service Satisfaction Surveys, OMB Control No. 2090-0019, EPA ICR Number 1711.03, expiring 10/31/99. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection of a generic clearance for customer satisfaction surveys directed under Executive Order 12862 "Setting Customer Service Standards" (9/11/93).

**Abstract:** EPA uses voluntary surveys to learn how satisfied EPA customers are, and how we can improve services, products and processes. EPA surveys individuals who use services, products or processes. During the next three years, EPA plans up to 712 surveys, and will use results to target/measure service delivery improvements. The Agency plans to use: comment cards, evaluation forms and web-based feedback; telephone and written (mail) surveys; and focus groups and in-person interviews. No Agency may conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it has 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. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 5/10/99 (64 FR 25037); one inquiry and no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** Response ranges from seconds to 6 hours/person; the average annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this information collection is 13.7 minutes/response. Labor costs are based on median earnings reported (\$543/week) by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in July 1999. 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:** Any person or entity that uses EPA services.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 68,740 annual average.

**Frequency of Response:** Generally, 1 time; however, people can comment many times to Internet screens.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 15,536.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital, Operating, and Maintenance 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. 1711.03 and OMB Control No. 2090-0019 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, 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 EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 17, 1999.

**Richard T. Westlund,**

*Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.*

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**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant petition.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency is announcing our intent to grant the petition of Pioneer Chlor-Alkali, Inc. in St. Gabriel, Louisiana for a site-specific determination of equivalent treatment (DET). This DET would address Pioneer's Remerc process for treating K106 mercury wastes under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

The proposed DET would recognize Remerc, a hydrometallurgical process, as an equivalent technology to roasting or retorting with recovery of mercury for reuse, our current land disposal restrictions (LDR) hazardous waste treatment standard for high mercury K106 waste (wastewater treatment sludge from the mercury cell process used in chlorine production). If we grant this DET, Pioneer will be allowed to use Remerc to treat high mercury K106 wastes, and the treatment residuals will be subject to a mercury limit of 0.20 mg/L TCLP.

**DATES:** This DET is effective on October 25, 1999, unless we receive relevant adverse comment by October 14, 1999. If we receive such comment(s), we will publish a timely notice in the **Federal Register** informing the public that this DET will not be automatically granted and indicating the further steps that will be taken.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing Docket Number F-99-PCAP-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address below. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: *rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov*. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-99-PCAP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC),

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**Land Disposal Restrictions: Notice of Intent To Grant a Site-Specific Determination of Equivalent Treatment to Pioneer Chlor-Alkali, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.