

(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: The form is part of the grant or loan application package. The information currently exists in the respondent operation. The data collected on this form is compiled and reported from the applicant's existing information. The information as gathered and reported on the form specifically applies to the grant or loan application. The only burden experienced by the respondent is that of completing the form. Our past experience has shown that it requires one half-hour to complete the form. The form is usually completed by the applicant's packager or a clerk assistant. The average salary range of the combined or single individual is \$30,000.00 per year. Our information comes from direct experience in carrying out the task. Therefore the capital cost would be \$0 and the labor for 1/2 hour would be \$14.41 per year. At approximately 4,000 recipients per year, the total cost would be \$28,820.00. Burden means 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 estimate 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: November 13, 1995.
Dan Rondeau,
Director, Office of Civil Rights.
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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1633.09.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Acid Rain Program (OMB Control No. 2060-0258; EPA ICR No. 1633.09). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Acid Rain Program was established under Title IV of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. The program calls for major reductions of the pollutants that cause acid rain while establishing a new approach to environmental management. This information collection is necessary to implement the Acid Rain program. It includes burden hours associated with developing and modifying permits, transferring allowances, obtaining allowances from the conservation and renewable energy reserve and small diesel refinery program, monitoring emissions, participating in the annual auctions, completing annual compliance certifications, participating in the Opt-in program, and complying with No_x permitting requirements. Most of this information collection is mandatory under 40 CFR Parts 72-78. Some parts of it are voluntary or to obtain a benefit, such as participation in the annual auctions under 40 CFR Part 73, Subpart E. 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 7/13/95 (FRL-5258-2).

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 273 hours per response. 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 way 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: 849.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 849.

Frequency of Response: Varies by task.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,839,120 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$44,660,000.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1633.09 and OMB Control No. 2060-0258 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2136), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460
and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 22, 1995.
Joseph Retzer,
Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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[FRL-5342-4]

Acid Rain Program: Status of State Acid Rain Programs**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: Title IV of the Clean Air Act requires EPA to establish the Acid Rain Program to reduce the adverse environmental and public health effects of acidic deposition. Under titles IV and V of the Act, state and local permitting authorities develop and administer acid rain programs as part of their title V operating permits programs. The purpose of this notice is to (1) provide a status report on the progress of specific state and local permitting authorities in establishing regulatory authority to issue acid rain permits, (2) describe in general terms the degree to which state and local permitting authorities can currently take part in acid rain permit issuance given the current status of their title V programs and (3) to identify which permitting authorities should receive Phase II acid rain permit applications (due January 1, 1996) from designated representatives of affected sources. This notice is for informational purposes only and does not supplant any other Federal Register notices under title V.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Miller, U.S. EPA, Acid Rain Division (6204J), 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460, (202) 233-9077.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 29, 1995, the Acid Rain Division issued guidance describing the extent to which permitting authorities could participate in the acid rain permit issuance process given the status of their title V programs, including the acid rain portion. The guidance outlined criteria by which acid rain permitting authorities are grouped into one of three categories, 'A,' 'B,' or 'C.'

Category A permitting authorities have EPA-approved title V programs with acid rain regulations that are sufficient for issuing Phase II acid rain permits covering sulfur dioxide. Such permits must be issued no later than December 31, 1997.

Category B permitting authorities have not yet received final EPA approval of their title V programs and acid rain regulations, and so cannot yet issue acid rain permits. However, they have sufficient regulatory authority to perform completeness reviews and process Phase II acid rain permits up to issuance of draft permits. Most category B permitting authorities are expected to receive final EPA approval of their title

V programs and their acid rain regulations sometime in 1996. If, as anticipated, their title V programs and acid rain regulations are approved by January 1, 1997, they will be the permitting authorities for issuing acid rain permits to sources within their respective jurisdictions.

Category C permitting authorities have also not yet received EPA approval of their title V programs, but have not yet established a sufficient degree of regulatory authority, e.g., because they lack final title V and acid rain regulations or because their title V programs have been rejected. Category C permitting authorities will issue the Phase II acid rain permits if their title V programs and acid rain regulations are approved by January 1, 1997. If not, then EPA intends to begin to take steps to issue the initial Phase II acid rain permits.

The designated representatives of affected sources within the jurisdiction of permitting authorities in categories A or B should submit the original Phase II acid rain permit application and all required copies to the appropriate state or local permitting authority. The application should not be submitted to EPA. The designated representatives of affected sources with state or local permitting authorities in category C must submit the original Phase II acid rain permit application and 1 copy to the appropriate EPA Regional office and two copies to their respective state or local permitting authority.

The status of state and local acid rain programs is noted on a document updated weekly on EPA's Technology Transfer Network (TTN) and is available for downloading under the "Clean Air Act," "Title IV," "Policy and Guidance," subdirectories, entitled "ARDGUID.WPF."

As of November 15, 1995, the status of state and local permitting authorities with regard to acid rain is as follows:

Region 1

Category A: None
Category B: Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
Category C: Connecticut, Maine

Region 2

Category A: None
Category B: New Jersey
Category C: New York

Region 3

Category A: West Virginia
Category B: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C.
Category C: Virginia

Region 4

Category A: Florida, South Carolina

Category B: Alabama (including the city of Huntsville and Jefferson Co.), Georgia, Kentucky (including Jefferson and Memphis-Shelby Cos.), Mississippi, North Carolina (including Western North Carolina), Tennessee (including Chattanooga-Hamilton, Knoxville, and Nashville-Davidson Cos.)

Category C: None

Region 5

Category A: Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin

Category B: Michigan, Ohio

Category C: None

Region 6

Category A: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico (including the city of Albuquerque)

Category B: Oklahoma, Texas

Category C: None

Region 7

Category A: Iowa, Nebraska (including Lincoln-Lancaster and Omaha-Douglas Cos.)

Category B: Kansas, Missouri

Category C: None

Region 8

Category A: North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah

Category B: Colorado, Montana, Wyoming

Category C: None

Region 9

Category A: Bay Area, Imperial Co., Monterey Bay, North Coast (all in California), Clark Co. (in Nevada)

Category B: Arizona (including Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal Cos.) Mojave Desert, San Diego Co., San Luis Obispo Co., South Coast, Ventura Co. (all in California), Nevada

Category C: None

Region 10

Category A: Oregon, Washington (including Northwest, Olympic, Puget Sound, Southwest, Spokane, Benton-Franklin, and Yakima)

Category B: Idaho

Category C: None

Dated: November 21, 1995.

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