ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities up for Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA). **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR). listed below is coming up for renewal. Before submitting the renewal package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 1, 1995..

ADDRESSES: Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Office of Solid Waste, Permits and State Programs Division (5303W), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita V. Nickens; U.S. EPA; Office of Solid Waste (5303W); 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC., 20460; Phone (703) 308–7049; FAX: (703) 308–8638.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are those States which seek initial authorization of their hazardous waste programs, program revisions, and whose program is being withdrawn.

Title: Final Authorization for Hazardous Waste Management Programs, ICR number 969, expires March 31, 1996.

Abstract: In order for a State to obtain final authorization for a State hazardous waste program or to revise its previously authorized program, it must submit an official application to the EPA Regional office for approval. The purpose of the application is to enable EPA to properly determine whether the State's program meets the requirements of § 3006 of RCRA. As required by § 271.5, the submission for final authorization must contain the following:

- (1) A letter from the Governor of the State requesting program approval;
- (2) A complete program description, as required by § 271.6 describing how the State intends to carry out its responsibilities under this subpart;
- (3) An Attorney General's statement as required by § 271.7;
- (4) A Memorandum of Agreement with the Regional Administrator as required by § 271.8;
- (5) Copies of all applicable State statutes and regulations, including those

governing State administrative procedures; and

(6) The showing required by § 271.20(c) of the State's public participation activities prior to program submission.

A State with an approved program may voluntarily transfer program responsibilities to EPA by notifying EPA of the proposed transfer, including submission of a plan for the orderly transfer of all relevant program information not in the possession of EPA, as required by section 271.23. Further, EPA may withdraw a State's authorized program under section 271.23.

Either EPA or the approved State may initiate a revision to the authorized program. State program revision may be necessary when the controlling Federal or State statutory or regulatory authority is modified or supplemented. In the event that the State is revising its program by adopting new Federal requirements, the State shall prepare and submit modified revisions of the program description, Attorney General's statement, Memorandum of Agreement, or such other documents as EPA determines to be necessary. The State shall inform EPA of any proposed modifications to its basic statutory or regulatory authority, its forms, procedures, or priorities, in accordance with section 271.21. If a State is proposing to transfer all or any part of any program from the approved State agency to any other agency, it must notify EPA in accordance with section 271.21 and submit revised organizational charts as required under section 271.6, in accordance with section 271.21. Further, whenever EPA has reason to believe that circumstances have changed with respect to a State program, EPA may request, and the State shall provide, a supplemental Attorney General's statement, program description, or such other documents or information are necessary. These paperwork requirements are mandatory. EPA will use the information submitted by the State in order to determine whether the State's program meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for authorization.

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;

- (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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The total burden to respondents, as estimated in the currently approved ICR, is 7,637 hours per year, at a cost of \$191,775. This estimate is based on the assumption that there would be one application for base program authorization over a three-year period and 25 applications for program revisions per year. The ICR estimates that the base program authorization application would require 601.5 burden hours and would cost \$11,293.62. Program revision applications are estimated to require 261 burden hours and cost \$5,115.87 each. The estimated labor cost of \$25.77 per hour for managerial staff, \$18.08 for technical staff, and \$10.99 for clerical staff and associated costs resulting from information requirements are consistent with information obtained from Regional personnel who have worked on developing or reviewing program submissions to EPA.

Respondents: States with authorized State program.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 25. Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: \$183,234.

Frequency of Collection: Annual. No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless its displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed above.

Dated: September 25, 1995. Elizabeth A. Cotsworth, Acting Director Office of Solid Waste. [FR Doc. 95–24448 Filed 9–29–95;8:45am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–M

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Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal; NESHAP for Benzene Emissions From Bulk Transfer Operations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).