

American Watch Association, Association Council of the National Association of Manufacturers, Association for the Advancement of Medical Instruments, Association of American Railroads, Association of International Automotive Manufacturers, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, Automotive Service Association, Citizens for a Better Environment, Clock Manufacturers and Marketing Association, Community Transportation Association of America, Computer and Communication Industry Association, Dental Manufacturers of America, Electronic Industries Association, Environmental Defense Fund, Friends of the Earth, Gold & Silver Institute, Health Industry Manufacturers Association, Information Technology Industry Council, International Precious Metals Institute, Manufacturing Jewelers & Silversmiths of America, Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, National Coalition of Advanced Manufacturing, National Association of Metal Finishers, National Shipbuilding Research Program, Natural Resources Defense Council, Railway Progress Institute, Scientific Apparatus Manufacturers Association, Silver Coalition, Silver Users Association, Sierra Club, Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, The Jewelry Manufacturers Guild, Truck Renting and Leasing Association, United Bus Owners of America, United Auto Workers Union—Health and Safety Department. Based on comments already received as the result of these outreach activities, the proposed MP&M Phase II industry survey instruments will be made up of a brief screener and a more detailed questionnaire. This two-phase survey will allow burden on industrial facilities to be related to process wastewater flow and pollutant discharges such that facilities discharging less than 1,000,000 gallons per year of process wastewater will have less reporting burden than facilities discharging larger volumes of process wastewater. Finally, EPA will maintain a temporary, no-charge telephone number that survey recipients may call to obtain assistance in completing the data collection surveys. EPA believes that the no-charge telephone number will greatly reduce burden by helping recipients to answer specific questions within the context of their individual operations. To minimize burden on federal, state, and local governments that may operate MP&M-Phase-II-type facilities, survey instruments for these specific government entities that reflect

the unique nature of government economic accounting have been developed. Similar survey instruments that discuss potential burden issues on other government entities such as wastewater treatment plant operators have also been developed. Current burden estimates, based on an analysis of the MP&M Phase I survey responses and comments provided by trade associations on the proposed MP&M Phase II survey instruments are based on the type and number of surveys that will be distributed. The following summarizes these burden estimates:

1. The total estimated burden on industry to respond to the data collection surveys is estimated to be 59,540 hours. This burden is based on industry completing approximately 5,000 surveys. Of these 5,000 surveys, 4,620 will be the simple, one-page screeners that are estimated to require only one hour to complete (i.e., the average time required by all recipients to complete the survey will be one hour; with many recipients requiring only a few minutes to complete the screener, while large firms may require a few hours to collect the required data). The remaining 380 recipients (i.e., the larger industrial wastewater dischargers) will receive larger, more comprehensive surveys that will take up to approximately 154 hours to complete. The burden estimates for these larger facilities are based on approximately 100 sites requiring approximately 118 hours to complete the survey and 280 of the largest discharging facilities requiring 154 hours to complete the survey.

2. The total burden estimate on municipalities, DoD, DoE, and other government entities is expected to be 3,400 hours with approximately 50 government entities having to complete surveys. EPA estimates that these other government entities will require an average of 68 hours to complete the surveys (i.e., the amount of time municipalities will require to complete the surveys will range from 1 hour to 136 hours with 68 hours being an average estimated amount of time).

3. The total burden estimate on POTWs and other entities that will implement the MP&M Phase II rules is estimated to be 5,500 hours with approximately 250 POTWs completing the data collection surveys and each respondent requiring an average of 22 hours to complete the survey. Estimates for the time required to complete these surveys ranges from 4 to 40 hours for each survey respondent.

Thus, the total national burden estimate for all parts of this data collection is 68,440 hours.

Given that EPA needs to collect data regarding both costs and benefits associated with environmental rules, EPA is interested in any suggestions industry or the public may have regarding means of reducing the data collection burden. Any burden reduction suggestions must consider the need to collect information on the pollutants being discharged by the industries, the processes that generate the pollutants, the economic achievability of the proposed regulations, and the economic benefits derived from reducing pollution in our oceans, lakes, rivers, and streams. Please send any suggestions for reducing burden to Mr. Mark Ingle, U.S. EPA, Engineering and Analysis Division, Mail Code 4303, Office of Science and Technology, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

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XL Community Pilot Program

SUMMARY: This document responds to President Clinton's March 16, 1995 initiatives listed in the report, *Reinventing Environmental Regulation*. In the report, EPA committed to implementing pilot programs to develop innovative alternatives to the current environmental management system. These programs will give a limited number of regulated entities and communities an opportunity to demonstrate excellence and leadership in environmental protection. These reinvention pilot programs, entitled Project XL, will focus on four areas: facilities, industry sectors, federal government agencies, and communities. This Federal Register Notice addresses the XL Community Pilot Program and is a solicitation for pilot project proposals and comments on all aspects of the XL Community Pilot Program. An earlier Federal Register Notice published on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282) discusses the XL pilot programs for facilities, industry sectors, and Federal government agencies.

Today, EPA is announcing the XL Community Pilot Program to join with local governments, communities, states, federal recognized tribes, and others to conduct a limited number of pilot projects that demonstrate and assess the merits of community-designed and directed strategies for achieving greater environmental quality and sustainable