

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 2, 2000 (65 FR 11306). EPA received comments on this ICR during the comment period, which are addressed in an attachment to the ICR.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 27 hours per response for initial TSCA section 8(e) submissions, and 5 hours per follow-up/supplemental section 8(e) submission. 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: Companies that manufacture, process, distribute or import chemical substances or mixtures.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 267.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,209 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-labor Costs: \$0.

Changes in Burden Estimates: The total burden associated with this ICR has decreased from 9,500 hours in the previous ICR to 8,209 for this ICR. This adjustment in burden reflects a reduction in the anticipated number of follow-up or supplemental TSCA section 8(e) notices received by EPA.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days of this notice, as described above.

Dated: August 15, 2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6855-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Compliance Requirement for Child-Resistant Packaging

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: Compliance Requirement for Child-resistant Packaging, (EPA ICR No. 0616.07, OMB No. 2070-0052). The ICR, which expires on August 30, 2000, is abstracted below and describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden. A **Federal Register** document, required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 4, 1999 (64 FR 42365). EPA did not receive any comments on this ICR during the comment period.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before September 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0616.07 and OMB Control No. 2070-0052, to the following addresses: Ms Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code: 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 And to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer by phone at 202-260-2740, or via e-mail at "farmer.sandy@epa.gov", or using the address indicated below. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0616.07 and OMB Control No. 2070-0052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Compliance Requirement for Child-resistant Packaging (OMB Control No. 2070-0052; EPA ICR No. 0616.07) expiring 08/31/2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This ICR covers packaging information on pesticide products sold and distributed to the general public in the United States. Section 25 (c)(3) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, the Agency) to establish standards for packaging of pesticide products and pesticidal devices to protect children and adults from serious illness or injury resulting from accidental ingestion or contact. The law requires that these standards are designed to be consistent with those under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act, administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The information covered by this request is collected when a pesticide registrant certifies to the Agency that the packaging for the pesticide product meets the standards of 40 CFR part 157, or requests an exemption to the requirement. Unless a pesticide product qualifies for an exemption, the product must meet certain criteria regarding toxicity and use, and it must also be sold and distributed in child-resistant packaging (CRP). Registrants must certify to the Agency that the packaging or device meets the standards set forth by the Agency. There are no forms associated with this information collection activity. 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.

Burden Statement: The incorporation of alternative methods to verify that the package meets the requirements of 40 CFR 157.32 have allowed manufacturers to use extrapolation schemes, available child-resistant protocol test data, and supporting documentation without spending the time and money to develop the data on their exact package. The burden and cost to industry also is minimized by the reference of the CPSC effectiveness standards and protocol test procedures which precludes duplicative testing for pesticidal and non-pesticidal purposes, as well as allowing for the use of CRP developed for non-pesticidal purposes.

The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.7 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: Pesticide registrants subject to certification regulations in 40 CFR part 157.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 502.

Frequency of Response: As needed.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 853.4.

Estimated Total Annualized Non-labor Burden Costs: \$0.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days of this notice, as described above.

Dated: August 14, 2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6856-2]

Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects; Project XL Final Project Agreement: PPG Industries, Inc.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Project XL final project agreement.

SUMMARY: EPA is requesting comments on a proposed Project XL Final Project Agreement (FPA) for PPG Industries, Inc. (hereafter "PPG"). The FPA is a voluntary Agreement developed collaboratively by PPG and EPA.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on September 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the proposed Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Mr. Bill Waugh, US EPA, Ariel Rios Building, Mail Code 7403, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460 or Ms. Lisa Reiter, US EPA, Ariel Rios Building, Mail Code 1802, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Comments may also be faxed to Bill Waugh (202) 260-1216 or Lisa Reiter (202) 260-3125. Comments may also be received via electronic mail sent to: waugh.bill@epa.gov or reiter.lisa@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the Project Fact Sheet or the proposed Final Project Agreement, contact: Bill Waugh, US EPA, Ariel Rios Building, Mail Code 7403, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460 or Ms. Lisa Reiter, US EPA, Ariel Rios Building, Mail Code 1802, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>. In addition, a hard copy of the proposed FPA will be available from PPG—contact Jean Chun, Senior Toxicologist, PPG XL Coordinator for a copy (412) 492-5482.

Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Bill Waugh at (202) 260-3489 or Lisa Reiter at (202) 260-9041. To be included on the PPG XL mailing list about future public meetings, XL progress reports and other mailings from PPG on the XL project, contact Jean Chun, Senior Toxicologist, PPG Industries, Inc., 4325 Rosanna Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101 or at (412) 492-5482. For information on all other aspects of the XL Program, contact Christopher Knopes at the following address: Office of Environmental Policy Innovation, US EPA, Mail Code 1802, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, Regional XL contacts, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated entities the opportunity to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory or procedural requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits.

The EPA Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) has developed a set of computerized risk screening tools that have the potential to significantly advance pollution prevention objectives. The objective of the P2 Framework approach is to inform decision making at early stages of new

chemical product development and to promote the selection and application of safer chemical substances and processes. Annually, EPA evaluates approximately two thousand (2000) Pre-Manufacture Notifications (PMNs) that are submitted to the Agency pursuant to Section 5 of EPA's Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The Act requires that persons who manufacture (or import) a new chemical substance provide such notice to EPA 90 days prior to commencing nonexempt commercial manufacture. However, the law does not require that the submitter conduct laboratory tests to evaluate the potential hazard and risk of the new chemical substance. If the Agency does not take regulation action within 90 days of receipt of the PMN, the submitter may manufacture that new chemical substance. Operating under this time limitation, and often lacking sufficient data, EPA has developed methods to quickly screen chemical substances in the absence of data—known as the P2 Framework. In an outreach effort to industry, the Agency is making the P2 Framework methodologies available and is demonstrating how these tools can help design safer chemical substances, reduce waste generation, and identify other P2 Framework opportunities. Industry response to the incorporation of EPA's P2 Framework into the chemical development process has been positive.

PPG proposes to apply the P2 Framework early in its new product development process to help it identify and develop products and processes that can be sustained both environmentally and economically. Applying the P2 Framework as a part of its new product development process, PPG will incorporate environmental and health information into the early stages of its chemical development operations as well as identify opportunities for pollution prevention. PPG is planning on using the P2 Framework at three Research and Development (R&D) facilities located at Monroeville, Allison Park, and Harmarville; all are located in the greater Pittsburgh, PA area. PPG believes many other companies can develop environmentally preferable products by applying the P2 Framework, especially at the R&D stage of product development. The use of the P2 Framework will assist PPG when it is designing new chemical substances and products by enabling PPG to conduct an analysis similar to that performed by EPA for each PMN that is submitted to EPA. PPG will incorporate information obtained from use of the P2