States. The purpose of the foreign purchaser acknowledgement statement (FPAS) requirement is to allow EPA to notify the government of the importing country that an unregistered pesticide for which no hazard assessment has been made, will be imported into that country. This information is submitted in the form of annual of per-shipment statements to EPA, which maintains original records and transmits copies thereof to appropriate government officials of the countries which are importing the pesticides.

EPA is also including in this renewal of the ICR an estimate of the burden imposed by export labeling requirements, which meet the definition of third party labeling. The labeling requirement may be met by supplemental labeling attached to either the product container or the shipping container.

Burden Statement: The burden for this information collection reflects EPA's experience implementing the 1993 pesticide export policy governing the export of pesticides, devices, and active ingredients used in producing pesticides. EPA revised the information collection estimates to reflect the actual numbers of export notifications received under the policy. This ICR renewal includes an increased burden estimate of 2,167 hours for the submission of the FPAS, which is 1,273 hours higher than in the current ICR. The 2,167 hours is based on the approximately 2,000 notices annually received pursuant to the export policy. The ICR for the export policy had a burden estimate of 1,057 hours, based upon an estimated 976 notices annually.

The previous ICR did not estimate the respondent burden of the export labeling requirement, because an estimate of third-party notification burden was not required at that time. The labeling burden for the estimated 3,600 annually exported products is estimated to be 22,050 hours.

The total estimated burden for this ICR renewal is 24,217 hours. The change in respondent burden from the current 894 hours is due to two factors: (1) EPA has revised the burden estimate for the purchaser acknowledgement requirement to reflect the numbers of FPASs submitted to EPA under the revised policy; (2) EPA has also estimated the burden imposed by the export labeling requirement, due to the new requirement in the Paperwork Reduction Act to estimate the cost of third party notifications.

*Title:* Notice of Pesticide Registration by States to Meet a Special Local Need (SLN) under FIFRA Section 24(c). ICR No. 595.05. OMB No. 2070–0055. Expiration date: April 30, 1996.

Affected Entities: Parties affected by this collection activity are the States which are defined to include Washington, DC, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and the islands of the Pacific Territory, and American Samoa; manufacturers of pesticide chemicals; and grower groups.

Abstract: FIFRA section 24(c) authorizes the States to register additional uses of federally registered pesticides for distribution and use within the State to meet a special local need. A state-issued registration under FIFRA section 24(c) is deemed a federal registration, for the purposes of the pesticide's use within the State's boundaries. A State must notify EPA, in writing, of any action it takes, i.e., issues, amends, or revokes, a stateregistration. The Agency has 90 days to disapprove the registration. In such cases, the State is responsible for notifying the affected registrant. EPA requires this information to ensure that the States do not issue any registration that might conflict with other requirements in FIFRA, or with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act which require that tolerance exist for any pesticide used on a food or feed commodity. The States are required by federal regulation to collect from the manufacturer, or grower group, adequate information to support the section 24(c) application for registration or amendment. Both the State and the manufacturer or grower group are required to keep records for as long as the registration is active. In this case, the manufacturer, or grower group, represents a third party. The information collected from the third party is required to obtain a benefit, while that collected from the States by EPA is mandatory.

Burden Statement: The overall respondent burden hours associated with this collection has increased from the current ICR estimate of 1,375 hours to 38,775 hours per year. This change is the result of new requirements imposed to include third party notification and recordkeeping estimates in the tally. The respondents include both the State governments and the company, or grower group, filing for a state registration. The number of applications made by the States since the last ICR has not changed, and no changes have been made in the requirements for section 24(c) applications. Costs have increased due to more realistic labor rates supplied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which reflect more accurately the costs borne by the registrants and

State government personnel who submit 24(c) applications.

The annual respondent burden for this program is estimated to average 70.5 hours per response, including time for: Compiling the information/data submitted by the registrant, reviewing the information for special local needs determination, completing paperwork to notify the federal government, storing/filing/maintaining the data, and responding back to the registrant if the registration is disapproved by EPA. In addition, the burden includes that incurred by the applicant (third party) for data gathering, reporting and recordkeeping purposes.

Any 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 contained in 40 CFR part 9.

## II. Request for Comments

EPA solicits 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 estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information.
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

## III. Public Docket

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPP-00417" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Pubic Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.