

Abstract: Subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, requires that the EPA develop standards for USTs as may be necessary to protect human health and the environment, and procedures for approving state programs to operate in lieu of the federal program. EPA promulgated technical and financial requirements for owners and operators of USTs at 40 CFR Part 280 and state program approval procedures at 40 CFR Part 281. This ICR is a comprehensive presentation of all information collection requirements contained at 40 CFR Parts 280 and 281. All 40 CFR Part 280 requirements are presented in this ICR under the heading "Technical and Financial Requirements"; this section applies to owners and operators of USTs. 40 CFR Part 281 requirements are presented in this ICR under the heading "State Program Approval Procedures"; this section applies to states operating a delegated UST program. 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 8/27/97 (62 FR 45410); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting burden for UST facilities is estimated to be 1.8 hours per respondent and the recordkeeping burden is estimated to be 4.8 hours per respondent. For states applying for program approval, the annual reporting burden is estimated to be 329.2 hours per respondent and the recordkeeping burden is estimated to be 31 hours per respondent. 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: Facilities that own and operate

Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) and states that implement the UST program.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 317,094.

Frequency of Response: Varies depending on the individual reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,103,305 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$1.37 billion (includes Capital, O&M, and Labor costs).

EPA has revised its respondent universe and burden estimates based on updated data from the Office of Underground Storage Tanks, and State and industry sources. The burden estimates reflect a reduction in the universe of tanks and a revised analysis of burden that resulted from better identification of (1) capital and (2) operational and maintenance (O&M) costs. Most of the burden changes in this proposed ICR are due to a recognition that many financial costs should be attributed to capital and operating and maintenance cost categories rather than to labor hours. This accounting change reduced the "hours" burden and increased the "financial" burden. It should be noted that most of these costs were included in the Regulatory Impact Analyses for these requirements but had not been explicitly accounted for in previous ICRs.

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. 1360.05 and OMB Control No. 2050-0068 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. (or E-Mail Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov)

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 5, 1998.

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Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00522; FRL-5766-8]

Notice of Funds Availability for Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program FY98

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of funds availability for FY98.

SUMMARY: The goal of EPA's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) is to reduce the risks from the use of pesticides in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the U.S. As part of this program, the Office of Pesticide Programs is soliciting proposals for a cooperative agreement under section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, to assist the private sector partners and supporters of PESP in researching and implementing programs to reduce pesticide risk. Evaluation criteria and proposal format are outlined in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION unit below.

DATES: The original proposal and five copies must be received by EPA no later than 5 p.m., March 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The proposal and copies may be submitted by mail to: Laura Sallmen Smith, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. By courier, overnight express, or in person: 2800 Crystal Drive, 5th Floor, Arlington, VA 22202. No fax or electronic submissions will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Sallmen Smith, Project Officer, by phone: (703) 308-8716 or e-mail: sallmen-smith.laura@epamail.epa.gov. For hearing- and speech-impaired persons, the telephone number may be accessed via TTY (text telephone) by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) is a voluntary public/private initiative administered by the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The goal of PESP is to reduce the risks from the use of pesticides in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the U.S. As part of this program, OPP is soliciting proposals for a cooperative agreement under section 20 of FIFRA, as amended,

to assist the members of PESP in researching and implementing programs to reduce pesticide risk. There are currently 102 members of PESP, ranging from pesticide users in utility rights-of-way to growers of tree fruits to pest control businesses serving homes and schools.

II. Authority

This cooperative agreement will be made under section 20 of FIFRA, as amended.

III. Cooperative Agreement

1. *Duration amount.* This cooperative agreement will be issued for a limit of \$5 million in funding over a 5-year project period. Actual funding will depend on future appropriations.

2. *Evaluation criteria.* Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- The applicant has a demonstrated ability to effectively develop research and technology transfer projects that meet the goal of pesticide risk reduction.

- The applicant has a demonstrated ability to effectively communicate the outcomes of the projects to the appropriate audiences.

- The applicant has a demonstrated ability to develop an impact assessment to accurately reflect the project's outcomes.

- The applicant is national in scope.

- The applicant has demonstrated expertise in bringing together diverse interests and perspectives as represented by U.S. pesticide users, both agricultural and non-agricultural, to engage in constructive dialog.

- The applicant has a demonstrated ability to integrate varied competing interests toward reducing pesticide risk.

- The applicant has a working knowledge of PESP and pesticide regulation, including FIFRA, FQPA, FFDCA, and state laws.

- The applicant is able to translate broad-based national goals into specific, practical programs.

- The applicant's organization contains a diversity of pesticide interests and knowledge, including, but not limited to: research and emerging technologies, food processing, education, regulation, economics, and marketing.

- The applicant has appropriate financial controls and expertise in managing projects.

3. *Proposal format.* Proposals must be typewritten, double-spaced in 12 point or larger print using 8.5 x 11 inch paper with minimum 1 inch lateral and vertical margins. Pages must be numbered in order starting with the proposal narrative and continuing

through appendices. An original and five copies are required.

- Cover page. Include the following information on the cover page: project title, project coordinator, organization, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address.

- Abstract. The abstract will be a stand-alone document, not to exceed one page, containing the specifics of what is proposed and what you expect to accomplish regarding reducing pesticide risk.

- Table of contents. A one page table listing the different parts of your proposal and the page number on which each part begins.

- Proposal narrative. Containing the following sections, not to exceed 10 pages:

- i. Project title. A brief description of the project.

- ii. Approach and methods. Detail how your organization will undertake the following:

- a. Development process for pesticide risk reduction research and technology transfer projects with PESP partners and supporters.

- b. Management process for these projects.

- c. Strategy for communication of project results to pesticide users and the public at large.

- iii. Organizational qualifications. Detail your organization's expertise and capabilities to achieve the goals of the project.

- iv. Impact assessment. Detail how you will evaluate the success of the projects in terms of measurable environmental results.

- Appendices. These appendices must be included in the grant proposal in addition to the 10-page narrative. Additional appendices are not permitted.

- i. Major participants. This appendix should list all individuals having a major role in the proposal. Provide name, organizational affiliation or occupation, and a description of the role each will play in the project. A brief resume (up to two pages) should also be submitted for each individual listed.

- ii. Budget. Please outline, in a one-page table format, a budget including the following categories: personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, other (with details on content of other), indirect costs (include only if you have an audited indirect cost rate established with a Federal agency), and total funding requested. The total funding requested should be no more than the maximum of \$5 million.

In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, the Agency will

treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after its deadline. Applicants should take this factor into account and make early submission of their materials to avoid loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

Dated: February 2, 1998.

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Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00523; FRL-5770-2]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a two-day meeting of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review a set of scientific issues being considered by the Agency in connection with Common Mechanism of Action of Organophosphate Insecticides, Special Sensitivity of Infants and Children to Pesticides, Monte Carlo Analyses for Dietary and Residential Exposure Scenarios, Monte Carlo Analysis for Organophosphate Insecticides and Post Application Exposure Guidelines. The Agency will present a session updating their progress on the common mechanism of action of organophosphate insecticides, as requested by the SAP at their March 20, 1997, meeting. A special sensitivity of infants and children to pesticides session will encompass three 10x safety factor case study presentations. Two sessions on Monte Carlo analyses are scheduled. The Agency will discuss its policy for review of Monte Carlo analyses for dietary and residential exposure scenarios. In addition, the Agency is soliciting SAP comments on a proposed Monte Carlo analysis for organophosphate insecticides. This analysis was prepared by the Environmental Working Group. The post application exposure guideline session will entail presentations on transferable residue monitoring techniques, human activity patterns and, exposure assessment methods for antimicrobial treated articles.