impact due to administrative burden of the NSR Program. The projected burden also reflects consideration of environmental justice factors, which may influence certain major source permitting actions.

The EPA will consider all comments submitted in response to this notice when preparing the ICR renewal and supporting statement for submittal to OMB.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

Robert G. Kellam,

Director, Information Transfer and Program Integration Division.

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[FRL–5673–2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Request for Information for the Bioremediation Field Initiative Database Systems

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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Request for Information for the Bioremediation Field Initiative Database Systems, EPA ICR No. 1672.01, OMB Control No. 2080048, expires 04/30/97. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Office of Research and Development. A copy of the ICR without charge, can be obtained at: http://www.epa.gov/ORD/WebPubs/biorem

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those that are involved in the use of innovative technologies at Superfund sites, such as state and local governments, businesses, and nonprofit institutions.

Title: Request for Information for the Bioremediation Field Initiative Database Systems, OMB Control No. 20800048, expires 04/30/97.

Abstract: This is an ICR renewal for gathering information on the design, operation, and performance of biological treatment technologies from remediation experts and managers working at sites where biological treatment technologies are being tested or implemented. The authority for collecting information on innovative treatment technologies is described at Section 311 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, Section 8003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Section 7001 of the Oil Pollution Act, and Section 10 of the Toxic Substance Control Act. The information will help the EPA to deploy innovative technologies more quickly at Superfund and other sites.

Selected respondents are asked to complete and return, via mail, a two-part questionnaire. The first part requests general site information, such as location, contacts, contaminants, and legislative authority under which the site is being remediated. The second part requests site-specific biotechnology information, such as the stage of the operation, wastes and media being treated, cleanup level goals, and the performance and cost of the treatment. All responses are strictly voluntary. Following the initial questionnaire, respondents receive followup questionnaires on a semi-annual basis to update the information already provided. EPA has developed an easy-to-use PC-based version of the questionnaire that is currently in use. To run the electronic questionnaire, the user must have access to a Windows-capable IBM-compatible PC, preferably 486-class or better. The PC questionnaire has several benefits:

- Questions that apply only under particular circumstances (i.e., are dependent on previous responses) are only presented to the user as necessary.
- Data validations are performed optionally as the user is filling out the questionnaire and are required when a respondent is ready to submit the data to EPA. Data validation conditions are reported with an explanation of the problem/situation and recommended corrective action(s).
- Pick lists are provided for several questions, so that user may choose an item from a list rather than enter the full text using the keyboard.

Repsondents may utilize either the paper- or the PC-based questionnaire, whichever they prefer. In each case, when respondents are updating the site records for sites that are already in the Bioremediation Field Intitative database, the questionnaire shows the site's complete responses from past questionnaires, so that information that has not changed need not be reentered. Respondents with access to the Internet may express comments or request assistance using an e-mail account that is identified in each questionnaire mailing. Each form of the questionnaire is updated occasionally between data collection cycles to include prominent new technologies and contaminants as they are identified in prior collection efforts.

EPA compiles information from completed questionnaires into the Bioremediation Field Initiative computer database. EPA developed a software program called the Bioremediation in the Field Search System (BFSS) to search, view, and report information in the database. BFSS is available to the public via computerized bulletin boards, or interested parties may obtain a copy of BFSS by mail by calling the Bioremediation Field Initiative hotline (513 569–7562) and requesting a copy. The next update to BFSS (scheduled for the Spring of 1997) is also anticipated to be available on the Internet. The Bioremediation Field Initiative database currently contains information on over 465 sites, and approximately 100 new sites are expected to be included in the next update of BFSS. Anyone with access to an IBM-compatible 286–AT class computer equipped with DOS 3.3 or better may run BFSS. The Bioremediation Field Initiative database also has appeared in the Bioremediation in the Field bulletin, published quarterly and distributed to approximately 3,500 addressees who have registered for Bioremediation Field Initiative mailings. Each site contains contact information for one or more individuals associated with the regulatory authority or application of bioremediation technology at the site. Remediation professionals may contact individuals with common site conditions to share information. Summary statistics may be drawn from the database to elucidate trends in bioremediation.

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 OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

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, 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 following burden figures are taken from the currently approved ICR (Attachment A):

Respondent type	Burden hours
First-time respondents	5.0
Update respondents	1.0
No-change respondents	0.5
Nonrespondents	0.25
Total	6.75

Respondents type	Respondents			
	Period one	Period two	Yearly	Total burden hours
First-time respondents	50	50	100	500.0
Update respondents	499	482	931	931.0
No-change respondents	129	139	268	134.0
Nonrespondents	102	110	212	53.0
Total	730	781	1511	1618.0

(First-time respondents fill out a questionnaire for the first time, entering data for a site not previously included in the Bioremediation Field Initiative database. Update respondents receive a questionnaire containing the current record of site data in the Bioremediation Field Initiative database and enter information to make the information current. No-change respondents receive a questionnaire containing the current record of site data in the Bioremediation Field Initiative database, review the information and find that it is current; therefore, they need not modify information to make the site current. Nonrespondents receive the questionnaire, review it, and elect not to respond.)

Each year, the burden figures increase somewhat, as first-time respondents are added to the database. In subsequent years, first-time respondents will be divided among the other respondent types. This growth is offset slightly as sites are removed from the data collection cycle—most typically if the site activity is completed, but for other reasons as well.

For the purposes of this burden estimate, 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 purpose 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: December 20, 1996.

Robert A. Olexsey,

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California State Nonroad Engine and Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Authorization of State Standards; Notice of Decision

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice regarding authorization of state standards.

SUMMARY: EPA is authorizing California to enforce regulations for exhaust emission standards and test procedures for nonroad recreational vehicles and engines including: off-road motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), golf carts, go-karts 25 horsepower and above, and specialty vehicles less than 25 horsepower; pursuant to section 209(e) of the Clean Air Act.

ADDRESSES: The Agency's decision document containing an explanation of the Administrator's decision, as well as all documents relied upon in reaching that decision, including those submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), are available for public inspection in the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center in Docket A–95–17 during the working hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket (6102), Room M–1500, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Copies of the decision can be obtained from EPA's Vehicle Program and Compliance Division by contacting David Dickinson, as noted below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Dickinson, Attorney/Advisor, Vehicle Program and Compliance Division (6405J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone: (202)233–9256. Electronic mail: dickinson.david@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: I have decided to authorize California to enforce regulations for standards and test procedures for nonroad engines and vehicles pursuant to section 209(e) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (Act), 42 U.S.C. 7543. These regulations establish exhaust emission standards and test procedures for off-road motorcycles and