

Burden Statement: The annual burden for this collection of information is estimated to average fourteen work weeks of professional effort at \$840 per week, and seven work weeks of clerical support at \$360 per week for the government. Approximately 210 requests may be made annually with an average of one hour spent on each request by both entities. The total costs are attributed to labor hours and overhead since there is no capital investment required for this collection of information. 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 instruction; 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 instruction and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: August 3, 1998.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request Up for Renewal

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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): EPA Worker Protection Standard for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, EPA ICR #1426.03, OMB Control #2050-0105, Expiration 1/31/99. Before submitting ICR to OMB and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, EPA is soliciting

comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, 401 M. Street, SW, MS 5101, Washington, DC 20460.

Remit Comments to: Sella M. Burchette, S EPA/ERT, 2890 Woodbridge Ave., Bldg 18, MS 101, Edison, NJ 08837-3679.

To obtain a copy at no charge, please contact Sella Burchette at (732) 321-6726/FAX: (732) 321-6724/or electronically at burchette.sella@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are those State and local employees engaged in hazardous waste operations and emergency response in the 27 States that do not have Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved State plans.

Title: EPA Worker Protection Standard for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, EPA ICR #1426.03, OMB Control #2050-0105, Expiration 1-31-99. This is a request for renewal, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 126 (f) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) require EPA to set worker protection standards for State and local employees engaged in hazardous waste operations and emergency response in the 27 States that do not have Occupational Safety and Health Administration approved State plans. The EPA coverage, required to be identical to the OSHA standards, extends to three categories of employees: those in clean-ups at uncontrolled hazardous waste sites, including corrective actions at Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) facilities regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); employees working at routine hazardous waste operations at RCRA TSD facilities; and employees involved in emergency response operations without regard to location. This ICR renews the existing mandatory recordkeeping collection of ongoing activities including monitoring of any potential employee exposure at uncontrolled hazardous waste site, maintaining records of employee training, refresher training, medical exams, and reviewing emergency response plans.

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 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 estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(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 though the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technology collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The annual recordkeeping burden for this collection is estimated to average 10.64 hours per site or event. The estimated number of respondents is approximated at 100 RCRA regulated TSD facilities or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites; 23,900 State and local police departments, fire departments or hazardous materials response teams. The estimated total burden hours on respondents: 255,427. The frequency of collection: continuous maintenance or records.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed above.

Dated: July 30, 1998.

Larry Reed,

Acting Office Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements, Filed July 27, 1998 Through July 31, 1998, Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

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