

385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this filing if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be necessary for the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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### Notice of Procedural Change in Payment for Selected RIMS Documents

June 20, 1996.

In an effort to serve the public better and expedite requests for documents, the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission today announces a procedural change in payment for selected RIMS documents.

Beginning July 1, 1996, the Commission will begin assessing a charge of 15 cents per page for all print requests of 11 or more pages from the Commission's electronic Records and Information Management System (RIMS) III. This procedural change is consistent with 18 CFR 388.109(a)(4).

A charge will be assessed on the number of pages requested from RIMS III, not the number of pages actually selected by the user after the pages have been printed. This change is being made to improve the level of service and reduce the delays and unnecessary burden caused by requests for documents and pages that are not required after they have been printed.

Users now have the capability of viewing many documents and individual pages before they submit a print request. RIMS III allows users to view documents and print selected pages. Since 1994, images of selected documents have been available to users for viewing and printing at the FERC's Washington Headquarters. All current documents (11" x 17" and smaller) are now being scanned and are available to users at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

This does not affect the pages printed from RIMS microfilm or aperture cards (RIMS II). (Aperture cards are still being made for pages larger than 11" x 17".) Requests for RIMS pages available only on, and printed from, microfilm and/or aperture cards will be handled and priced as they have been in the past, since documents cannot be viewed prior to being requested.

Please contact the staff at the Front Desk (202) 208-1371 of the Public Reference Room for further information.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00189; FRL-5379-6]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities

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 EPA is planning to submit the following

new Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection as described below. The ICR is a new ICR entitled "Voluntary Cover Sheet for TSCA Submissions," EPA ICR No. 1780, OMB control number to be assigned. 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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 26, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit three copies of all written comments to: TSCA Document Receipts (7407), Room NE-G99, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone 202-260-7099. All comments should reference administrative record number AR-160. This ICR is available for public review at, and copies may be requested from, the docket address and telephone number listed above.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the administrative record number AR-160 and ICR number 1780. No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found in Unit III. of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information contact: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-554-1404, TDD: 202-554-0551, e-mail: TSCAHotline@epamail.epa.gov. For technical information contact: Gerry Brown, Information Management Division (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-

260-7248; Fax: 202-260-4659; e-mail: brown.gerry@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Entities potentially affected by this action are companies that manufacture, process, use or import chemical substances and that are subject to reporting requirements under sections 4, 8(d) or 8(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). For the collection of information addressed in this notice, 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.

(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.

**II. Information Collection**

EPA is seeking comments on the following Information Collection Request.

Title: Voluntary Cover Sheet for TSCA Submissions, EPA ICR No. 1780; proposed collection: OMB control number and expiration date not applicable.

Abstract: TSCA requires industry to submit information and studies for existing chemical substances under sections 4, 6, and 8. Under normal reporting conditions, EPA receives approximately 1,700 submissions each year; each submission represents on average three studies. In addition, specific data call-ins can be imposed on industry.

As a follow-up to industry experience with a 1994 TSCA data call-in, the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA), the Specialty Organics Chemical Manufacturers Association (SOCMA), and the Chemical Industry Data Exchange (CIDX), in cooperation with EPA, have taken an interest in pursuing electronic transfer of TSCA summary data and of full submissions to EPA. In particular, CMA has developed a standardized cover sheet for voluntary use by industry as a first step to an

electronic future and to begin familiarizing companies with standard requirements and concepts of electronic transfer. This form is designed for voluntary use as a cover sheet for submissions of information under TSCA sections 4, 8(d), and 8(e). The cover sheet will facilitate submission of information by displaying certain basic data elements, permitting EPA more easily to identify, log, track, distribute, review and index submissions, and to make information publicly available more rapidly and at reduced cost, to the mutual benefit of both the respondents and EPA. The information collection request referenced in this notice applies to the use of this form/cover sheet.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. Respondents may claim all or part of a response confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Burden statement: The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 1,348 hours per year, based on an average burden of approximately 0.5 hour per response for an estimated 2,229 respondents submitting one or more reports of information annually. These estimates include 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.

**III. Public Record**

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPPTS-00189" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in ADDRESSES unit at the beginning of this document.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection and Information collection requests.

Dated: June 20, 1996.

Susan H. Wayland,

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

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[OPP-00441; FRL-5379-4]

**Pesticides; Renewal of Information Collection Activities**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces and solicits comments for the renewal of the Information Collection Request (ICR) titled "Application for Experimental Use Permit (EUP) to Ship and Use a Pesticide for Experimental Purposes Only" (OMB No. 2070-0040, ICR No. 0276.08) which will expire on November 30, 1996.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 26, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments identified by the docket control number OPP-00441 and the appropriate ICR number by mail to: Public Response Section, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments directly to the OPP docket which is located in Rm. 1132 of Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Copies of the complete ICR and accompanying appendices may be obtained from the OPP docket at the above address or by contacting the person whose name appears under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.