

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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Public, Private, or Federal facilities applying to the ELP.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75 in application phase, 50 in the Annual Report phase.

Frequency of Response: Yearly.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 17,070 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: Application—\$293,625, On-site review—\$135,600; Annual Report—\$384,550.

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. 1794.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 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: February 4, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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Renewal of Agency Information Collection Activities

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 April 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: U.S. EPA, Office of Research and Development, Quality Assurance Division (MS-104), 2890 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837-3679.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy W. Wentworth, 202-260-5763, Facsimile Number 202-401-7002, wentworth.nancy@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are those which apply for Federal financial assistance from EPA for proposed projects that include environmentally related measurements.

Title: ICR Number 0866, Quality Assurance Specification and Requirements, OMB Control Number 2080-0033, which expires June 30, 1997.

Abstract: This ICR covers the quality assurance (QA) paperwork burden that appears at 40 CFR 30.54 [which supercedes 40 CFR 30.503(d)] and 40 CFR 31.45. These are subsections from 40 CFR Part 30—General Regulations for Assistance Programs, and 40 CFR Part 31—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, respectively. The information collection activity involves the preparation of QA plans or narrative statements that provide supporting documentation sufficient to produce data that are of quality adequate to meet project objectives and (for 40 CFR 30.54) to minimize loss of data due to out-of-control conditions or malfunctions. The quality system of the 40 CFR 30.54 assistance recipient must comply with the requirements of ANSI/ASQC E4, "Specifications and Guidelines for Quality Systems for Environmental Data Collection and Environmental Technology Programs." All QA submissions are reviewed and approved by an EPA certified project officer or a designated quality assurance officer.

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 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 currently approved ICR estimated the burden for annual reporting and recordkeeping to be 85 hours each for 845 state and local respondents applying for assistance, and 70 hours each for 550 principal investigators who solicit assistance. The agency burden for review of QA plans and preparation assistance to respondents was estimated at 15 hours each for the estimated 1395 awards. This estimate included the time needed to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the collection of information. Note that the agency research grants program has expanded significantly since the last renewal.

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: February 4, 1997.

Robert J. Huggett,

Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program Final Rulemaking Under Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990

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 following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: