

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****[OPP-00642; FRL-6491-5]****Pesticide Product Registration Maintenance Fee; Renewal of Pesticide Information Collection Activities and Request for Comments****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) this notice announces that EPA is seeking public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): "Pesticide Product Registration Maintenance Fee" (OMB Control Number 2070-0100; EPA No. 1214.05). This is a request to renew an existing ICR that is currently approved and due to expire September

30, 2000. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

**DATES:** Written comments, identified by the docket control number OPP-00642, must be received on or before May 8, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00642 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Cameo Smoot, Field and External Affairs Division (Mail code 7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-5454; fax number: (703) 305-5884; e-mail address: smoot.cameo@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Does this Action Apply to Me?**

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a pesticide registrant with a product registered under section 3 and section 24(c) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Category	NAICS code	SIC codes	Examples of potentially affected entities
Pesticide and other agricultural chemical manufacturing	325320	286—Industrial organic chemicals 287—Agricultural chemicals	Pesticide registrants

This table 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 in this table could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes and the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes are provided to assist you and others in determining whether or not this action might apply to certain entities. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

**II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?****A. Electronically**

You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register--Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

**B. Fax-on-Demand**

Using a faxphone call (202) 401-0527 and select item 6079 for a copy of the ICR.

**C. In Person**

The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00642. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

**III. How Can I Respond to this Action?****A. How and to Whom Do I Submit the Comments?**

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00642 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* You may submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: "opp-

docket@epa.gov,” or you can submit a computer disk as described in Units III.A.1. and 2. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPP-00642. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

*B. How Should I Handle CBI that I Want to Submit to the Agency?*

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person identified under “FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.”

*C. What Should I Consider when I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket control number and administrative record number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your

response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

*D. What Information is EPA Particularly Interested in?*

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information are 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 burdens of the proposed collections of information.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
4. Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**IV. What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does this Action Apply to?**

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR:

*Title:* Pesticide Product Registration Maintenance Fee.

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 1214.05, OMB No. 2070-0100.

*ICR status:* This a renewal of an existing ICR that is currently approved by OMB and is due to expire September 30, 2000. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information that is subject to the approval under the PRA, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's information collections appear on the collection instruments or instructions, in the **Federal Register** notices for related rulemakings and ICR notices, and, if the collection is contained in a regulation, in a table of OMB approval numbers in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* This information collection program provides a practical means of communication between the registrants and the Agency to collect the pesticide product registration maintenance fees as required by section 4(i)(5) of FIFRA as amended. Each affected firm is required to complete a filing form and submit their fee payment by January 15 of each year. Respondents complete and submit EPA Form 8570-30 indicating the respondent's liability for the registration

maintenance fee. The Agency provides registrants a list of the registered products currently registered with the Agency. Registrants are provided the opportunity to review the list, determine its accuracy, and remit payment of the maintenance fee. The list of products has space identified for marking those products to be supported and those products that are to be canceled. The registrants are also instructed to identify any products on the list which they believe to be transferred to another company, and to add to the list any products which the company believes to be registered that are not on the Agency list. The failure to pay the required fee for a product will result in cancellation of that product. Since 1994, the number of registrants to which these forms are sent has remained fairly stable at around 2,000. No changes in the substance or in the method of collection is proposed in this ICR renewal request.

**V. What are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for this ICR?**

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 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden is estimated at 0.94 per collection. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

*Respondents/affected entities:* Pesticide registrants.

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 1,977.

*Frequency of response:* Annually, by January 15.

*Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent:* Dependent upon number of registrations held.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 1,858 hours.

*Estimated total annual burden costs:*  
\$177,870.69.

## VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

Few changes have occurred since the last approval. Most firms have filed the form in the past 6 years and are familiar with the annual requirement, and with the form itself. Most of the companies hold 10 or fewer products, and find that it takes only a few minutes to complete the form. The Agency believes that access and use of a toll free help line has paid great dividends in assisting respondents with questions. Therefore, the burden has remained relatively unchanged from the most recent renewal.

## VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 18, 2000.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[OPP-00643; FRL-6493-9]**

### Submission of Unreasonable Adverse Effects Information Under FIFRA Section 6(a)(2); Renewal of Pesticide Information Collection Activities and Request for Comments

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the EPA is seeking public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): "Submission of Unreasonable Adverse Effects Information Under FIFRA Section 6(a)(2)" (EPA ICR No. 1204.08, OMB No. 2070-0039). This ICR involves a collection activity that is currently approved and due to expire on September 30, 2000. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

**DATES:** Written comments, identified by the docket control number OPP-00643, must be received on or before May 8, 2000.

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a pesticide registrant. Under section 6(a)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) pesticide registrants are required to submit any factual information regarding adverse effects associated with their pesticidal products, and it is up to the Agency to determine whether or not that factual information constitutes an unreasonable adverse effect. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

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