

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

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**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Submission for OMB
Review; Comment Request; NSPS
Subpart E: New Source Performance
Standards (NSPS) for Municipal
Incinerators**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Municipal Incinerators, OMB Control Number 2060-0040, expiration date March 31, 1998. 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 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1058.06.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: NSPS Subpart E: New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Incinerators (OMB Control No. 2060-0040; EPA ICR No. 1058.06) expiring 3/31/98. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Agency is required under section 111 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, to establish standards of performance for new stationary sources of air pollutants that reflect: * * * Application of the best technological system of continuous emissions reduction which (taking into consideration the cost of achieving such emissions reduction, or any non-air quality health and environmental impact and energy requirements) the Administrator determines has been adequately demonstrated.

Section 114(a) states that: * * * The Administrator may require any owner or operator subject to any requirement of this Act to (A) establish and maintain such records, (B) make such reports, (C) install, use and maintain such

monitoring equipment or methods (in accordance with such methods at such locations, at such intervals, and in such manner as the Administrator may prescribe), and (D) provide such other information, as he may reasonably require.

In the Administrator's judgement, particulate matter emissions from municipal incinerators causes or contributes to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. Consequently, the NSPS for municipal incinerators were developed for this source category (municipal incinerators charging more than 45 megagrams per day).

The control of emissions of particulate matter from municipal incinerators requires not only the installation of properly designed equipment, but also the operation and maintenance of that equipment. Certain records and reports are necessary to enable the Administrator to: (1) Identify existing, new, and reconstructed sources subject to the standards; (2) determine a source's initial capability to comply with the emission standard; and (3) ensure that the standards are being achieved. These records and reports are required under subpart E and the General Provisions of 40 CFR part 60.

Owners or operators of affected facilities must provide notification of:

(1) The date of construction or reconstruction; (2) the anticipated date of startup; (3) the actual date of startup; (4) any physical or operational change to an existing facility which may increase the regulated pollutant emission rate; (5) the date of the initial performance test; and (6) results of the initial performance test, including information necessary to determine the conditions of the performance test, and performance test measurements and results. A report on the results of the initial performance test is also required. Owners or operators of affected facilities must record: (1) The initial performance test; (2) the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative; (3) the daily charging rates and hours of operation; (4) periods when the monitoring system is inoperative; and (5) malfunctions of the air pollution control equipment. Any owner or operator subject to the provisions of this part shall maintain a file of these measurements, and retain the file for at least two years following the date of such measurements, maintenance reports, and records.

State or local agencies can be delegated authority by EPA to enforce

the provisions of this part and be granted authority to receive and/or request these reports. If there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA Regional Office. The reviewing authority may then inspect the source to check if the pollution control devices are properly installed and operated and the standard is being met. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless a currently valid OMB control number is displayed. 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 August 20, 1997 (62 FR 44271). No comments were received prior to closure of the comment period. Comments regarding the capital/start-up and operating and maintenance costs associated with the recordkeeping and reporting requirements were received after closure of the comment period.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 89 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:

Operators of Municipal Incinerators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 96.

Frequency of Response: Daily, Monthly, and Semi-annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 8544 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$240,000.

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. 1058.6 and OMB Control No. 2060-0040 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 19, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5970-6]

Government-Owned Inventions: Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability of inventions for licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by the U.S. Government and are available for licensing in the United States in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404. Pursuant to 37 CFR 404.7, beginning three months after the date of this notice, the Government may grant exclusive or partially exclusive licenses on any of the inventions listed below.

Copies of the listed patents, the patent application, and 37 CFR part 404 can be obtained from Alan Ehrlich, Acting Patent Counsel, at the address indicated below. Requests for copies of patents or patent applications must include the patent number or patent application serial number listed in this notice. Requesters of patent applications will be asked to sign a Confidentiality Agreement before the application is mailed.

If a party is interested in obtaining a license, they must apply to EPA, including providing the information set forth in 37 CFR 404.8, and including the license applicant's plan for development or marketing the invention.

Prior to granting an exclusive or partially exclusive license on any of the inventions listed herein, EPA, pursuant to 37 CFR 404.7, will publish in the **Federal Register** an additional notice identifying the specific invention and the prospective licensee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Ehrlich, Acting Patent Counsel, Office of General Counsel (2377), Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C. 20460, telephone (202) 260-7510.

Patents

U.S. Patent No. 5,476,788: Solid Phase Bioremediation Methods Using Lignin-Degrading Fungi; issued December 19, 1995; and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/881,312: Solid Phase Bioremediation Methods Using Lignin-Degrading Fungi; filed June 24, 1997. These two documents comprise one invention for which a patent application was first filed June 10, 1993.

U.S. Patent No. 5,549,087: Combined Cycle Engine; issued August 27, 1996.

U.S. Patent No. 5,577,522: Transportable Electronically Controlled System for On-Site Decontamination of Solid and Hazardous Waste; issued November 26, 1996.

U.S. Patent No. 5,601,791: Electrostatic Precipitator for Collection of Multiple Pollutants; issued February 11, 1997.

U.S. Patent No. 5,604,348: Measurement of Acid Sulfate Levels in Aerosols; issued February 18, 1997.

U.S. Patent No. 5,619,937: Sorbent Melts for Capture of Metals from Combustion Gases; issued April 15, 1997.

U.S. Patent No. 5,652,485: Fuzzy Logic Integrated Electrical Control to Improve Variable Speed Wind Turbine Efficiency and Performance; issued July 29, 1997.

U.S. Patent No. 5,711,020: Method for Remediating Environmental Contaminants; issued January 20, 1998; and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/897,203: Method for Remediating Environmental Contaminants; filed July 21, 1997. These two documents comprise one invention for which a patent application was first filed April 9, 1993.

Patent Applications

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/419,948: Elimination of Products of Incomplete Combustion; filed April 11, 1995.

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/440,965: Hydrogel Alginate Compositions; filed May 15, 1995.

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/466,437: Method and Apparatus for Altering Ionic Interactions with Chemicals and Chemical Processes Using Magnetic Fields; filed June 6, 1995.

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/535,405: A Method for Improving Process Control by Reducing Lag Time

of Sensors Using Artificial Neural Networks; filed September 28, 1995.

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/739,842: Remediation of Environmental Contaminants Using a Metal and a Sulfur-Containing Compound; filed October 30, 1996.

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/827,310: Adsorbent-Filled Membranes for Pervaporation; filed March 26, 1997.

U.S. Patent Application No. 08,847,507: Thermophilic Methanotrophs for High Temperature Oxidations; filed April 25, 1997.

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/862,308: Recovery of Volatile Organic Compounds in Water by Pervaporation; filed May 23, 1997.

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/933,832: Dual-Service Evaporator System for Refrigerators; filed September 19, 1997.

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/933,946: Rotating Disk Evaporative Cooler; filed September 19, 1997.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Ray E. Spears,

Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30448; FRL-5773-7]

Ecogen, Inc.; Application to Register a Pesticide Product

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application submitted by Ecogen Inc., to register a pesticide product containing a new active ingredient not included any previously registered product pursuant to the provisions of section 3(c)(4) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by March 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail, submit written comments identified by the document control number [OPP-30448] and the file symbols to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (7502C), Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: opp-