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 annual respondent burden for the activities covered in this ICR is estimated to be 1,074,410 hours at a cost of $32,511,641. EPA estimates an average of 25,688 responses each year. Table 1 shows the annual respondent burden and costs associated with specific program elements.

TABLE 1.—ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN AND COSTS

Reporting requirement/citation	Number of responses	Hours per response	Total hours	Total respondent cost ($) [1]
State Program Requests:				
Request for NPDES Program Approval	0.67	2,080	1,394	42,170
Request for NPDES Partial Program Approval	1.33	2,080	2,766	83,711
Request for NPDES Program Modification	1.33	250	333	10,061
Request for Program Transfer/Withdrawal	0.00	.....	0	0
Request for NPDES Sludge Program Approval	3.00	750	2,250	68,085
Request for Non-NPDES Sludge Program Approval	6.00	750	4,500	136,170
State Program Implementation:				
Report on Compliance Evaluation	0.00	.....	0	0
Recordkeeping of NPDES Program Information	45.00	50	2,250	68,085
Recordkeeping for Non-NPDES Sludge Program Implementation	12.00	50	600	18,156
Inspection and Investigation of NPDES permittees	23,240	([2])	1,041,998	31,530,853
Inspection of Class I Sludge Management Facilities	0.00	8	0	0
Certification of EPA-Issued Permits	1,849	4	7,396	223,803
State Program Oversight:				
Submittal of NPDES Permit Information	45.00	40	1,813	54,877
Submittal of Sludge Permit Information (40 CFR Sections 123.43 and 123.44(j))	8.00	0	2	75
Submittal of Sludge Permit Information (40 CFR Section 501.16)	12.00	0	3	76
NPDES Quarterly, Semi-Annual, and Annual Reports	225.00	25	5,625	170,213
Semi-Annual Sludge Noncompliance Reports (40 CFR Section 123.45)	16.00	24	384	11,620
Semi-Annual Sludge Noncompliance Reports (40 CFR Section 501.21)	24.00	24	576	17,430
Annual Sludge Noncompliance Reports (40 CFR Section 123.45)	8.00	126	1,008	30,502
Annual Sludge Noncompliance Reports (40 CFR Section 501.21)	12.00	126	1,512	45,753
Total Burden	25,688	.....	1,074,410	32,511,641

[1] Assumes an hourly labor rate of $30.26.
[2] Varies.

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 (1) collecting, validating, and verifying information, (2) processing and maintaining information, and (3) 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: June 2, 1998.

Michael B. Cook,

Director, Office of Wastewater Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6109–6]

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board, Meeting Date and Agenda

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will convene an open meeting of the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) on July 1, 1998, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Omni San Antonio Hotel, 9821 Colonnade Boulevard, San Antonio, Texas 78230.

The agenda will include discussion on the summary of meeting rules, a discussion of the proposed changes to NELAC standards, a report on the resolution of the GLP issue, a discussion of the proposed charter, membership and products of Third Party Assessors Working Group, and a report on EPA issues.

The public is encouraged to attend. Time will be allotted for public comment. Written comments are encouraged and should be directed to Ms. Elizabeth Dutrow; Designated Federal Officer; USEPA; NCERQA (MC–8724R); Washington, DC 20460. If questions arise, please contact Ms. Dutrow by telephone at 202/564–9061, facsimile at 202/565–2441, or e-mail at dutrow.elizabeth@epamail.epa.gov.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6109–5]

Hazardous Waste Land Disposal Restrictions: Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Solid Waste will hold a public roundtable discussion on the Agency's efforts to evaluate important aspects of and potentially improve the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) Program. The purpose of the roundtable is to enable individuals who have substantial experience in implementing the LDR Program to offer their own evaluations and suggestions on possible improvements to the program. EPA's overall goal in the LDR reinvention project is to examine the best way to ensure the program is environmentally protective, less expensive, more efficient and flexible, clearer to the public, and more enforceable. The public is welcome to observe the discussions among participants and will be afforded some opportunities to express their views. However, this meeting is not intended to be a full public hearing.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 1 and 2, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For registration matters, contact Ms. Lisa Enderle of SAIC at (703) 645–6950. For technical questions regarding the LDRs, contact Rhonda Minnick of EPA's Office of Solid Waste at (703) 308–8771; e-mail: minnick.rhonda@epamail.epa.gov. For general information on the LDRs, contact EPA's RCRA Hotline at (800) 824–9346 or TDD (800) 553–7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, call (703) 412–9810 or TDD (703) 412–3323.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Accommodations

Guest rooms may be reserved by calling the Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston directly at (703) 243–9800 by June 8, 1998. Please reference the ''LDR Roundtable'' to receive the special government room rate.

Registration

Only registered participants will be eligible to take part in the roundtable discussions (subject to the final agenda and meeting structure). Depending on the number of persons seeking to be full discussion participants, EPA may need to tailor the meeting structure and limit the number of full participants to 75 individuals to insure that useful results are obtained in the time available. Details will be developed and communicated on meeting structure as early as possible. To register as an observer or to register as a full participant (requested), please download a registration form via the Internet from the EPA web site at http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/ldr/register.htm. To receive a registration form via fax and/or for additional meeting and logistical information please contact Ms. Lisa Enderle of SAIC at (703) 645–6950. The registration deadline is June 19, 1998.

Background

In the 1984 Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments to RCRA, Congress prohibited the land disposal of hazardous wastes unless the wastes meet treatment standards established by EPA. The statute requires that these treatment standards substantially diminish the toxicity or mobility of hazardous wastes so that short- and long-term threats to human health and the environment are minimized. RCRA section 3004(m). In response, EPA has developed a series of rulemakings under the LDR Program setting forth standards for treatment of hazardous wastes destined for land disposal.

Once a hazardous waste is prohibited, the statute provides only two options for legal land disposal: meet the treatment standard for the waste prior to land disposal or dispose of the waste in a land disposal unit that has been found to satisfy the statutory ''no migration'' test. A no migration unit is one from which there will be no migration of hazardous constituents for as long as the waste remains hazardous. RCRA sections 3004(d), (e), (f) and (g)(5).

To date, the Agency has implemented section 3004(m) of RCRA by establishing treatment standards for chemical constituents in hazardous wastes based upon the performance of the best demonstrated available technology (BDAT) to treat the waste. EPA may establish treatment standards as specified technologies, as constituent concentration levels in treatment residuals, or both. When treatment standards are set as levels, the regulated community may use any technology not otherwise prohibited (such as impermissible dilution) to treat the waste.

On January 13 and 14, 1993, EPA held a roundtable discussion on the LDR Program with stakeholders from hazardous waste generators, treaters, recyclers and disposers; public interest groups; State environmental agencies; EPA regional offices; and other federal agencies. The purpose of the 1993 roundtable was for EPA to hear suggestions on improvements to the LDR Program from people who implement it. As a result of those suggestions, EPA made several significant changes to the LDRs, including consolidation of the three treatment standard tables into one table, simplification of notification requirements, and promulgation of universal treatment standards. *See* 59 FR 47982, 48004 (Sept. 19, 1994) (final LDR Phase II rule); 62 FR 25998, 26004 (May 12, 1997) (final Phase IV ''mini-rule'').

EPA believes that, in general, the LDR Program is working and is an impetus for source reduction and proper waste treatment. Nonetheless, EPA's efforts to improve the LDR Program are on-going. Specifically, as part of its LDR Reinvention Project, EPA has undertaken a multi-faceted evaluation of the LDR Program to determine what is and is not working well in the program. These Reinvention activities include interviews of hazardous waste management experts, visits to different hazardous waste treatment facilities, and analysis of RCRA Hotline and LDR staff inquiries. EPA believes it would be valuable to build upon the information obtained from these activities by holding a second roundtable. The Agency anticipates that the roundtable will enable EPA to gather additional stakeholder suggestions and to target areas of the LDR Program for specific improvements.

As currently planned, the roundtable will begin with a plenary session to obtain general comments from the attendees on the benefits and burdens of the LDRs. The meeting will then proceed with a number of breakout sessions involving discussion among designated participants in smaller groups, each of which will focus on a subset of LDR issues.