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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:

Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program Final Rulemaking under Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, OMB Control No. 2060-0226, expiring February 28, 1997. 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 March 12, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1596.04.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program Final Rulemaking under Title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (OMB Control No. 2060-0226; EPA ICR No. 1596.04) expiring 2/28/97. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Information collected under this rulemaking is necessary to implement the requirements of the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program for evaluating and regulating substitutes for ozone-depleting chemicals being phased out under the stratospheric ozone protection provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA). Under CAA Section 612, EPA is authorized to identify and restrict the use of substitutes for class I and class II ozone-depleting substances where EPA determines other alternatives exist that reduce overall risk to human health and the environment. The SNAP program, based on information collected from the manufacturers, formulators, and/or sellers of such substitutes, provides for the identification of acceptable substitutes. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory under Section 612 for anyone who sells or, in certain cases, uses substitutes for an ozone-depleting substance after April 18, 1994, the effective date of the final rule. Anyone submitting confidential business information (CBI) as part of an information collection subject to this ICR must assert and substantiate a claim of confidentiality for the data under 40 CFR, Part 2, Subpart B, at the time of submission. Under CAA Section 114(c), emissions information may not be claimed as confidential. 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 Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this

collection of information was published on 11/6/96 (61 FR 57411); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting burden for persons filing a SNAP Information Notice is estimated to average 150 hours per response. The annual public reporting burden for persons filing a TSCA Addendum is estimated to average 46 hours per response. The annual public reporting burden for persons filing a notification of test marketing activity is estimated to average 2 hours per response. The annual public recordkeeping burden for persons keeping records of use of a substitute subject to narrowed use limits is estimated to average 27 hours per response. The annual public recordkeeping burden for persons keeping records of a small volume use is estimated to average 12 hours per response. 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Producers, vendors, and end users of substitutes for ozone-depleting chemicals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 340.

Frequency of Response: One time only.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 11,515 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$69,676.

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. 1596.04 and OMB Control No. 2060-0226 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.

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Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of the fiscal year 1997 investigator-initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedule are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Proposals must be received at the contact point on by February 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703), 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Bioremediation (in cooperation with the Department of Energy, National Science Foundation, and Office of Naval Research); (2) Ecosystem Restoration (in cooperation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

Contacts persons for the Bioremediation RFA are

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