

The standards require initial notification reports with respect to construction, modification, reconstruction, startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions. The standards also require reports on initial performance tests.

Under the standard, the data collected by the affected industry is retained at the facility for a minimum of two (2) years and made available for inspection by the Administrator.

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 December 2, 1997 (62 FR 63703-63712); No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection is estimated to average 40 hours per response. 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: Owners/operators Sewage Sludge Treatment Plant Incinerators

Estimated No. of Respondents: 114

Frequency of Response: 2/year

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 9,089 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$4,690,000

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. 1063.07, and OMB Control Number 2060-0035, in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, PPE 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: April 21, 1998.

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Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Peer-Review Meeting for EPA's Inventory of Sources of Dioxin in the United States

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of a Public Meeting for the Scientific Peer-Review of EPA's revised external review draft titled, Inventory of Sources of Dioxin in the United States.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a public, scientific peer-review meeting on June 3 and 4, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day, to review the revised external review draft, Inventory of Sources of Dioxin in the United States.

DATES: The scientific peer-review meeting will be held June 3 and 4, 1998. The public is invited to attend the peer-review meeting. There is no charge for attending the meeting; however, seating is limited so advance reservations are suggested.

ADDRESSES: The scientific peer-review meeting will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel Old Town, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia. To make hotel reservations, please call the hotel directly at (703) 683-6000 by May 12, 1998. Reference the "EPA Dioxin Meeting" to receive the group rate. The Ramada Plaza Hotel Old Town is located two miles south from Ronald Reagan National Airport, Washington, D.C. Members of the public wishing to register to attend the meeting may contact EPA's contractor, Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), by calling the ERG conference registration line at (781) 674-7374.

The peer-review materials will be available on or about April 17, 1998. These materials include a document entitled, Inventory of Sources of Dioxin in the United States (EPA/600/P-98/

002Aa, April 1998) and an external review draft electronic database on Compact Disk (CD-ROM) entitled, Database of Sources of Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in the United States (EPA/600/P-98/002Ab, April 1998). To obtain copies of the revised external review draft document and/or CD-ROM, interested parties should contact the ORD Publications Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268; telephone (513) 569-7562; fax (513) 569-7566. When ordering, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title and EPA number listed above.

The revised external review draft document and CD-ROM also will be available for public inspection at the ORD Public Information Shelf, EPA Headquarters Library, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. In addition, an electronic version of the document, Inventory of Sources of Dioxin in the United States (EPA/600/P-98/002Aa, April 1998) will be posted on the Internet on or about April 17 at the following URL: <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/dioxin.htm>. However, the CD-ROM containing the Database of Sources of Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in the United States (EPA/600/P-98/002Ab, April, 1998) will not be posted on the Internet due to the size of the database, i.e., over 100 Megabytes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EPA has contracted with Eastern Research Group, Inc., (ERG) to manage the peer review and prepare a summary report to EPA. To attend the meeting, contact ERG's conference registration line at (781) 674-7374, by May 20, 1998, and reference the "EPA Dioxin Inventory Review." Members of the public who cannot attend the meeting may submit brief written comments for consideration by the Panel. Written comments should be submitted by no later than Friday, May 29, 1998, to: Susan Brager Murphy, Attn: Dioxin Inventory Review, Eastern Research Group, Inc., 110 Hartwell Ave., Lexington, MA 02173-3134. A limited amount of time will be set aside for members of the public to present brief oral comments to the peer-review panel on the first day of the meeting. Oral presentations will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes, and the number of people giving oral comment may be limited by the time available. Opportunity for making oral comment

will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore the public is encouraged to register in advance to present oral comments by contacting ERG's conference registration line at (781) 674-7374.

For questions about the overall dioxin exposure assessment, contact John Schaum, National Center for Environmental Assessment—Washington Office, Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-3237, Facsimile number: (202) 565-0076; e-mail: schaum.john@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In 1992, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) began an effort to reassess the exposure and health effects associated with dioxin. As originally conceived and drafted, the exposure portion of the Reassessment did not include an emissions inventory component. ORD was concerned that there were inadequate test data to construct an inventory, and that the time and resources needed to conduct an extensive testing program were outside the scope of the Reassessment. In 1992, special workshops were held to provide expert review and comment on early drafts of both the exposure and health components of the Reassessment. Reviewers of these early drafts strongly urged EPA to attempt an emissions inventory using the available data. Responding to this suggestion an inventory was developed and first published in September 1994 as part of the overall draft Reassessment. The draft Reassessment underwent reviews by both the public and EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB supported the general approach used to produce the draft inventory, but suggested several changes. Most notably, they recommended that the inventory be specific about the time frame it represents. The SAB did not suggest that any of the exposure chapters including the emissions inventory be resubmitted for SAB review. In addition to the SAB comments, EPA received a number of public comments regarding the emissions inventory. In response to all of these comments and the availability of additional data, a number of changes have been made to the inventory since the 1994 draft. These changes have resulted in significant revisions to both the inventory structure and actual emission estimates. Consequently ORD has decided it would be prudent to conduct an additional round of peer review of the revised inventory before

incorporating it into the final Reassessment.

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Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Announcement of Stakeholders Meeting on Treatment Technology Lists for Small Drinking Water Systems

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of stakeholders meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a two-day public meeting on EPA's treatment technology lists for Small Drinking Water Systems. The purpose of this meeting is to have a dialogue with stakeholders and the public at large on the process of determining Compliance Technologies and Variance Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems. EPA published a list of small system compliance technologies for the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR) in August 1997. Section 1412(b)(4)(E)(iii) of the amended Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires EPA to publish the list of affordable small system compliance technologies for all other regulated contaminants by August 6, 1998. EPA is also required to publish a list of small system variance technologies, for those contaminants where appropriate, by August 6, 1998. The first day of the stakeholder meeting will focus on the eligibility criteria for variance technologies, including national-level affordability. The second day will focus on treatment technology performance, including an evaluation of Point-Of-Use and Point-Of-Entry devices as potential compliance technologies. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking input from national, state, Tribal, municipal, and individual stakeholders and other interested parties on the lists of technologies for small systems.

DATES: The stakeholders meeting on Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems will be held on May 18-19, 1998. The meeting will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, May 18 and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, May 19.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RESOLVE, 1255 23rd Street, N.W., Suite 275, Washington, D.C. 20037. For

additional information, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at phone: (800) 426-4791, fax: (703) 285-1101, or by e-mail at sdwa@epamail.epa.gov. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by May 10, 1998. Those registered for the meeting by May 8 will receive background materials prior to the meeting. Members of the public who cannot attend the meeting in person may participate via conference call and should register with the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by May 8 as well. Members of the public who cannot participate via conference call or in person may submit comments in writing by July 15, 1998, to Tara Cameron, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W. (4607), Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the meeting logistics, please contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at phone: (800) 426-4791, fax: (703) 285-1101, or by e-mail at: sdwa@epamail.epa.gov. For other information on Technologies for Small Drinking Water Systems, please contact Jeffrey Kempic, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Phone: (202) 260-9567, Fax: (202) 260-3762.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The SDWA, as amended in 1996, required that EPA publish a Compliance Technology List for Small Systems that meet the SWTR. EPA published a Small System Compliance Technology List for the SWTR in August 1997 and will be updating this document in August 1998. EPA is also required to publish a list of affordable small system compliance technologies for all other regulated contaminants by August 6, 1998. The 1996 Amendments specifically direct EPA to focus on three small system population size categories: systems serving 10,000-3,301; 3,300-501; and 500-25. EPA is also required to publish a list of small system variance technologies, for those contaminants where appropriate, by August 6, 1998. When variance technologies are listed, EPA will also publish any assumptions used in determining that there were no affordable compliance technologies for a particular system size category and source water quality combination.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

The upcoming meeting deals specifically with EPA's efforts to compile the lists of compliance and