

**17. Minnesota Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER98-130-000]

Take notice that on October 10, 1997, Minnesota Power & Light Company, tendered for filing a signed Service Agreement with Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and Union Electric Company, under its market-based Wholesale Coordination Sales Tariff (WCS-2) to satisfy its filing requirements under this tariff.

*Comment date:* November 12, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**18. UtiliCorp United Inc.**

[Docket No. ES98-3-000]

Take notice that on October 24, 1997, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp), filed an application seeking authorization to enter into five-year corporate guaranties in support of borrowings to be made by a UtiliCorp subsidiary or subsidiaries in connection with the acquisition of interests in an Australian electric distribution company. The sum of the amount guaranteed pursuant to the request in this docket plus previous guaranties shall not exceed \$270 million, at any one time.

*Comment date:* November 24, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**Standard Paragraph**

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**  
Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5916-8]

**Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; NSPS for Petroleum Refinery Wastewater Systems**

**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: NSPS for Petroleum Refinery Wastewater Systems, OMB Control Number 2060-0172, expiration date 12/31/97. 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 December 4, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information or a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1136.05

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* NSPS Petroleum Refinery Wastewater Systems (OMB Number 2060-0172; EPA ICR Number 1136.05, expiring 12/31/97). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The promulgated standards require record keeping to document information relating to equipment specifications, work practices, and design criteria. Information must be recorded in sufficient detail to enable owners or operators to demonstrate compliance with the standards. Owners or operators are required to keep records of design and operating specifications of all equipment installed to comply with the promulgated standards, such as traps, covers, roof seals, control devices, and other equipment. This information is used to ensure that equipment design and operating specifications are attained. Generally, this information will be readily available because it is needed for construction purposes. As a result, there should be no specific burden from this requirement.

The standards also require the owner or operator to design and operate the closed vent and control device systems

in a manner which will ensure at least an overall 95 percent control efficiency. Owners or operators will ensure compliance by monitoring operational or process parameters associated with the control devices. A semiannual report must be submitted to document compliance with the standards. This requirement results in a small burden to the plant, but this requirement is the minimum needed to ensure compliance with the standards. For refineries using a flare as a control device, an initial performance test is required, which includes notification of the test date and reporting of test results to EPA. Apart from flares, no performance tests are required under these standards.

The standards do not include control requirements for air flotation systems. As a result, no inspections or associated record keeping must be performed for these facilities. The standards do require semiannual visual inspections of the roofs and access doors for oil-water separators. Semiannual visual inspection of junction box covers must also be conducted. A portable hydrocarbon analyzer is required to detect VOC emission where an oil-water separator or closed drain system is vented to a control device. The standards require records of these inspections. In addition, process drains must be periodically inspected for the presence of water in p-leg traps and seal pots. The standards require monthly inspections of drains in active service, and weekly inspections of inactive drains, or alternatively, semiannual inspections of inactive drains that are tightly capped or plugged. Records of these inspections are required where a water seal is dry or otherwise breached or a problem is identified. These records are needed to ensure continuing proper use of the required equipment (Clean Air Act section 111(h)(1)).

Additional reports are required by the General Provisions of 40 CFR 60.7. These initial reports include notification of construction or modification, reconstruction, and start-up, shutdown, or malfunction.

The standards also require a semiannual certification that all of the required inspections are being carried out in accordance with the installation of the equipment required by the standards. Semiannual reports include a summary of the information required by the record keeping requirements, such as inspection dates, inspection results, and remedial action taken.

Under the rule, the data collected by the affected industry is retained at the facility for a minimum of 2 years and made available for inspection as requested by the Administrator. Owners

or operators are also required to submit semiannual certification reports to enforcement personnel indicating that all emission detection tests and visual inspections are carried out. When excess emissions are detected or a problem is identified, the appropriate corrective action taken by the plant must be documented in the report.

The information generated by the monitoring, record keeping and reporting requirements described above is used by the Agency to ensure that facilities affected by the NSPS continue to implement their work practices and procedures used to achieve compliance with the NSPS. Specifically, after start-up, a certification that the equipment necessary to comply with the standards has been installed will ensure the use of best demonstrated technology. Notification of construction and start-up will indicate to enforcement personnel when a new affected facility has been constructed and is therefore subject to the standards.

The semiannual summary of visual inspections and emission detection tests will be used as an indication that the work practices and procedures called for by these standards are being followed on a regular basis. This is especially important in the case of water seal controls where a drop in water levels can result in increased emissions unless checked regularly.

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 June 18, 1997 (62 FR 33069).

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 47 hours per response including a performance test and 18 hours per response not including the performance test. 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 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.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:**

Owners/Operators of Petroleum Refinery Wastewater Systems

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 114.

**Frequency of Response:** Semiannual.  
**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 14,269 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden:** \$65,000.

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. 1136.05 and OMB Control No. 2060-0172 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, 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, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 29, 1997.

**Richard T. Westlund,**

*Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00227; FRL-5753-9]

### Armstrong Data Services; Access to Confidential Business Information

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has authorized its contractor, Armstrong Data Services (ADS), of Vienna, VA to retain temporary employees, via a temporary employment agency, to perform an audit of EPA's collection of Confidential Business Information submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic

Substances Control Act located in EPA's Confidential Business Information Center. ADS has retained Telesec Incorporated of Wheaton, MD to identify these temporary employees. All temporary employees have been TSCA CBI cleared in accordance with the provisions of EPA's "TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual."

**DATES:** Access to TSCA CBI occurred on October 23, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551, e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epa.mail.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under contract number 68-W5-0025, ADS was retained to maintain EPA's collection of Confidential Business Information (CBI) submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) located in EPA's Confidential Business Information Center (60 FR 50579, September 29, 1995) (FRL-4980-4). The "TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual" (Manual) provides that the TSCA CBI collection will be audited on an annual basis. In accordance with its contract with EPA, ADS sought the approval of EPA to retain temporary employees to perform the required audit. Subsequently, ADS retained Telesec Incorporated of Wheaton, MD to identify temporary employees. These persons have been cleared for access to TSCA CBI in accordance with the provisions of the Manual. The Manual provisions require that contractor employees, including temporary employees, sign nondisclosure agreements, be subject to background checks and be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that ADS's temporary employees may have access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI for the performance of the audit is taking place at EPA Headquarters. It is expected that the audit will be completed no later than March of 1998.

Dated: October 29, 1997.

**Allan S. Abramson,**

*Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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