

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$4,253,976, includes no annualized capital or O&M costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 56,253 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This is due primarily to the estimated growth in the number of fire departments and other respondents subject to this collection.

Dated: June 9, 2009.

John Moses,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OECA-2008-0283; FRL-8918-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; State and Federal Emission Guidelines for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incineration (Renewal), EPA ICR Number 1899.05, OMB Control Number 2060-0422

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 an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR which is abstracted below describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before July 15, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2008-0283, to (1) EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or by e-mail to docket.oeca@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, mail code 2201T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Learia Williams, Compliance

Assessment and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2223A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-4113; fax number: (202) 564-0050; e-mail address: williams.learia@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On May 30, 2008 (73 FR 31088), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2008-0283, which is available for public viewing online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, in person viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 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 the Enforcement and Compliance Docket is (202) 566-1927.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov>, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Title: State and Federal Emission Guidelines for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incineration (Renewal).

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR Number 1899.05, OMB Control Number 2060-0422.

ICR Status: This ICR is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2009. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of

information while this submission is pending at OMB. 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, and 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: Respondents subject to 40 CFR part 60, subpart Ce, and to 40 CFR part 62, subpart HHH, are owners or operators of hospital, medical, or infectious waste incinerators. Subpart Ce was promulgated on September 15, 1997, and requires states or tribes to develop plans to implement the Emission Guidelines. If approvable State or tribal plans were not developed, EPA was required to develop a Federal plan to implement the Emission Guidelines in such States or tribes. The Federal plan, subpart HHH, was promulgated on September 14, 2000.

Subparts Ce and HHH require initial notifications, performance tests, and annual and semi-annual reporting. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance.

Any owner or operator subject to the provisions of these parts shall maintain a file of these measurements, and retain the file for at least five years following the collection of such measurements, maintenance reports, and records. All reports are sent to the delegated State or tribal authority. In the event that there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA regional office. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR part 60, subpart Ce and 40 CFR part 62, subpart HHH, as authorized in sections 112 and 114(a) of the Clean Air Act. The required information consists of emissions data and other information that have been determined to be private.

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 Number for EPA regulations listed in 40

CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15 are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 320 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose and provide information either 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. All existing ways will have to adjust to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements that 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Owners and operators of hospital/medical/infectious waste incinerators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 72.

Frequency of Response: Initially, occasionally, annually and semiannually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 69,067.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$5,705,702, which is comprised of \$5,575,702 in labor costs, \$130,000 in operation and maintenance (O&M) costs, and no capital/startup costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is no change in the labor hours in this ICR compared to the previous ICR. This is due to two considerations. First, the regulations have not changed over the past three years and are not anticipated to change over the next three years. Secondly, the current growth rate for the industry is very low, negative or nonexistent, so there is no significant change in the overall burden.

Dated: June 8, 2009.

John Moses,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8919-2]

Office of Research and Development; Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods: Designation of a New Equivalent Method

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of the designation of a new equivalent method for monitoring ambient air quality.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 53, a new equivalent method for measuring concentrations of PM_{10-2.5} in the ambient air.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surender Kaushik, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-D205-03), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: (919) 541-5691, email: Kaushik.Surender@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR Part 53, the EPA evaluates various methods for monitoring the concentrations of those ambient air pollutants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQs) as set forth in 40 CFR Part 50. Monitoring methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated by the EPA as either reference methods or equivalent methods (as applicable), thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR Part 58 by States and other agencies for determining compliance with the NAAQs.

The EPA hereby announces the designation of a new equivalent method for measuring concentrations of PM_{10-2.5} in the ambient air. This designation is made under the provisions of 40 CFR part 53, as amended on October 17, 2006 (71 FR 61271).

The new PM_{10-2.5} equivalent method utilizes a pair of FEM samplers (EQPM-0308-170), one configured to measure PM_{2.5} and the other to measure PM₁₀. This automated monitoring method utilizes a measurement principle based on sample collection by filtration and analysis by beta-ray attenuation. The newly designated equivalent method is identified as follows:

EQPM-0709-185, "Met One Instruments BAM-1020 PM_{10-2.5} Measurement System," consisting of 2 BAM-1020 monitors, the first of which (PM_{2.5} measurement) is configured

as a PM_{2.5} FEM (EQPM-0308-170). The second BAM-1020 monitor (PM₁₀ measurement) is configurable as a PM_{2.5} FEM (EQPM-0308-170), but set to monitor PM₁₀. The BAM-1020 monitors are collocated to within 1-4 meters of one another. The BAM-1020 performing the PM_{2.5} measurement is equipped with Met One Instruments, Inc. P/N BX-Coarse interface board and accessories; the units are interconnected to provide concurrent sampling and to report PM_{10-2.5} concentrations directly to the user. Both units are operated in accordance with BAM-1020 PM-Coarse Addendum Rev. 5-5 or later and the BAM-1020 Operations Manual Rev. D or later.

The application for equivalent method determination for this candidate method was received by the EPA on January 22, 2009. The monitor is commercially available from the applicant, Met One Instruments, Inc., 1600 Washington Blvd., Grants Pass, OR 97526.

Test analyzers representative of this method have been tested in accordance with the applicable test procedures specified in 40 CFR part 53 (as amended on October 17, 2006). After reviewing the results of those tests and other information submitted by the applicant in the application, EPA has determined, in accordance with part 53, that this method should be designated as an equivalent method. The information submitted by the applicant will be kept on file, either at EPA's National Exposure Research Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711 or in an approved archive storage facility, and will be available for inspection (with advance notice) to the extent consistent with 40 CFR Part 2 (EPA's regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act).

As a designated equivalent method, this method is acceptable for use by states and other air monitoring agencies under the requirements of 40 CFR part 58, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, this method must be used in strict accordance with the operation or instruction manual associated with the method and subject to any specifications and limitations (e.g., configuration or operational settings) specified in the applicable designated method description (see the identification of the method above).

Use of the method should also be in general accordance with the guidance and recommendations of applicable sections of the "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume I," EPA/600/R-94/038a and "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II, Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program" EPA-454/B-08-003,