

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 to average 15 minutes per response. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities:
Pesticide registrants.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 5,000.

Frequency of response: As needed per event.

Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual burden hours:
1,250.

Estimated total annual burden costs:
\$118,350.

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

The total burden associated with the supplemental distribution of a registered pesticide product has decreased from 1,500 hours in the 1997 ICR to 1,250. This adjustment represents an improved estimate of the volume of responses received by the Agency. The previous estimate of 6,000 responses per year has been adjusted to reflect the new estimate of 5,000 responses per year.

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: December 14, 1999.

Susan H. Wayland,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00624; FRL-6388-6]

Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators Using 1080 Collars for Livestock Protection; 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): "Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators Using 1080 Collars for Livestock Protection (OMB Control No. 2070-0074; EPA No. 1249.06)." This is a request to renew an existing ICR that is currently approved and is due to expire June 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-00624 must be received on or before *[insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]*.

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-00624 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Cameo Smoot, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., 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 one of the approximately 120 certified pesticide applicators, who utilize 1080 toxic collars for livestock protection. Or a State Agency that implements a 1080 collar monitoring program in the state of Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, or Wyoming. Or are one of the five registrants are required to keep records of: (1) number of collars purchased; (2) number of collars placed on livestock; (3) number of collars punctured or ruptured; (4) apparent cause of puncture or rupture; (5) number of collars lost or unrecovered; (6) number of collars in use and in storage; and (7) location and species data on each animal poisoned as an apparent result of the toxic collar. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

Category	NAICS codes	SIC codes	Examples of potentially affected entities
Pesticide and other agricultural chemical manufacturing	325320	286—Industrial organic chemicals 287—Agricultural chemicals	Pesticide registrants whose products include 1080 collars

Category	NAICS codes	SIC codes	Examples of potentially affected entities
Administration of Environmental Quality Control Programs	9241	None	States implementing a 1080 collar monitoring program

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 6076 for a copy of the ICR.

C. In Person

The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00624. 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-00624 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, 401 M St., SW., 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-00624. 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: Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators Using 1080 Collars for Livestock Protection.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1249.06, OMB No. 2070-0074.

ICR status: This is a renewal of an existing ICR that is currently approved by OMB and is due to expire June 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 approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 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: The data that certified Livestock Protection Collar applicators are required to record and maintain are stipulated in "Use Restriction 5" in the technical bulletin that is part of the labeling for all Livestock Protection Collar products registered as pesticides in the United States. Use Restriction 5, from a typical technical bulletin, reads as follows:

"Each applicator shall keep records dealing with the use of Livestock Protection Collars and the results of such use. Records shall be maintained in accordance with appropriate State or Federal regulations but for not less than 2 years following disposal or loss of collars. Such records shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. The number of collars attached on livestock.

2. The pasture(s) where collared livestock were placed.

3. The dates of each attachment, inspection, and removal.

4. The number and locations of livestock found with ruptured or punctured collars and the apparent cause of the damage.

5. The number, dates, and approximate location of all collars lost.

6. The species, locations, and dates of all suspected poisonings of humans, domestic animals or non-target wild animals resulting from collar use."

Use Restriction 6, from the same typical technical bulletin, requires that "suspected" poisonings of "threatened or endangered species, . . . humans, domestic animals or nontarget wild animals" be reported, within 3 days of the incident, to a designated Government Agency (EPA and/or the appropriate state lead agency for regulation of pesticides). The EPA requires certified Livestock Protection Collar applicators to keep and report no records other than those prescribed by Use Restrictions 5 and 6.

Livestock Protection Collar registrants are required, by Use Restriction 4 of the same typical technical bulletin, to:

. . . keep records of all collars sold or transferred at their address of record. Records shall include the name, address, state where Livestock Protection Collar certification was issued, certification number of each recipient, and dates and numbers of collars sold or transferred.

Use Restriction numbers and content vary somewhat from product to product due to additional restrictions or considerations either proposed by the registrants or required by state lead agencies. As a condition of registration, the EPA has required submission of annual reports monitoring use of all of Livestock Protection Collar products. Depending upon the product, the registrant or the state lead agency for pesticide regulation is designated as being responsible for annual monitoring report. The requirement to submit reports is imposed for at least the first 4 years of the collars' use under the registration. Factors affecting the extension of requirements to submit annual reports include: (1) quality of reports submitted previously; (2) results of collar use (in terms of numbers punctured by coyotes, numbers punctured by other causes, numbers lost, nontarget poisonings, etc.); and (3) frequency and nature of violations reported. In 1992, the requirement to submit annual monitoring reports was dropped for one Livestock Protection Collar product.

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

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The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden for the Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators Using 1080 Collars for Livestock Protection is estimated to average 40 hours per certified applicator, 77 hours per state, and 9 hours per registrant. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities: Certified applicators, states, and registrants.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 120 certified applicators, 4 states, 5 registrants.

Frequency of response: Annually.

Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 5,153.

Estimated total annual burden costs: \$51,048.

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

Yes. The Agency reduced its estimate of the number of certified applicators from the previous ICR (from 150 to 120). Overall, the total burden on respondents has been reduced from 6,439 hours to 5,153 hours. Changes in the total cost associated with this program are due to the wage rates adjustment, reflecting the most current estimates.

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

1320.10. 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: December 20, 1999.

Stephen L. Johnson,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6516-9]

Notice of Settlement Extension: National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Oxides Remand

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of settlement extension.

SUMMARY: In 1998, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit remanded EPA's decision to not revise the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for sulfur oxides for further explanation by EPA. *American Lung Association v. Browner*, 134 F. 3d 388 (D.C. Cir. 1998). Subsequently, the American Lung Association (ALA) and EPA agreed that EPA would propose a response to the court's remand by summer, 1999 and that EPA would finalize its response to the remand by the end of the year 2000. In exchange, ALA agreed to not file a petition for rehearing *en banc* with the court and to not pursue any mandatory duty or unreasonable delay claims regarding the remand prior to January, 2001.

In September, 1999, EPA and ALA met to discuss the status of the remand and agreed to extend the summer, 1999 deadline until January 15, 2000. During the time of the extension, EPA will continue to work on the remand.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

Gary S. Guzy,

General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00637; FRL-6485-9]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a 2-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review a set of scientific issues being considered by the Agency pertaining to atrazine cancer risk assessment.

The meeting is open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis. Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Laura Morris at the address listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" at least 5 business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, and Friday, January 28, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Request to participate in the meeting must be received on or before January 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The telephone number for the Sheraton Hotel is: (703) 486-1111.

Requests and/or comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00637 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Morris, Designated Federal Official, FIFRA SAP (7101C), Office of Science Coordination and Policy, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-6212; fax number: (703) 605-0656; e-mail address: morris.laura@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *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/>. To access this document, 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/>.

A meeting agenda and copies of EPA background documents for the meeting will be available early January, 2000. The meeting agenda and EPA primary background documents will be available on the FIFRA SAP web site -- <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00637. 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 (CM #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.