

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:

Owner/Operators of Metal Furniture Coating Plants Estimated Number of Respondents: 553.

Frequency of Response: Initial, Quarterly, and Semiannual Reports.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 101,070.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$1,120,000.

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. 0649.07 and OMB Control No. 2060-0106 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, 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: November 8, 1999.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

[FR Doc. 99-29766 Filed 11-12-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6474-7]

Clean Water Act; Contractor Access to Confidential Business Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of intended transfer of confidential business information to contractors and subcontractors.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to transfer confidential business information (CBI) collected from the pulp, paper, and paperboard manufacturing; pharmaceutical manufacturing; and other industries listed below to Science

Applications International Corporation, Inc. (SAIC); Abt Associates, Inc.; Westat; Stratus Consulting; and their subcontractors. Transfer of the information will allow the contractors and subcontractors to support EPA to develop effluent limitations guidelines and standards and intake water regulations under the Clean Water Act (CWA), and in developing or evaluating the need for regulations under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The information being transferred was or will be collected under the authority of section 308 of the CWA. Some of the information was provided voluntarily by industrial facilities; this information also could have been collected under section 308. Some information being transferred from the pulp, paper, and paperboard industry was collected under the additional authorities of section 114 of the CAA and section 3007 of the RCRA. Interested persons may submit comments on this intended transfer of information to the address noted below.

DATES: Comments on the transfer of data are due November 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Mr. David Hoadley, Document Control Officer, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), 911 East Tower, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Hoadley, Document Control Officer, at (202) 260-7765.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has previously transferred to its contractors, SAIC (located in Reston, Virginia) and Abt Associates (located in Bethesda, Maryland) information, including CBI concerning certain industries collected under the authority of section 308 of the CWA. EPA determined that this transfer was necessary to enable the contractors and subcontractors to perform their work in supporting EPA in developing effluent guidelines and standards for certain industries. Notice to this effect was provided to the affected industries.

Today, EPA is giving notice that it has entered into additional contracts, numbers 68-C-99-233 and 68-C-99-239, with SAIC and Abt Associates, respectively. EPA has also entered into two other contracts, 68-C-99-242, with Westat (located in Rockville, Maryland), and 68-W6-0055, with Stratus Consulting (located in Boulder, Colorado). The reason for these contracts is to secure additional contractor support in statistical analysis, survey and database development, economic analyses, and ecological

analyses. To obtain assistance in responding to these contracts, SAIC, Abt Associates, and Westat have entered into contracts with their subcontractors.

SAIC will provide similar statistical analysis support services as previously provided in contract number 68-C4-0046. In the new contract, SAIC has obtained the services of three subcontractors, Westat, Neptune and Company, Inc. (located in Los Alamos, New Mexico), and Premier, Inc. (located in Dunn Loring, Virginia) for additional statistical analysis support.

Abt Associates will provide the same type of economic and regulatory analysis and evaluation support services as previously provided in contract number 68-C4-0060. In the new contract, Abt Associates has retained, from the previous contract, the economic analysis services of three subcontractors: Eastern Research Group (located in Lexington, Massachusetts); Industrial Economics, Inc. (located in Cambridge, Massachusetts); and RCG/Hagler Bailly Inc. (located in Boulder, Colorado). Abt Associates has also obtained the economic analysis services of five other subcontractors: ICF (located in Fairfax, Virginia); NRDA (Tuscaloosa, Alabama); Environomics (located in Bethesda, Maryland); GLEC (located in Traverse City, Michigan); and Tetra Tech (located in Fairfax, Virginia).

Westat will provide general survey, statistical and data analysis, and database support. Westat also has obtained the services of three subcontractors: SAIC, NuStats International (located in Austin, Texas), and I-Solutions Group, Inc. (located in Vienna, Virginia) for additional support in surveys and statistical analysis.

Stratus Consulting will provide ecological and economic analysis.

All EPA contractor and subcontractor personnel are bound by the requirements and sanctions contained in their contracts with EPA and in EPA's confidentiality regulations found at 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B. SAIC, Abt Associates, Westat, Stratus Consulting, and their subcontractors adhere to EPA-approved security plans which describe procedures to protect CBI. The procedures in these plans are applied to CBI previously gathered by EPA for the industries identified below and to CBI that may be gathered in the future for these industries. The security plans specify that contractor and subcontractor personnel are required to sign non-disclosure agreements and are briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to CBI. No person is automatically granted access to CBI; a *need to know* must exist.

The information that will be transferred to SAIC, Abt Associates, Westat, and their subcontractors consists primarily of information previously collected by EPA to support the development of effluent limitations guidelines and standards under the CWA. (EPA does not intend to transfer this information to Stratus Consulting.) In particular, information, including CBI, collected for the development of effluent limitations guidelines and standards for the following industries may be transferred: airport deicing; centralized waste treatment; coal mining and remining; industrial laundries; industrial waste combustors; iron and steel; landfills; machinery products and manufacturing; oil and gas; organic chemicals; pesticide manufacturing; pesticides formulating, packaging, and repackaging; pharmaceutical manufacturing; petroleum refining; pulp, paper, and paperboard manufacturing; steam and electric; and transportation equipment cleaning.

In addition, EPA will transfer to all four contractors (*i.e.*, SAIC, Abt Associates, Westat, and Stratus Consulting) and their subcontractors information collected under Section 308 of the CWA to support development of regulations for intake of water under Section 316(b) of the CWA. This information was and will be collected from plants that generate electricity by means of steam and thus have large cooling water needs. Facilities in the traditional steam electric utility category are classified under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes 4911 and 493, while nonutility power producers include Paper and Allied Products (SIC Major Group 26), Chemical and Allied Products (SIC Major Group 28), Petroleum and Coal Products (SIC Major Group 29), and Primary Metals (SIC Major Group 33).

EPA also intends to transfer to SAIC, Abt Associates, Westat, Stratus Consulting, and their subcontractors all information listed in this notice, of the type described above (including CBI) that may be collected in the future under the authority of section 308 of the CWA, as is necessary to enable SAIC, Abt Associates, Westat, Stratus Consulting, and their subcontractors to carry out the work required by their contracts to support EPA's development of effluent limitations guidelines and standards and intake water regulations for the industries listed above.

Dated: November 8, 1999.

Geoffrey H. Grubbs,

*Director, Office of Science and Technology,
Office of Water.*

[FR Doc. 99-29764 Filed 11-12-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00630; FRL-6392-2]

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a 2-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 pertaining to characterization and non-target organism data requirements for protein plant-pesticides and cumulative risk assessment methodology of pesticide substances that have a common mechanism of toxicity. The meeting is open to the public. Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis. Individuals requiring special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact either Paul Lewis or Laura Morris at the address listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" at least 5 business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8 and Thursday, December 9, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The telephone number for the Sheraton hotel is: (703) 486-1111.

Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I.C. of the "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00630 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Paul Lewis or Laura Morris, Designated Federal Officials, FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (7101C), Office of Science Coordination and Policy, Office of Prevention, Pesticides

and Toxic Substance, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; Office location: Rm. 117T, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA; telephone: (703) 305-5369; e-mail: lewis.paul@epa.gov or morris.laura@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the persons listed under "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT."

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of This Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, 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/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPP-00630. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.