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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

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 22, 1995.

ADDRESSES: U.S. EPA; Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds; Oceans and Coastal Protection Division (4504F); 401 M Street SW; Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Slaughter; phone 202-260-1051; fax 202-260-9960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Affected entities:* Entities affected by this action are those which receive grants under Section 320 of the Clean Water Act, the National Estuary Program (NEP).

Title: National Estuary Program; ICR #1500.02; OMB control #2040-0138; expiration date: 12/31/95.

Abstract: The National Estuary Program (NEP) involves collecting information from one source: The state or local agency which receives funds under section 320 of the Clean Water Act. The regulation requiring this information is found at 40 CFR Part 35. The prospective recipient is seeking grant funds to carry out a three to five-year program resulting in the completion of a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. In order to receive grant funds, grantees must submit an annual workplan to EPA. This workplan is the only information required from the grantee beyond that which is required in the standard government grant application. The workplan is reviewed by EPA, and it then provides the basis for the scope

of work written into the grant agreement. The annual workplan consists of two parts: progress on projects funded previously, and new projects proposed with dollar amounts and completion dates. Once incorporated into the grant agreement, the workplan is then used to track performance. As of this date, there are 28 grantees nationally. The current ICR renewal will propose no changes in burden.

EPA simplifies the burden by providing guidance on how to prepare the workplan and by issuing planning targets to each grantee so that workplans can target a known funding level. EPA also provides direct assistance to prospective grantees in preparing the annual workplan by reviewing and commenting on drafts.

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 number for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

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 estimated burden for the 28 estuaries in the program totals 4900 hours. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the collection of information.

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 30, 1995.

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Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

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Nominations for Exemptions to the Production and Import Phaseout of Ozone Depleting Substances for Uses Satisfying the Montreal Protocol "Essential Use" Criteria

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Through this notice, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is requesting applications for consideration at the Eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol to be held in late 1996 for exemptions to the production and import phase-out for ozone-depleting substances in 1997 and subsequent years (including halons, CFC-11, CFC-12, CFC-113, CFC-114, CFC-115, CFC-13, CFC-111, CFC-112, CFC-211, CFC-212, CFC-213, CFC-214, CFC-215, CFC-216, CFC-217, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl chloroform).

Nominations for essential use exemptions for production or importation in 1996 and beyond for Class I substances were solicited in previous Federal Register Notices (58 FR 29410, May 20, 1993; 59 FR 52544, October 18, 1994) and recommendations by the Montreal Protocol Technology and Economics Assessment Panel have been forwarded to the Parties for consideration at the Seventh Meeting of the Parties, to be held December 5-7, 1995. The results of the previous solicitations and subsequent actions taken by the Protocol Parties are described in this Notice.

DATES: Applications for essential use exemptions eligible for consideration at the Eighth Meeting of the Parties must be submitted to EPA no later than 30 days after date of publication of this notice in order for the U.S. government to complete its review and to submit its nominations to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Protocol Parties by January 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Karen Metchis, Program Manager; Essential Use Exemptions; Mail Stop 6205J; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; 401 M Street SW.; Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Metchis, Substitutes Analysis and Review Branch, Stratospheric Protection Division (6205J), Office of Atmospheric Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460; Phone (202) 233-9193; FAX (202) 233-9577. General information may be obtained from the Stratospheric Ozone Hotline at 1-800-296-1996 or (202) 775-6677.