

representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6169-9]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Survey of the Inorganic Chemical Industry

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Inorganic Chemical Industry Survey. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 29, 1998.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY

**CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by EMAIL at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1848.01.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Survey of the Inorganic Chemical Industry (EPA ICR No. 1848.01). This is a new collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Industry Studies Program, EPA's Office of Solid Waste is planning to conduct surveys of various industries through FY 1999, primarily for developing hazardous waste listing determinations as part of a rule-making effort under Sections 3001 and 3004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

This ICR will allow continued and expanded data collection on the inorganic chemical industry for the following program areas:

- Listing.
- Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) and Capacity.

• Source Reduction and Recycling.

• Risk Assessment.

EPA has been conducting surveys and site visits for various industries over the past 12 years under authority granted under RCRA section 3007 and OMB #2050-0042. Responses to these surveys are mandatory and required by EPA to collect data for development of hazardous waste rule-makings as required by a consent decree signed December 9, 1994, which resulted from the EDF v. Reilly case.

For the inorganic chemical industry that is the subject of this information collection, these surveys will collect the data listed below.

- Corporate/facility data—name, location, EPA hazardous waste identification number, and facility representative.
- Feedstock and product information—chemical and physical identification of feedstock and raw materials.
- General process information—types of processes in place, and on-site wastewater treatment and disposition.
- Specific manufacturing processes, residuals—flow sheets, including types and points of introduction and generation of feedstock, products, co-products, by-products, and residuals.
- General residuals management information—on-site and/or off-site management of residuals of concern.
- Residuals characterization—chemical/physical properties of the residuals, regulatory status (i.e., whether the waste already is a hazardous waste).
- Residuals management units/facility-wide exposure pathway risk assessment of information—management units that manage residuals of concern, operating and design information on units, potential releases from units, environmental descriptors surrounding management units.

In addition to the RCRA section 3007 questionnaire, other information collection efforts under this ICR include clarifications and updates to the questionnaire, site visits, and sampling. The information collected will be used primarily to determine if wastes from the inorganic chemical industry should be listed as hazardous. In addition, this information also will be used to support other RCRA activities including developing engineering analyses; conducting regulatory impact analyses,

economic analyses, and risk assessments; and developing land disposal restrictions treatment standards and waste minimization programs.

The information collection will consist of a census of all the facilities included in the inorganic chemical industry.

EPA anticipates that some data provided by respondents will be claimed as confidential business information (CBI). Respondents may make a business confidentiality claim by marking the appropriate data as CBI. Respondents may not withhold information from the Agency because they believe it is confidential. EPA now is requiring that claims of confidentiality be substantiated at the time the claim is made. Information so designated will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent set forth in 40 CFR part 2. 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** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d) soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 8, 1998 (63 FR 17170); EPA received four comments letters.

*Burden Statement:* The average annual burden imposed by the survey and other information collection efforts is approximately 43.3 hours per respondent. 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 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 to 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:* Manufacturers/processors of inorganic chemicals.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 132.

*Frequency of response:* The average number of responses for each respondent is 1.16.

*Estimated total annual hour burden:* 1,907.

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 use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No 1848.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OP Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460 (or E-Mail Farmer.Sandy @ epamail.epa.gov);

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

Dated: September 23, 1998

**Joseph Retzer,**

*Director, Regulatory Information Division.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**National Drinking Water Advisory Council; Request For Nominations**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites all interested persons to nominate qualified individuals to serve a three-year term as members of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council. This Advisory Council was established to provide practical and independent advice, consultation and recommendations to the Agency on the activities, functions and policies related to the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended. The Council consists of fifteen members, including a Chair. Five members represent the general public; five members represent appropriate state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; and five members represent private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply. On December 15 of each year, five members complete their appointment. Due to a declined appointment last year, an additional vacancy is available to fill a term expiring December 16, 1999, all other terms will expire in the Year 2001. Therefore, this notice solicits names to fill six vacancies occurring on December 16, 1998.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, address and telephone number. To be considered, all nominations must include a current resume providing the nominee's background, experience and qualifications.

Persons selected for membership will receive compensation for travel and a nominal daily compensation while attending meetings. The Council holds two face to face meetings each year, generally in the Spring and Fall. Additionally, members will be asked to serve on one of the Council's working groups that are formed each year to assist the EPA in major program issue development. These meetings are held approximately four times a year, with two meetings by conference call.

Nominations should be submitted to Charlene E. Shaw, Designated Federal Officer, National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (4601), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, no later than October 23, 1998. The Agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations. E-Mail your questions to shaw.charlene@epamail.epa.gov or call 202/260-2285.

Dated: September 23, 1998.

**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Meeting**

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Ecological Processes and Effects Committee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on October 13-15, 1998 in Room 3709 Mall, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and end no later than 5:30 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public, with seating available on a first-come basis. The purpose of the meeting is to: a) review certain aspects of the Office of Water's Index of Watershed Indicators;

and b) continue work on a Committee project on ecological report cards.

**Background**

*Index of Watershed Indicators:* In May 1997, the EPEC prepared an advisory document recommending improvements and modifications to the Agency's Index of Watershed Indicators (IWI). The IWI is a geographic information system (GIS)-based tool for providing integrated information on the condition and vulnerability of watersheds in the United States. The first version of the IWI, released in October 1997, contains 15 data layers (or indicators) providing information on water and sediment quality within a watershed, indicators of urban and agricultural runoff potential, information on aquatic species at risk in a watershed, and so forth. In its September 1997 advisory report, the Committee recommended that subsequent versions of the IWI include a broader range of indicators, including indicators of terrestrial condition, and that the algorithm used to integrate the various indicators into a watershed score be evaluated.

The Charge to the Committee for the October review of the IWI is to provide peer review and advice on the strategic plan for the IWI; the algorithm used to calculate watershed scores; and the proposed indicators of terrestrial condition. In addition, the Committee may comment on other aspects of the IWI, including the ability of the suite of indicators to adequately characterize watershed condition and vulnerability.

Copies of the IWI information provided to the Committee are NOT available from the SAB Office, but may be obtained by contacting Lynda Buie, EPA Office of Water, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, Mail Code (4503F), telephone (202) 260-7046, or via email at Buie.Lynda@epa.gov.

*Ecological Report Cards:* The Committee is conducting a self-initiated project to offer advice to the Agency on the content and design of an ecological report card, including the definition of baseline ecological data and benchmarks that can be measured to demonstrate improvements in ecological integrity as a result of management or restoration programs. At its meeting in July 1998, the Committee was briefed on various Agency efforts to develop indicators and progress measures. The October meeting will be an opportunity for the Committee to finalize a project description, and begin discussion of a conceptual framework for ecological report cards. Subsequent meetings will likely focus on the application of the report card framework to example Agency efforts, as well as possible