

not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, and may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7002-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Protection of Stratospheric Ozone—Request for Applications for Critical Use Exemptions From the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide

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 proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Request for Applications for Critical Use Exemptions from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide, ICR #2031.01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 27, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the material supporting this ICR renewal notice are available free of charge from The Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline at 1-800-269-1996 between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm Eastern Standard Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amber Moreen, Telephone: (202) 564-9295, Fax: (202) 564-2155, Email: Moreen.Amber@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which may want to request critical use exemptions from the phaseout of methyl bromide, such as State agencies

responsible for the regulation of pesticides.

Title: Request for Applications for Critical Use Exemptions from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide (ICR #2031.01)

Abstract: The international treaty, The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Protocol) and Title VI of the Clean Air Act (CAA) establish the phaseout of methyl bromide. The Protocol and Section 604(d)(6) of the CAA, added by Section 764 of the 1999 Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law No. 105-277; October 21, 1998), provide an exemption from the phaseout of methyl bromide that allows for the continued import and/or production of methyl bromide for critical uses. The critical use exemption applies to critical methyl bromide uses agreed to by the Parties to the Protocol as of the complete phaseout of methyl bromide, January 1, 2005.

Under the Montreal Protocol, exemptions are granted for uses that are determined by the Parties to be "critical" as defined by Decision IX/6. The critical-use allowances will be allocated to the United States entities based on the nominations made to the Protocol which will be decided upon by the Parties at the 2003 meeting and at meetings thereafter.

This data collection is designed to: (1) Maintain consistency with the international treaty, the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer; (2) ensure that any critical use exemption complies with Section 604(d) of the CAA; and (3) provide EPA with necessary data to evaluate an application for a critical use exemption and to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of methyl bromide alternatives in the circumstances of the specific use. Requests for critical use exemptions, thus submission of the application, are at the discretion of a State. Should one of these entities apply for the exemption, then the information and data herein are requested by EPA.

Pursuant to regulations 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, you are entitled to assert a business confidentiality claim covering any part of the submitted business information as defined in 40 CFR 2.201(c). 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 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.

Burden Statement: The burden hours shown below represent the hours for the information collection request (ICR). The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden for collection of information associated with the exemption is estimated to average 125 hours per application, including time for reading the request for applications, processing, compiling and reviewing the requested data, generating application correspondence or summary reports, and storing, filing, and maintaining the data. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities: 200.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 200.

Frequency of response: Annual.

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

Estimated total annual burden hours: 25,000.

Estimated total annual burden costs: \$1,500,000.

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.

Dated: June 8, 2001.

Paul Stolpman,

Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[IN 200; FRL-7002-5]

Notice of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Final Determination for Steel Dynamics, Inc., Whitley County, IN

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final action.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to announce that on April 23, 2001, the EPA Environmental Appeals Board (Board) denied a petition for review of a permit for the proposed Steel Dynamics, Inc. steel mill in Whitley County, Indiana, pursuant to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) regulations under 40 CFR 52.21.

DATES: The effective date for the Board's decision is April 23, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kushal Som, Air and Radiation Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, at (312) 353-5792.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 7, 1999, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) issued a Federal prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permit, pursuant to Section 165 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. 7475, to Steel Dynamics, Inc. for construction and operation of a new steel mill in Whitley County, Indiana. The United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters, Local Union 166, and Citizens Organized Watch (COW) subsequently appealed IDEM's decision to the Board. On June 22, 2000, the Board issued an opinion and order (*see In re Steel Dynamics, Inc.*, PSD Appeal Nos. 99-4 and 99-5, 9 E.A.D. ____ (EAB, June 22, 2000)), denying review in part and granting review of several issues. The Board remanded the permit to IDEM for reconsideration of three issues: the best available control technology (BACT) determination for nitrogen oxide emissions from the proposed mill's rehear furnace; the form of the BACT limitations selected for nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide emissions from the mill's electric arc furnace; and the analysis of the mill's potential to emit lead.

On September 29, 2000, following reconsideration of the remanded issues,

IDEM issued a revised draft permit for public comment. On January 10, 2001, following public comment and a public hearing, IDEM issued a revised final permit. On February 14, 2001, COW filed a petition for review of the revised permit. On April 23, 2001, the EAB issued an order, denying COW's petition for review.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 124.19(f)(2), for purposes of judicial review, final Agency action occurs when a final PSD permit is issued and Agency review procedures are exhausted. This notice, published today in the **Federal Register**, constitutes notice of the final Agency action denying review of the PSD permit. If available, judicial review of these determinations under Section 307(b)(1) of the CAA may be sought only by filing of a petition for review in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit within 60 days from the date on which this notice of final Agency action appears in the **Federal Register**. Under section 307(b)(2) of the CAA, final Agency action with respect to which review could be obtained as described above, shall not be subject to later judicial review in civil or criminal proceedings for enforcement.

Dated: June 8, 2001.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7002-2]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Enrollees Under the Senior Environmental Employment Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized grantee organizations under the Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program, and their enrollees; access to information which has been submitted to EPA under the environmental statutes administered by the Agency. Some of this information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Comments concerning CBI access will be accepted July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Susan Street, National Program Director, Senior Environmental Employment Program (MC 3650),

Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Street, National Program Director, Senior Environmental Employment Program (MC 3650), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone (202) 260-2573.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) program is authorized by the Environmental Programs Assistance Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-313), which provides that the Administrator may "make grants or enter into cooperative agreements" for the purpose of "providing technical assistance to: Federal, State, and local environmental agencies for projects of pollution prevention, abatement, and control." Cooperative agreements under the SEE program provide support for many functions in the Agency, including clerical support, staffing hot lines, providing support to Agency enforcement activities, providing library services, compiling data, and support in scientific, engineering, financial, and other areas.

In performing these tasks, grantees and cooperators under the SEE program and their enrollees may have access to potentially all documents submitted under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, to the extent that these statutes allow disclosure of confidential information to authorized representatives of the United States (or to "contractors" under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act). Some of these documents may contain information claimed as confidential.

EPA provides confidential information to enrollees working under the following cooperative agreements:

Cooperative Agreement No.	Organization
	National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc.
CQ-828885	NCBA
CQ-828886	NCBA
CQ-828890	NCBA
CQ-828891	NCBA
	National Association for Hispanic Elderly
CQ-828642	NAHE
CQ-828947	NAHE
	National Asian Pacific Center on Aging