

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6119-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; NSPS Rubber Tire Manufacturing Plants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: NSPS Subpart BBB, Rubber Tire Manufacturing Plants, OMB Control Number 2060-0156, expiration date 7/31/98. 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 July 31, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1158.06.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: NSPS Subpart BBB, Rubber Tire Manufacturing Plants; EPA ICR No. 1158.06; OMB Control No. 2060-0156, expiring 7/31/98. This is a request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: All data in this ICR that is recorded and reported is required by 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart BBB. The monitoring and recordkeeping requirements include: maintain records of startups, shutdowns, malfunctions, periods where the continuous monitoring system is inoperative (60.7(b)), and of all measurements including performance test measurements, operating parameters of monitoring device results for catalytic or thermal incinerator, or carbon absorber (60.545 (a), (b) and (c)); monthly VOCs use, number of days in compliance period, and of other information needed to verify results of all monthly tests (60.545 (d) and (e)); of formulation data or results of Method 24 analysis of water-based sprays containing less than 1.0 percent of VOC (60.545(f)); and of all other information required by this part recorded in a permanent file suitable for

inspection. The file shall be retained for at least two years.

Following notification of startup, the reviewing authority might inspect the source to check if the pollution control devices are properly installed and operated. Performance test reports are used by the Agency to discern a source's initial capability to comply with the emission standard, and note the operating conditions specified above under which compliance was achieved. Data obtained during periodic visits by Agency personnel from records maintained by the respondents are tabulated and published for internal Agency use in compliance and enforcement programs. The semiannual reports are used for problem identification, as a check on source operation and maintenance, and for compliance determinations.

The required information consisting of emissions data and other information have been determined not to be private. However, any information submitted to the agency for which a claim of confidentiality is made will be safeguarded according to the Agency policies.

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** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 2, 1997. (FR Volume 62, Number 231). No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 73 hours per response. 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.

New Affected Entities: Rubber Tire Manufacturing Plants

Estimated Number of Respondents: [31]

Frequency of Response: [Semiannually and annual reports]

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: [18,651] hours

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: [\$485,000]

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. 1158.06 and OMB Control No. 2060-0156 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2136), 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: June 25, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6118-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; General Conformity of Federal Actions to State Implementation Plans

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: Determining Conformity of General Federal Actions to State Implementation Plans, OMB Control Number 2060-0279, ICR number 1637.04, expiring July 31, 1998. 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 July 31, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1637.04.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Determining Conformity of General Federal Actions to State Implementation Plans, OMB Control Number 2060-0279, ICR number 1637.04, expiring July 31, 1998. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Before any agency, department, or instrumentality of the Federal government engages in, supports in any way, provides financial assistance for, licenses, permits, or approves any activity, that agency has the affirmative responsibility to ensure that such action conforms to the State implementation plan (SIP) for the attainment and maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). 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 February 18, 1998 (63 FR 8196); two comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 49 hours per response. 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: Federal Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 280.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 13,600 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized 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. 1637.04 and OMB Control No. 2060-0279 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE 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: June 25, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

National Economic Council

Office of Science and Technology Policy

Enhancing Federal Training and Education Through Technology

AGENCY: National Economic Council and Office of Science and Technology Policy, EOP.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The National Economic Council and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, in consultation with the Office of Personnel Management, seek information about how to make the most efficient possible use of new information technologies for training federal employees in ways that also will accelerate the development of the broader commercial marketplace. This will require making full use of innovations in technology for commercial training, encouraging interoperability of products from competing vendors, and experimenting with new forms of public-private collaboration to develop high-quality instructional software.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit electronic version of comments at www.fed-training.org or written comments by mail to Martha Livingston, Office of Science and Technology, Room 423, Old Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Mayronne, Department of Labor, 2000 Constitution, Room N-5303, Washington, D.C. 20001. Telephone: (202) 219-9587, ext. 171. Fax: (202)-7968. Additional information and materials are available at www.fed-training.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Administration is interested in the ability of new information and communications technologies to enhance lifelong learning by expanding access, reducing cost, and improving quality. For example:

- Access to education and training could be expanded by allowing adults to learn at a time, place, and pace that is convenient for them—using the Internet, CDROM, and/or other technology-mediated forms of instruction.
- The quality of education could be improved through the use of technologies such as: modeling and simulation and case-based reasoning, which enable “learning by doing”; intelligent tutoring systems, which can respond to the individual needs of the learner and recognize common mistakes; synchronous and asynchronous learning networks, which can encourage the formation of “communities of learners” between students and teachers; and the appropriate use of multimedia, which can increase retention and “time on task.”

- Cost for the development of high-quality instructional content/software could be reduced by: greater re-use of instructional modules; better authoring tools; and open specifications for instructional management systems—such as the EDUCOM Instructional Management System.

- Relevance could be increased by reducing the time that is required to develop instructional software, thereby providing timely technology-based training materials to the learner.

The Administration is pursuing a number of policies to realize this vision, including: (1) Eliminating barriers to broader adoption of distance learning by both individuals and institutions through reforms of the Higher Education