

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00217; FRL-5736-8]

Toxic Chemicals; 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 Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collections described below. The ICRs are: (1) An expired ICR for which EPA is seeking reinstatement entitled "Partial Updating of Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory Data Base, Production and Site Reports," EPA ICR No. 1011.04, OMB No. 2070-0070, which relates to reporting requirements found at 40 CFR part 710, and (2) a continuing ICR entitled "Request for Contractor Access to TSCA CBI," EPA ICR No. 1250.05, OMB No. 2070-0075, which relates to reporting requirements authorized by section 14 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). 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 October 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit three copies of all written comments to: TSCA Document Receipts (7407), Rm. 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 be identified by the respective administrative record numbers: comments on ICR No. 1011.04 should reference administrative record number 183 and comments on ICR No. 1250.05 should reference administrative record number 184. These ICRs are 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 following instructions under Unit III. of this document. No TSCA confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

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: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

For technical information contact the following individuals: For ICR No. 1011.04, contact Scott Sherlock, Information Management Division (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-1536; Fax: 202-260-1657; e-mail: sherlock.scott@epamail.epa.gov. For ICR No. 1250.05, contact Deborah Williams, Information Management Division (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-1734; Fax: 202-260-1657; e-mail: williams.deborah@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Electronic Availability:**
Internet

Electronic copies of the ICRs are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

Fax on Demand

Using a faxphone call 202-401-0527 and select item 4053 for a copy of ICR No. 1011.04, or select item 4054 for a copy of ICR No. 1250.05.

I. Background

Entities potentially affected by this action are: with respect to ICR No. 1011.04, persons who manufacture, process, or import chemical substances in the United States; and, with respect to ICR No. 1250.05, companies working under contract for EPA whose employees need access to TSCA CBI to carry out their duties. For each 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 Collections

EPA is seeking comments on two Information Collection Requests, which are identified and discussed separately below.

Title: Partial Updating of Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory Data Base, Production and Site Reports, EPA ICR No. 1011.04, OMB No. 2070-0070.

Abstract: TSCA requires EPA to compile and keep current a complete list of chemical substances manufactured or processed in the United States. EPA updates this inventory of chemicals every 4 years by requiring manufacturers, processors, and importers to provide production volume, plant site information, and site-limited status information. This information allows EPA to identify what chemicals are or are not currently in commerce and to take appropriate regulatory action as necessary. EPA also uses the information for screening chemicals for risks to human health or the environment, for priority-setting efforts, and for exposure estimates. Note that since this information collection takes place once every 4 years, EPA typically allows it to expire between collection periods.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 710). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice 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 34,500 hours at a cost of \$2,163,780. These totals are based on an average burden of approximately 11.5 hours per response for an estimated 3,000 respondents making one response. 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.

Title: Request for Contractor Access to TSCA CBI, EPA ICR No. 1250.05, OMB No. 2070-0075. Expires November 30, 1997.

Abstract: Certain employees of companies working under contract to EPA require access to CBI collected under TSCA authority in order to perform their official duties. The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), which is responsible for maintaining the security of TSCA confidential business information, requires that all individuals desiring access to TSCA CBI obtain and annually renew official clearance to TSCA CBI. As part of the process for obtaining TSCA CBI clearance, OPPT requires certain information about the contracting company and about each contractor employee requesting TSCA CBI clearance, primarily the name, Social Security Number and EPA identification badge number of the employee, the type of TSCA CBI clearance requested and the justification for such clearance, and the signature of the employee to an agreement with respect to access to and use of TSCA CBI.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary, but failure to provide the requested information will prevent a contractor employee from obtaining clearance to TSCA CBI. EPA will observe strict confidentiality precautions with respect to the information collected on individual employees, based on the Privacy Act of 1974, as outlined in the ICR and in the collection instrument.

Burden Statement: The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 814 hours per year with an annual cost of \$27,423. These totals are based on an average burden of approximately 31 hours per response for an estimated 26 respondents making one or more responses 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-00217" (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 at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection and Information collection requests.

Dated: August 12, 1997.

Susan H. Wayland,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5877-5]

Subcontractor Access to Confidential Business Information Under the Clean Air Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA has authorized the following subcontractors for access to information that has been, or will be, submitted to EPA under section 114 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) as amended: Indus Corporation, 1953 Gallows Road, Vienna, Va 22181, contract number 68D60010; Environmental Investigations

(EI), 2327 Englert Drive, Durham, NC 27713, contract number 68D60010; TRC Environmental Corporation, 6340 Quadrangle Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, contract number 68D60010; EC/R, Inc., 2327 Englert Drive, Durham, NC 27713, contract number 68D60011; Acurex Corporation, 555 Clyde Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94039, contract number 68D60012; Alpha-Gama Technologies, Inc., 900 Ridgefield Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609, contract number 68D60013; The Kevric Company, Inc., 8401 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910, contract number 68D60014.

Some of the information may be claimed to be confidential business information (CBI) by the submitter.

DATES: Access to confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than ten days after issuance of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doris Maxwell, Document Control Officer, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, (919) 541-5312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under section 114 of the CAA that EPA may provide the above mentioned subcontractors access to these materials on a need-to-know basis. These subcontractors will provide technical support to the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) in economic impact assessment for Federal Air Pollution Control Regulations.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.301(h), EPA has determined that each subcontractor requires access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 112 and 114 of the CAA in order to perform work satisfactorily under the above noted contracts. The subcontractors' personnel will be given access to information submitted under section 114 of the CAA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI. The subcontractors' personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to CBI. All subcontractor access to CAA CBI will take place at the subcontractors' facility. Each subcontractor will have appropriate procedures and facilities in place to safeguard the CAA CBI to which the subcontractor has access.

Clearance for access to CAA CBI is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2001 under all above listed contracts.