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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5885-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Perfluorocompound (PFC) Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry EPA ICR No. 1823.01

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 proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Perfluorocompound (PFC) Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry EPA ICR No. 1823.01. 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 November 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division, 401 M Street, SW (6202J), Washington, D.C. 20460.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which manufacture semiconductor devices.

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the PFC Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry EPA ICR No. 1823.01.

Abstract: In April 1993, President Clinton issued the Climate Change Action Plan, which establishes the nation's commitment to returning U.S. greenhouse gas emissions to their 1990

levels by the year 2000. EPA's PFC Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry is an important voluntary program contributing to the overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The PFC Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry, along with ENERGY STAR Buildings, Green Lights, ENERGY STAR Computers, and other EPA Programs is a voluntary program aimed at preventing pollution rather than controlling it after its creation. These programs focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

EPA has developed this ICR to obtain authorization to collect information from Companies participating in the PFC Emission Reduction Partnership. By participating in the program, a Company agrees to endeavor to reduce PFC emissions. In the Partnership, a company will prepare an annual report to be submitted to a designated law firm that provides an overall estimate of PFC emissions, and a normalized PFC emission rate for its U.S. facilities. Information on Company-specific PFC emissions is aggregated into an industry-wide annual report, and used in combination with information on Companies' normalized rates of PFC emissions (submitted on a blind basis) to evaluate the overall PFC emission reductions achieved by the program.

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 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 projected hour burden for this collection of information is as follows:

Average Annual Reporting Burden Hours=8,206.

Average burden hours/response=328.

Frequency of response=1/year.

Estimated number of respondents=25.

Cost burden to respondents:

Estimated Total Annualized Cost

Burden=\$455,879.

Total capital and start-up

costs=\$1,500.

Estimated Total Operation and Maintenance Cost=\$225.

Purchase of Services Cost=\$1,160.

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 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: August 18, 1997.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Reinvention Criteria Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92463, EPA gives notice of a two-day meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) Reinvention Criteria Committee (RCC). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy issues. The RCC has been asked to identify criteria the Agency can use to measure the