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 DOCKET# CP99-541,000, COTTON VALLEY COMPRESSION, L.L.C.
 OTHER#S CP99-542,000, COTTON VALLEY COMPRESSION, L.L.C.
 CP99-543,000 COTTON VALLEY COMPRESSION, L.L.C.
 CAG-23.
 DOCKET# CP99-610,000, NATURAL GAS PROCESSING COMPANY
 CAG-24.
 DOCKET# CP99-94,000, FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY
 OTHER#S RP96-366,011, FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY
 CP99-94 001 FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY
 CAG-25.
 DOCKET# CP99-616,000, COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
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David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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TSCA Sections 402/404 Training, Certification, Accreditation, and Standards for Lead-Based Paint Activities; Request for Comment on Renewal of Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), EPA is seeking public comment and information on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): TSCA Sections 402/404 Training, Certification, Accreditation, and Standards for Lead-Based Paint Activities (EPA ICR No. 1715.03, OMB No. 2070-0155). This ICR involves a collection activity that is currently approved and scheduled to expire on May 31, 2000. The information collected under this ICR will help EPA ensure that individuals engaged in lead-based paint activities (i.e., activities that prevent, detect or eliminate hazards associated with lead-based paint) are properly trained; that training programs are accredited; that contractors engaged in such activities are certified; that activities are conducted according to reliable, effective and safe work practice standards; and that States and Indian Tribes that seek Federal authorization to administer and enforce lead-based paint activities establish programs that address the above requirements. 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 OPPTS-00286 and administrative record number AR-222, must be received on or before April 24, 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 OPPTS-00286 and administrative record number AR-222 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Joseph S. Carra, Deputy Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7401), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: Ellie Clark, National Program Chemicals Division (7404), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 260-3402; fax number: (202) 260-0018; e-mail address: clark.ellie@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you provide training in lead-based paint activities, are engaged in lead-based paint activities, or are a State Agency administering lead-based paint activities. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Type of business	SIC codes
General contractors - Single family homes	1521
General contractors - Residential buildings, other than single family	1522
Operative builders	1531
Other nonresidential buildings	1542
Painting contractors	1721

Type of business	SIC codes
Plastering, dry wall, acoustical, insulation work	1742
Carpentry work contractors	1751
Roofing, siding, sheet metal work	1761
Wrecking and demolition	1795
Miscellaneous trade contractors, NEC	1799
Schools: Industrial, technical and trade vocational schools, NEC	8249
Vocational guidance training programs and services	8299

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 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 any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical 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 items 4078 and 4079 for a copy of the ICR.

C. In Person

The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPPTS-00286 and administrative record number AR-222. 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 TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, North East Mall Rm. B-607, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Center is (202) 260-7099.

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 OPPTS-00286 and administrative record number AR-222 on the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments to: Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver your comments to: OPPT Document Control Office (DCO) in East Tower Rm. G-099, Waterside Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 260-7093.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: "oppt.ncic@epa.gov," or mail your computer disk to the address identified in Units III.A.1. and 2. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by docket control number OPPTS-00286 and administrative record number AR-222.

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 technical 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: TSCA Sections 402/404 Training, Certification, Accreditation, and Standards for Lead-Based Paint Activities.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1715.03, OMB No. 2070-0155.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on May 31, 2000. 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 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 applies to reporting and recordkeeping requirements found in sections 402 and 404 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and applicable regulations at 40 CFR part 745. The purposes of the requirements under TSCA section 402 are to ensure that individuals conducting activities that prevent, detect, and eliminate hazards associated with lead-based paint in residential facilities, particularly those occupied or used by children, are properly trained and certified, that training programs providing instruction in such activities are accredited, and that these activities are conducted according to reliable, effective, and safe work practice standards. The TSCA section 404 regulations include reporting and recordkeeping requirements that apply to States and Indian Tribes that seek Federal authorization to administer and enforce State and Tribal programs that

regulate lead-based paint activities based on the section 402 regulations. The overall goals of the section 402 and section 404 regulations and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements found therein are to ensure the availability of a trained and qualified workforce to identify and address lead-based paint hazards in residences, and to protect the general public from exposure to lead hazards.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 745). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

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 for this collection of information is estimated to average 17.2 hours per response. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities:

Persons who provide training in lead-based paint activities or engage in lead-based paint activities; or a State Agency administering lead-based paint activities.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 21,529.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent: 1 or more, depending on type of respondent.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 371,214.

Estimated total annual burden costs: \$12,040,927.

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

Compared with the information collection most recently approved by OMB, there is a net decrease of 32,327 hours in the estimated burden to respondents, from an estimated annual total burden of 403,541 hours currently approved to an average annual total burden of 371,214 hours in this request. This decrease reflects a number of factors. The initial ICR was developed before any of the applicable program activities were underway and relied on burden estimates developed in the TSCA sections 402/404 Regulatory Impact Analysis and experience with other similar rules. Better estimates are now available on the likely burden to States and EPA under this rule. In addition, a more accurate estimate of the number of States that will obtain authorization to run their own programs is available; the initial ICR assumed all States would seek authorization. The third change is an update in wage rates to reflect current economic conditions. Finally, this ICR includes the costs and burden to the States for administering their programs.

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 technical person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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