

Alabama-South Carolina System of Projects" was developed and published in the Federal Register on December 28, 1994, 59 FR 66957 by Southeastern. Transmission contracts under this policy have been negotiated with the Southern Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Alabama Electric Cooperative, South Mississippi Electric Power Association, and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia effective October 1, 1996. Existing transmission contracts with Duke Power Company, South Carolina Electric & Gas, and South Carolina Public Service Authority are in the process of renegotiation.

The Georgia-Alabama-South Carolina System consists of the Allatoona, Buford, Carters, Water F. George, Hartwell, Robert F. Henry, Millers Ferry, Richard B. Russell, J. Strom Thurmond, and West Point projects. The power from the projects is currently marketed to Preference Customers located in the service areas of the Southern Company, South Carolina Public Service Authority, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, and in the Duke Power Company. The policy also deals with the allocation of power among preference customers. It includes pumping operations at the Carters and Richard B. Russell pump-storage projects and the utilization of area utility systems for essential purposes such as transmission and support. The policy also discusses wholesale rates, resale rates, and energy and economic efficiency measures.

Under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s), Southeastern is responsible for the transmission and disposition of electric power and energy from reservoir projects operated by the Department of Army. Southeastern has negotiated transmission contracts with area utilities described previously under this authority. To pay the transmission fees under these contracts to area utilities Southeastern must obtain an appropriation each year in a budget approved by Congress and the President. Because of budget constraints, Southeastern has had difficulty in obtaining these appropriations. This difficulty has compelled Southeastern to consider selling the government power at the bus bar of the projects. Southeastern requests comments on this change in its marketing policy. The current policy does not contemplate such a disposition of the power from the projects.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles A. Borchardt, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration,

Elberton, Georgia 30635, (706) 213-3800.

Issued in Elberton, Georgia, January 30, 1997.

Charles A. Borchardt,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5686-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Environmental Leadership Program

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Environmental Leadership Program, EPA ICR number 1794.01. 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 March 12, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR no. 1794.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Environmental Leadership Program, EPA ICR number 1794.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: The Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) is a voluntary program designed to accomplish several goals, including better protecting the environment and human health, encouraging environmental enhancement activities, and increasing identification and timely resolution of environmental compliance issues by ELP participants. The Program should foster constructive and open relationships between agencies, the regulated community, and the public.

As part of the application process for the ELP, facilities will be asked to submit information about their environmental management systems (EMS), compliance and EMS auditing programs, and community outreach and employee involvement programs. Federal facilities applying to the ELP must submit a statement affirming they

endorse the Code of Environmental Management Principles.

EPA will assess each applicant's information and determine whether they meet ELP requirements. EPA will conduct a compliance screening of qualifying facilities and provide a 30-day public comment period. On-site visits will be conducted at facilities that pass the initial eligibility requirements.

Upon acceptance to the ELP, facilities will be required to submit Annual Environmental Performance Reports for each of the 6 years of participation. The Annual Report should contain information on EMS activities, objectives, goals, and measures; a table of information on the formal audit (EMS and compliance) for years 2 and 5 of the 6-year performance period; an EMS performance evaluation (results and measures); information on agency inspections; compliance issues and status summary for the year; other environmental enhancement activities; and highlights from community outreach/ employee involvement and mentoring programs.

The submission of information for the purposes of application to the ELP is voluntary. The ELP will use a disclosure and confidentiality policy that includes 40 CFR Part 2 and reference to any State-specific regulations of confidentiality. Submission of the Annual Report is required for participation in the Program. The Annual Report will be made available to the public. 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 Federal Register Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 11/18/96 (61 FR 58750); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: It is estimated that approximately 75 facilities may voluntarily apply to the ELP annually. EPA estimates that participating facilities may need to spend up to 85 hours to prepare the application and supplemental information. EPA also estimates that facilities that pass the initial application/compliance screening may need to spend 32 hours during the on-site visit. Participating facilities will need an estimate of 166 hours for preparing the Annual Report.

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: Public, Private, or Federal facilities applying to the ELP.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75 in application phase, 50 in the Annual Report phase.

Frequency of Response: Yearly.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 17,070 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: Application—\$293,625, On-site review—\$135,600; Annual Report—\$384,550.

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. 1794.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 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: February 4, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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Renewal of 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 the Information Collection Request (ICR) listed below is coming up for renewal. Before submitting the renewal package

to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: U.S. EPA, Office of Research and Development, Quality Assurance Division (MS-104), 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837-3679.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy W. Wentworth, 202-260-5763, Facsimile Number 202-401-7002, wentworth.nancy@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are those which apply for Federal financial assistance from EPA for proposed projects that include environmentally related measurements.

Title: ICR Number 0866, Quality Assurance Specification and Requirements, OMB Control Number 2080-0033, which expires June 30, 1997.

Abstract: This ICR covers the quality assurance (QA) paperwork burden that appears at 40 CFR 30.54 [which supercedes 40 CFR 30.503(d)] and 40 CFR 31.45. These are subsections from 40 CFR Part 30—General Regulations for Assistance Programs, and 40 CFR Part 31—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, respectively. The information collection activity involves the preparation of QA plans or narrative statements that provide supporting documentation sufficient to produce data that are of quality adequate to meet project objectives and (for 40 CFR 30.54) to minimize loss of data due to out-of-control conditions or malfunctions. The quality system of the 40 CFR 30.54 assistance recipient must comply with the requirements of ANSI/ASQC E4, "Specifications and Guidelines for Quality Systems for Environmental Data Collection and Environmental Technology Programs." All QA submissions are reviewed and approved by an EPA certified project officer or a designated quality assurance officer.

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 displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

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;

(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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The currently approved ICR estimated the burden for annual reporting and recordkeeping to be 85 hours each for 845 state and local respondents applying for assistance, and 70 hours each for 550 principal investigators who solicit assistance. The agency burden for review of QA plans and preparation assistance to respondents was estimated at 15 hours each for the estimated 1395 awards. This estimate included the time needed to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the collection of information. Note that the agency research grants program has expanded significantly since the last renewal.

Send comments regarding these matters or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed above.

Dated: February 4, 1997.

Robert J. Huggett,

Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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[FRL-5687-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program Final Rulemaking Under Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: