

modeling and run performance tests to comply with Subpart E numerical standards have always been in the base Part 503 Rule and burden hours for these activities were included in the base Part 503 Rule ICR. However, the base Part 503 Rule required the permitting authority to specify to the SSIOOs the air dispersion model and model parameters to use as well as specify the protocol for running the incinerator performance test. The Phase 1 Amendments now require SSIOOs to select this information from EPA-published guidance documents and to submit this information to the permitting authority. This ICR estimates the burden hours for this activity.

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The following is a description of the information collection and reporting requirements of this proposed ICR that is needed to satisfy certain sections of these amendments to the Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge published on August 4, 1999 at 64 FR 42551:

*(A) Information Collection and Reporting: Description of Air Dispersion Model Selected by the SSIOO, the Values Used for the Model Parameters, and the Results of the Air Dispersion Modeling (§ 503.43(e)(2))*

The above-captioned information shall be submitted to the permitting authority within 30 days after completion of the modeling.

*(B) Notification of the Permitting Authority: Scheduled Date of the Incinerator Performance Test (§ 503.43(e)(3)(ii))*

The above-captioned notification shall be given to the permitting authority at least 30 days prior to the performance test to allow the permitting authority to observe the test. The notice shall include a test protocol with incinerator operating conditions and a list of test methods to be used.

*(C) Information Collection and Reporting: Submission of Numerical Pollutant Limits to the Permitting Authority (§ 503.43(e)(4))*

The above-captioned information developed to satisfy §§ 503.43(c) and (d) shall be submitted to the permitting

authority no later than 30 days after completion of the air dispersion modeling and incinerator performance test.

*Burden Statement:* EPA estimates that annually 30 SSIOOs will expend a total of 150 hours at a total cost of \$2734.50 to comply with the information collection and reporting provisions of the Phase 1 Amendments to the Part 503 Standards for the use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge. There are no State costs associated with these requirements.

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.

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 estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

Dated: December 6, 1999.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6507-9]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Oral and Written Purchase Orders**

**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: Oral and Written Purchase Orders, EPA ICR Number 1037.06, OMB Control Number 2030-0007, expiration date March 31, 2000. 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 January 13, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1037.06. For technical information about the collection contact Leigh Pomponio at (202) 564-4364.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Oral and Written Purchase Orders (OMB Control No. 2030-0007; EPA ICR No. 1037.06) expiring 03/31/2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* When EPA has a requirement for supplies or services and the value of same is under the simplified acquisition threshold, the Agency solicits verbal or written quotes from potential vendors. Vendor responses are voluntary and generally consist of item name, unit cost, delivery terms, company name, small business status, address, phone number, and point of contact. The Agency uses the collected information to make award decisions and obtain needed supplies and services.

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soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 6/30/99 (64 FR 35150); no comments were received.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes 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:* large and small businesses who wish to provide supplies and services to EPA.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 37,492.

*Frequency of Response:* 1 per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 9373 hours.

*Estimated Total Annualized Capital, Operating/ Maintenance Cost Burden:* \$0 (zero).

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. 1037.06 and OMB Control No. 2030-0007 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (2822), 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: December 10, 1999.

**Oscar Morales,**

*Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6508-1]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generating Units

**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: NSPS Subpart D, Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generating Units, OMB Control Number 2060-0026, expires 1/31/00. 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 January 13, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR contact 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> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1052.06. For technical questions about the ICR contact Seth Heminway at (202) 564-7017.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* NSPS Subpart D, Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generating Units (OMB No. 2060-0026; EPA ICR No. 1052.06, expiration date 1/31/00). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Owners or operators of steam generating units subject to subpart D must make one-time-only notifications of construction/reconstruction, anticipated and actual startup, initial performance test, physical or operational changes, and demonstration of a continuous monitoring system. They must also submit reports on initial performance test results, monitoring system performance, and excess emissions. Records must be maintained of startups, shutdowns, malfunctions, and periods when the continuous monitoring system is inoperative.

The required notifications are used to inform the Agency or delegated authority when a source becomes subject to the standard. Performance test

reports are needed as these are the Agency's record of a source's initial capability to comply with the emission standard, and serve as a record of the operating conditions under which compliance was achieved. The monitoring and excess emissions reports are used for problem identification, as a check on source operation and maintenance, and for compliance determinations. The information collected from recordkeeping and reporting requirements are used for targeting inspections, and for other uses in compliance and enforcement programs.

Responses to this information collection are deemed to be mandatory, per section 114(a) of the Clean Air Act. The required information consists of emissions data and other information that 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 set forth in Title 40, Chapter 1, part 2, subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information (see 40 CFR part 2; 41 FR 36902, September 1, 1976; amended by 43 FR 40000, September 8, 1978; 43 FR 42251, September 20, 1978; 44 FR 17674, March 23, 1979).

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*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 24 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