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#### What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

#### What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply To?

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are private sector and State, local, or tribal governments.

*Title:* 2007 Hazardous Waste Report.

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 0976.13, OMB Control No. 2050-0024.

*ICR status:* This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on October 31, 2007. 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 in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* This ICR renews an ongoing information collection from hazardous waste generators and hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities. This collection is done on a two-year cycle as required by sections 3002 and 3004 of RCRA. The information is collected via a mechanism known as the Hazardous Waste Report for the required reporting year [EPA Form 8700-13 A/B] (also known as the Biennial Report). Both RCRA Sections 3002 and 3004 require EPA to establish standards for recordkeeping and reporting of hazardous waste generation and management. Section 3002 applies to hazardous waste generators and Section 3004 applies to hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities. The implementing regulations are found at 40 CFR 262.40(b) and (d); 262.41(a)(1)-(5), (a)(8), and (b); 264.75(a)-(e) and (j); 265.75(a)-(e) and (j); and 270.30(l)(9). This is mandatory reporting by the respondents.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 18.26 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 which have subsequently changed; 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 9,106.

*Frequency of response:* one-time.

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 62.5.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 166,297 hours.

*Estimated total annual costs:*

\$10,042,978. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$10,013,381 for labor, \$0 for capital/start-up and \$29,597 for operation and maintenance costs.

#### What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: April 3, 2007.

**Matthew Hale,**

*Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-RCRA-2007-0232, FRL-8300-8]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Land Disposal Restrictions, EPA ICR Number 1442.19, OMB Control Number 2050-0085

**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 EPA is planning to submit a continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request for an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2007. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 18, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-

RCRA-2007-0232, by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov*: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail*: [rcra-docket@epa.gov](mailto:rcra-docket@epa.gov).
- *Fax*: 202-566-0272.
- *Mail*: RCRA Docket (5305T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.
- *Hand Delivery*: 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Room B102, Washington, DC 20460. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions*: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2007-0232. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peggy Vyas, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-308-5477; fax number: 703-308-8433; e-mail address: [vyas.peggy@epa.gov](mailto:vyas.peggy@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2007-0232, which is available for online viewing at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or in person viewing at the RCRA Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for RCRA Docket is (202) 566-0270.

Use [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

##### What Information Is EPA Particularly Interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

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*Title*: Land Disposal Restrictions.

*ICR numbers*: EPA ICR No. 1442.19, OMB Control No. 2050-0085.

*ICR status*: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on August 31, 2007. 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 in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract*: Section 3004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, requires that EPA develop standards for hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal as may be necessary to protect human health and the environment. Subsections 3004(d), (e), and (g) require EPA to promulgate regulations that prohibit the land disposal of hazardous waste unless it meets specified treatment standards described in subsection 3004(m).

The regulations implementing these requirements are codified in the *Code of*

*Federal Regulations* (CFR) Title 40, part 268. EPA requires that facilities maintain the data outlined in this ICR so that the Agency can ensure that land disposed waste meets the treatment standards. EPA strongly believes that the recordkeeping requirements are necessary for the agency to fulfill its congressional mandate to protect human health and the environment.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5.79 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 which have subsequently changed; 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 129,584.

*Frequency of response:* on occasion.

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 1.1.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 822,994 hours.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$108,980,482. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$49,097,044 for labor, \$31,703 for capital/start-up and \$59,851,735 for operation and maintenance costs.

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Dated: April 3, 2007.

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*Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0262; FRL-8300-9]

### Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Request for Critical Use Exemption Applications for the Years 2009 and 2010

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation of Applications and Information on Alternatives.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is soliciting applications for the critical use exemption from the phaseout of methyl bromide for 2010 and beyond. In addition, those applicants who missed last year's deadline to submit a critical use application for an exemption in the year 2009 may file a supplemental application in response to this notice. This exemption is an annual exemption and all entities interested in obtaining a critical use exemption must provide EPA with technical and economic information to support a "critical use" claim and must do so by the deadline specified in this notice even if they have previously applied for an exemption. Today's notice also invites interested parties to provide EPA with new data on the technical and economic feasibility of methyl bromide alternatives.

**DATES:** Applications for the critical use exemption must be postmarked on or before July 10, 2007. The response period reflects the clarifications and reduction of burden in the application.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications for the methyl bromide critical use exemption should be submitted in duplicate (two copies) by mail to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation, Stratospheric Protection Division, Attention Methyl Bromide Review Team, Mail Code 6205J, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460 or by courier delivery (other than U.S. Post Office overnight) to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation, Stratospheric Protection Division, Attention Methyl Bromide Review Team, 1310 L St., NW., Room 1047D, Washington DC 20005. EPA also encourages users to submit their applications electronically to Aaron Levy, Stratospheric Protection Division,

at [levy.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:levy.aaron@epa.gov). If the application is submitted electronically, applicants must fax a signed copy of Worksheet 1 to Aaron Levy at 202-343-2338 by the application deadline.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

**General Information:** U.S. EPA Stratospheric Ozone Information Hotline, 1-800-296-1996; also <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr>.

**Technical Information:** Pre-plant Information: Nikhil Mallampalli, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs (7503P), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, 703-308-1924. E-mail: [mallampalli.nikhil@epa.gov](mailto:mallampalli.nikhil@epa.gov). Post Harvest Information: Colwell Cook, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs (7503P), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, 703-308-8146. E-mail: [cook.colwell@epa.gov](mailto:cook.colwell@epa.gov).

**Economic Information:** Elisa Rim, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs (7503P), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, 703-308-8123. E-mail: [rim.elisa@epa.gov](mailto:rim.elisa@epa.gov).

**Regulatory Information:** Aaron Levy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stratospheric Protection Division (6205J), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, 202-343-9215. E-mail: [levy.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:levy.aaron@epa.gov).

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