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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those which own, operate or regulate public water systems but not limited to: Owners/operator of public water systems, State Environmental Water Quality Agencies, State Departments of Health.

*Title:* Operator Certification Guidelines and Operator Certification Expense Reimbursement Grants Program, EPA ICR #1955.01.

*Abstract:* The purpose of this information collection is to determine if states are meeting the requirements of EPA's operator certification guidelines. Section 1419(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 requires to EPA to develop guidelines specifying minimum standards for certification and recertification of operators of community and nontransient noncommunity public water systems and to publish final guidelines by February 6, 1999. The final guidelines were published in the **Federal Register** on February 5, 1999 (64 FR 5916). Pursuant to section 1419(b) of the SDWA, beginning two years after the date on which EPA publishes guidelines for the certification (and recertification) of operators of community and nontransient noncommunity public water systems (or February 5, 2001), EPA shall withhold 20 percent of the funds a state is otherwise entitled to receive under SDWA section 1452 unless a state has adopted and is implementing a program that meets the requirements of EPA's operator certification guidelines. EPA is required under SDWA section 1419 to make an annual determination on whether to withhold 20 percent of a state's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) allotment. In order to make these decisions, EPA must collect information from the states as required

by EPA's operator certification guidelines. States, in turn, must collect information from water systems as required by their respective programs.

SDWA section 1419(d) requires EPA to reimburse (through grants to states) the costs of training, including an appropriate per diem for unsalaried operators, and certification for persons operating community and nontransient noncommunity public water systems serving 3,300 persons or fewer that are required to undergo training pursuant to EPA's operator certification guidelines. Prior to awarding expense reimbursement grants to states, EPA will need to collect information from states to ensure that the state has a plan for distributing the funds to small system operators.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Burden Statement:* EPA estimates that the cost and burden to states for this ICR is \$412,449 and 11,914 hours over the three year period between FY2001 and FY2003. EPA also estimates the cost and burden to public water systems for this ICR is \$6,514,596 and 290,511 hours over the three year period between FY2001 and FY2003. The average annual cost and burden per state is \$2,695 and 78 hours. On a per system level, an average annual cost and burden of \$31 and 2 hours is estimated.

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.

Dated: February 16, 2001.

**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6947-9]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Exports From and Imports to the United States Under International and Bilateral Waste Agreements**

**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: "Exports from and Imports to the United States under International and Bilateral Waste Agreements," OMB Control Number 2050-0143; expiration date March 31, 2001. 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 30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1647.03 and OMB Control No. 2050-0143, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 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:** For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by e-mail at [farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov), or

download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1647.03. For technical questions about the ICR contact Patricia Whiting on 703-308-8421.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Exports from and Imports to the United States under International and Bilateral Waste Agreements; OMB Control Number 2050-0143; EPA ICR No. 1647.03; expiring March 31, 2001. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** Authority for this information collection is found in sections 2002(a) and 3017(a)(2) and (f) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments, 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.* The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Decision is considered legally binding on the United States under Articles 5(a) and 6(2) of the OECD Convention, 12 U.S.T. 1728. In addition, the OECD Decision and EPA's rule implementing the OECD Decision in 40 CFR part 262, subpart H (61 FR 16290; April 12, 1996) impose requirements on U.S. exporters and importers for shipments of hazardous waste for recovery to and from OECD member countries. EPA also imposes requirements on hazardous waste exports and imports to and from other countries in 40 CFR part 262, subparts E and F, respectively (August 8, 1986; 51 FR 28664). U.S. EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance uses the information provided by each U.S. exporter and importer to determine compliance with the applicable RCRA regulatory provisions. In addition, the information will be used to determine the number, origin, destination, and type of exports from and imports to the U.S. for tracking purposes and for reporting to the OECD. This information also will be used to assess the efficiency of the 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 November 1, 2000 (65 FR 65304); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 hours per exporter and 1 hour per importer.

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**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Exporters and Importers of Hazardous Wastes to U.S.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,562.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 9,334.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden:** \$1,015.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggestions for minimizing respondent burden, including the use of automated estimates, and any suggestions for minimizing respondent burden, including the use of automated collection techniques to the addresses listed above. Please refer to the EPA ICR Number 1647.03 Control Number 2050-0143 in any correspondence.

Dated: February 13, 2001.

**Oscar Morales,**

*Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6947-8]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Establishing No-Discharge Zones Under the Clean Water Act Section 312

**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: Establishing No-Discharge Zones (NDZs) Under the Clean Water Act Section 312, EPA ICR Number 1791.03, OMB Control Number: 2040-0187 and current expiration date of February 28, 2001. 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 30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1791.03 and OMB Control No. 2040-0187, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 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.

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[Farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov), or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1791.03. For technical questions about the ICR, contact James Woodley at EPA by phone at (202) 260-1998 in the Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** **Title:** Establishing No-Discharge Zones Under Clean Water Act Section 312 (OMB Control Number 2040-0187; EPA ICR Number 1791.03) expiring 02/28/2001. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** (A) UNDS No-discharge Zones: Under section 312(n) of the Clean Water Act ("Uniform National Discharge Standards for Vessels of the Armed Forces" or "UNDS") no-discharge zones ("NDZs") for discharges from Armed Forces vessels may be established by either State prohibition or EPA prohibition following the procedures in 40 CFR part 1700. UNDS also provides that the Governor of any State may petition EPA and the Secretary of Defense to review any determination or standard promulgated under the UNDS program if there is significant new information that could reasonably result in a change to the determination or standard. This ICR discusses the information that will be required from a State if it decides to establish a NDZ by State prohibition or apply for a NDZ by EPA prohibition, and the information that will be