

EPA ICR No. 1702.) expiring 01/31/98. Abstract: Section 219(d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990, requires that the EPA promulgate regulations for urban buses that: (a) Operate in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) or consolidated MSA's with a 1980 population of 750,000 or more (the program could be expanded in the future to MSA's of less than 750,000, under section 219(c) of the CAA); (b) are not subject to the 1994 or later urban bus standards; and (c) have their engines replaced or rebuilt after January 1, 1995.

The CAA Amendments require the subject urban buses be retrofitted to comply with an emission standard that reflects the best retrofit technology and maintenance practices reasonably achievable. Under these provisions, EPA set new requirements for pre-1994 model year urban buses effective January 1, 1995, when urban bus engines are rebuilt or replaced. The program requires that the particulate emissions level of the urban bus engines be reduced to a level below the engines' original particulate level through the use of retrofit/rebuild equipment that is certified by EPA. The program will phase itself out as pre-1994 urban buses are retired from fleets.

The original ICR for the urban bus retrofit/rebuild program was approved by OMB on 07/22/94 for use through 07/31/97 and later approved for extension until 01/31/97. Candidate equipment is approved under an EPA certification program and if it meets cost guidelines is required to be used. If no equipment is certified for a particular engine the operator is required to restore the equipment to its original or updated configuration based on the currently available rebuild kits on the market. As of July 1997, seven parties have certified ten separate equipment kits under the program over a two year period. It is estimated that 5 equipment certifiers will certify equipment during a given year at an hourly expenditure of an average of 170 hours per certification application including testing, application reporting and follow-up on issues. In addition, each certifier is expected to spend approximately 40 hours per year on record keeping. EPA will conduct 1 audit each year of a certifier of equipment to review production records and manufacturing operations to ensure kits are built and shipped as specified in the certification notification. The burden associated with each certifier audit is estimated to be 24 hours for the certifier to accompany EPA staff, pull records and review associated paperwork.

This regulation effects approximately 150 bus operators who operate fleets of urban buses in areas that are affected. It is estimated that each operator will spend 10 hours per year reviewing regulatory requirements. EPA will request that up to 50 of these operators submit information on their fleet each year to demonstrate compliance with program requirements. It is estimated that each operator will require 8 hours to summarize the requested information for submittal. No burden hours are associated with the record keeping of this information as it is expected that the required records will be kept by operators during the normal course of business. EPA will also conduct up to 12 audits of urban bus operator fleets to ensure compliance with the regulations. These on-site audits involve travel by EPA staff to the site, a review of fleet records and physical inspection of the buses. The burden associated with the audits is expected to be 40 hours for each operator audited. This includes 12 hours preparing records, 20 hours accompanying EPA auditors during the audit and 8 hours to follow-up on issues. The hourly cost associated with the above requirements is estimated to average \$64.13 for each of the above burden areas.

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: It is estimated that the annual reporting burden for this request will amount to 6,173 hours. It is estimated that average annual reporting

burden for affected parties will amount to 29 hours per response, the proposed frequency of response is annual, and it is estimated that there will be 163 respondents with an average of 1.3 responses each per year. The cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from collection of this information is estimated to be \$366,000 per year.

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: November 28, 1997.

**Richard D. Wilson,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140264; FRL-5757-8]

### Access to Confidential Business Information by U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has authorized the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), 4340 East West Highway, Room 600-20, Bethesda, Maryland, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than December 23, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan 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, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated September 23, 1986, CPSC agreed to EPA procedures governing access to CBI submitted to EPA under TSCA. In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(h), EPA has determined that CPSC will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to perform successfully their responsibilities under the Consumer Product Safety Act and TSCA. CPSC personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined CBI.

In a previous notice published in the **Federal Register** of November 5, 1992 (57 FR 52775; FRL-4173-1), CPSC was authorized for access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. EPA is issuing this notice to grant CPSC a 5-year extension to its TSCA CBI access under the existing MOU.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA may provide the CPSC access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this MOU will take place at EPA Headquarters and CPSC's 4340 East West Highway, Room 600-20, Bethesda, MD site.

CPSC will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at its facility under the *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at CPSC's site, EPA will perform the required inspection of its facility, and ensure that the facilities are in compliance with the manual. Upon completing review of the CBI materials, CPSC will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until September 30, 2002.

CPSC personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: November 20, 1997.

**Oscar Morales,**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140263; FRL-5757-7]

### Access to Confidential Business Information by Geologics Inc.

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has authorized its contractor, Geologics, Incorporated, 5510 Cherokee Avenue, Suite 260, Alexandria, Virginia and Geologics' subcontractor, Eastern Research Group (ERG), 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, Massachusetts for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA occurred as a result of Agency approval of a waiver request dated September 30, 1997, granting Geologics Incorporated, and their Sub-contractor ERG immediate access to TSCA CBI. This waiver was necessary to allow Geologics and ERG to assist with providing technical, administrative, and computer database support to the new chemicals program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan 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, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under contract number 68-W7-0036, contractor Geologics, Inc., of 5510 Cherokee Avenue, Suite 260, Alexandria, VA, and ERG of 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in providing technical, administrative, and computer database support to the new chemicals program.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W7-0036, Geologics and ERG will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. Geologics and ERG personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA that EPA may provide Geologics and ERG access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters.

Geologics and ERG will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at EPA Headquarters under the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until July 31, 2002.

Geologics and ERG personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

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**Oscar Morales,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Extension of Period of Submission of Section 111(d) Plans for Existing Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfills

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator has determined that it is necessary to extend the submission deadline for section 111(d) Plans for MSW landfills for the States of Alaska, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Washington as described below. The reasons for this action are set forth in the memorandum, Reasons for Extending Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Section 111(d) Plan Submittal, which is located in the docket and on EPA's website. These Plans, which are required under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act for existing landfills (40 CFR part 60, subpart B), describe how the State or Local air pollution agency or Indian Tribe will implement the MSW landfill emission guidelines. The guidelines were promulgated on March 12, 1996 under 40 CFR part 60, subpart