

OMB Control No. 2030-0020 in any correspondence.

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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: July 22, 1999.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6409-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; EPA Office of Site Remediation Enforcement Program Evaluation ICR

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: EPA Office of Site Remediation Enforcement Program Evaluation ICR, EPA ICR Number 1890.01. 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 August 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1890.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: EPA Office of Site Remediation Enforcement Program Evaluation ICR, EPA ICR Number 1890.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: During the last 3-5 years, EPA's Office of Site Remediation Enforcement (OSRE), in conjunction with EPA's Office of Emergency and

Remedial Response (OERR), has been implementing a series of Administrative Reforms in the Superfund program. These reforms are an effort to make Superfund a faster, fairer, and more efficient program for all parties involved. With 3-5 years of implementation past for a number of these reforms, OSRE is interested to learn how well these Administrative Reforms have worked and whether they have achieved their stated intentions in the eyes of the external stakeholders whom the reforms were intended to impact. The purpose of this ICR is to enable OSRE to collect data on the effectiveness of Superfund Administrative Reforms so that we can understand which of the reforms are most effective, as well as to obtain anecdotal and statistically valid information on the outcomes of the reforms.

With each of the information collections described in this ICR, OSRE will be measuring whether or not the Administrative Reform is meeting its intended goal, such as speeding site study and cleanup and reducing private party transaction costs. Typical goals of the Administrative Reforms include: increasing the efficiency of reaching settlements with parties at Superfund sites; reducing transaction costs for parties at Superfund sites; increasing the fairness of enforcement actions at Superfund sites; and facilitating the reuse of Superfund sites.

OSRE is planning to conduct program evaluations of up to 15 Superfund policies and Superfund reform initiatives. Eight of these reform initiatives are known and listed below. An additional seven program evaluations will take place as part of these information collections, but the exact topics are not known at this time. The eight known program evaluations are:

- (1) Orphan Share Compensation
- (2) Unilateral Administrative Order Administrative Reform
- (3) Effective Oversight Management Administrative Reform
- (4) Expedited Settlements Reform
- (5) De Minimis Settlements
- (6) PRP Response Costs and PRP Transaction Costs
- (7) Reuse of Superfund and Brownfield Sites
- (8) Disbursement of Response Costs to PRPs Performing Work from Special Accounts.

Information will be collected through a series of mail, telephone, and on-line survey questionnaires. Responses to these information collection requests are voluntary and one-time efforts.

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** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March 19, 1999 (64 FR 13573); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.86 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: Businesses; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,520.

Frequency of Response: One time only.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 9,994 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, Operating/ Maintenance Cost Burden: \$0.00.

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. 1890.01 in any correspondence.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00615; FRL-6093-1]

Notice of Public Meeting; EPA/USDA Workshop on *Bacillus thuringiensis* Crop Resistance Management

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a 1-day joint public workshop on managing the emergence of insect populations that are resistant to *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) plant-pesticides. The workshop will provide the two Agencies with information to help them develop and implement plans related to managing resistance.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday August 26, 1999 from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Memphis International Airport, 2240 Democrat Road, Memphis, TN, telephone number: (901) 332-1130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Sharlene R. Matten, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 605-0514; e-mail address: matten.sharlene@epa.gov; fax: (703) 308-7026. For questions specifically about registration for the workshop, contact the person listed in Unit II B of this document.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This notice applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this notice. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this notice to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of Any Documents Discussed in this Notice?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and related supporting materials from the EPA internet Biopesticides Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/biopesticides/btworkshop826.htm>. Electronic copies of this document, a draft agenda, and an EPA/USDA Position Paper for the workshop are currently available; a list of panelists and draft questions for panelists will be available by August 1, 1999. You can also go to the EPA internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. On the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register - Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the "Federal Register" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/homepage/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* If you have any questions or need additional information about this action, you may contact the technical person identified in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

In addition, the official record for this notice, including the public version, has been established under docket control number [OPP-00615]. This official record not only includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, but also includes all the documents that are referenced in those documents. A public version of this official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments, but does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall 2 (CM #2), 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Public Information and Records Integrity Branch telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, you must identify docket control number [OPP-00615] in the subject line on the first page of your response. Comments on the EPA/USDA position paper, especially on Bt cotton, should be forwarded to the Agency no later than September 30, 1999.

1. *By mail.* Submit written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental

Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver written comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI). Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, or in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard computer disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number [OPP-00615]. Electronic comments on this notice may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

D. How Should I Handle CBI That I Want to Submit to the Agency?

You may claim information that you submit in response to this document as Confidential Business Information (CBI) by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult with the technical person identified in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

E. What Should I Consider As I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

We invite you to provide your views on the various options we propose, new approaches we haven't considered, the potential impacts of the various options (including possible unintended consequences), and any data or information that you would like the Agency to consider during the development of the final action. You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments: