

Protocol commitments, the United States was obligated to cease production and import of class I controlled substances (e.g., chlorofluorocarbons or CFCs) with exemptions for essential uses, critical uses, previously-used material, and material that is transformed, destroyed, or exported to developing countries. The Protocol also establishes limits and reduction schedules leading to the eventual phaseout of class II controlled substances (i.e.,

hydrochlorofluorocarbons or HCFCs).

The U.S. is obligated to limit HCFC consumption (defined by the Protocol as production plus imports, minus exports). The schedule called for a 35 percent reduction on January 1, 2004, followed by a 75 percent reduction on January 1, 2010, a 90 percent reduction on January 1, 2015, a 99.5 percent reduction on January 1, 2020, and a total phaseout on January 1, 2030. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for administering the phaseout.

To ensure U.S. compliance with these limits and restrictions, EPA established an allowance system to control U.S. production and import of HCFCs by granting control measures referred to as baseline and calendar-year allowances. Baseline allowances are based on the historical activity of individual companies. Calendar-year allowances allow holders to produce and/or import controlled substances in a given year and are allocated as a percentage of baseline. There are two types of baseline and calendar-year allowances: Consumption and production allowances. Since each allowance is equal to 1 kilogram of HCFC, EPA is able to monitor the quantity of HCFCs being produced, imported and exported. Transfers of production and consumption allowances among producers and importers are allowed and are tracked by EPA.

The above-described limits and restrictions are monitored by EPA through the requirements established in the regulations in 40 CFR part 82, subpart A. To submit required information, regulated entities can download reporting forms from EPA's Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/ozone/record>), complete them, and send them to EPA electronically, via mail, courier, or fax. Almost all of the large regulated companies use the EPA reporting forms.

Upon receipt of the reports, the data is entered into the Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) Tracking System. The ODS Tracking System is a secure database that maintains the data submitted to EPA and helps the agency: (1) Maintain oversight over total

production and consumption of controlled substances; (2) monitor compliance with limits and restrictions on production, imports, and trades and specific exemptions from the phaseout for individual U.S. companies; and (3) assess, and report on, compliance with the U.S. obligations under the Montreal Protocol.

EPA has implemented an electronic reporting system that allows regulated entities to prepare and submit data electronically. Coupled with the widespread use of the standardized forms, electronic reporting has improved data quality and made the reporting process efficient for both reporting companies and EPA. Most reporting is done electronically.

Pursuant to regulations in 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, reporting businesses are entitled to assert a business confidentiality claim covering any part of the submitted business information as defined in 40 CFR 2.201(c). EPA's practice is to manage the reported information as confidential business information.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 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.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Companies that produce, import, and export class II controlled ozone depleting substances.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 49.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually, quarterly, occasionally.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 1,601 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** \$161,793, includes \$1,365 in O&M costs.

**Changes in the Estimates:** There is a decrease of 259 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in

the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease reflects the expansion of the electronic reporting program.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-SFUND-2004-0008; FRL-9528-3]

### Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Consolidated Superfund Information Collection Request (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), "Consolidated Superfund Information Collection Request (Renewal)" (EPA ICR No. 1487.11, OMB Control No. 2050-0179) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through February 28, 2013. It is also a proposed consolidation of three ICR's into one. EPA ICR's No. 1488.08, OMB Control No. 2050-0095 "Superfund Site Evaluation and Hazard Ranking System (Renewal)" and ICR No. 1463.09, OMB Control No. 2050-0096 "National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) (Renewal)" are being consolidated into EPA ICR No. 1487.11, OMB Control No. 2050-0179 "Consolidated Superfund Information Collection Request (Renewal)." Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** (77 FR 47835) on August 10, 2012 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. 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.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before March 21, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-SFUND-2004-0008, to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our

preferred method), by email to [superfund.docket@epa.gov](mailto:superfund.docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laura Knudsen, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Assessment and Remediation Division, (5204P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-603-8861; fax number: 703-603-9102; email address: [knudsen.laura@epa.gov](mailto:knudsen.laura@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit [www.epa.gov/dockets](http://www.epa.gov/dockets).

**Superfund Site Evaluation and Hazard Ranking System (HRS) ICR**

*Abstract:* The Hazard Ranking System (HRS) is a model that is used to evaluate the relative threats to human health and the environment posed by actual or potential releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants.

EPA regional offices work with states to determine those sites for which the state will conduct the Superfund site evaluation activities and the HRS scoring. The states are reimbursed 100 percent of their costs, except for record maintenance.

Under this ICR, the states will apply the HRS by identifying and classifying those releases or sites that warrant further investigation. The HRS score is crucial since it is the primary mechanism used to determine whether a site is eligible to be included on the National Priorities List (NPL). Only sites on the NPL are eligible for Superfund-financed remedial actions. HRS scores

are derived from the sources described in this information collection, including conducting field reconnaissance, taking samples at the site, and reviewing available reports and documents. States record the collected information on HRS documentation worksheets and include this in the supporting reference package.

**National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) ICR**

*Abstract:* All remedial actions covered by this ICR (*e.g.*, Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies) are stipulated in the statute (CERCLA) and are instrumental in the process of cleaning up National Priorities List (NPL) sites to be protective of human health and the environment. Some community involvement activities covered by this ICR are not required at every site (*e.g.*, Technical Assistance Grants) and depend very much on the community and the nature of the site and cleanup. All community activities seek to involve the public in the cleanup of the sites, gain the input of community members and include the community's perspective on the potential future reuse of the Superfund NPL sites. Community Involvement activities can enhance the remedial process and increase community acceptance and the potential for productive and useful reuse of the sites.

The respondents on whom a burden is placed include state and tribal governments and communities. Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) are not addressed in this ICR because the Paperwork Reduction Act does not require the inclusion of those entities that are the subject of administrative or civil action by the Agency. The ICR reports the estimated reporting and recordkeeping burden hours and costs expected to be incurred by these entities and by the Federal government in its oversight capacities of state action and administration of community activities at Fund-lead NPL sites. Remedial activities undertaken by states at NPL sites are those required and recommended by CERCLA and the NCP and the cost of many of these activities may be reimbursed by the Federal government. All community involvement in the remedial process of Superfund is voluntary. Therefore, all cost estimates for community members is theoretical and does not represent expenditure of actual dollars.

States have responsibilities at new and ongoing state-lead sites and at all state-lead, Federal-lead and Federal Facility sites entering the remedial phase of Superfund. All other remedial activities taken by the state are done so at sites which the state voluntarily

assumes the lead agency role. Over each year of this ICR, the state will be completing remedial activities at sites that entered the remedial phase of Superfund at different times.

**Cooperative Agreements and Superfund State Contracts for Superfund Response Actions (SRA) ICR**

*Abstract:* This ICR authorizes the collection of information under 40 CFR part 35, subpart O, which establishes the administrative requirements for cooperative agreements funded under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) for State, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, and political subdivision response actions. This regulation also codifies the administrative requirements for Superfund State Contracts for non-State lead remedial responses. This regulation includes only those provisions mandated by CERCLA, required by OMB Circulars, or added by EPA to ensure sound and effective financial assistance management under this regulation. The information is collected from applicants and/or recipients of EPA assistance and is used to make awards, pay recipients, and collect information on how federal funds are being utilized. EPA requires this information to meet its federal stewardship responsibilities. Recipient responses are required to obtain a benefit (federal funds) under 40 CFR part 31, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments" and under 40 CFR part 35, "State and Local Assistance." 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 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

*Form Numbers:* None of the ICR's have forms.

*Respondents/affected entities:* State, Local or Tribal Governments; Communities; US Territories.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Required to obtain benefits, Mandatory, Voluntary.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 12,131

*Frequency of response:* On occasion, Once.

*Total estimated burden:* 308,458 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b)

*Total estimated cost:* \$481,661.59 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is an increase of 304,269 hours primarily due the consolidation of three ICRs into one (OMB numbers 2050-0179, 2050-0095 and 2050-0096).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OECA-2012-0680; FRL-9528-2]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (Renewal)

**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 March 21, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2012-0680, to: (1) EPA online, using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), or by email to: [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto: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 28221T, 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, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2227A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-4113; fax number:

(202) 564-0050; email address: [williams.learia@epa.gov](mailto: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 October 17, 2012 (77 FR 63813), 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 both 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-2012-0680, which is available for either public viewing online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or 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) 566-1752.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov> to either 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, Confidentiality of Business Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**Title:** Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (Renewal).

**ICR Numbers:** EPA ICR Number 1893.06, OMB Control Number 2060-0430.

**ICR Status:** This ICR is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2013. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to either conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

**Abstract:** The affected entities are subject to the General Provisions of the

Emission Guidelines at 40 CFR part 60, subpart A, and any changes, or additions to the Provisions specified at 40 CFR part 60, subpart Cc and part 62, Subpart GGG.

Owners or operators of the affected facilities must submit periodic reports and results. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of control system monitoring, accumulated refuse, surface methane monitoring, and collection and control system exceedances.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 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.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are the owners or operators of municipal solid waste landfills.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 511.

**Frequency of Response:** Monthly, Quarterly, and Annually.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 42,277.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** \$4,717,854, which includes \$4,054,254 in labor costs, no capital/startup costs, and \$663,600 in operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

**Changes in the Estimates:** There is a net decrease in the total burden associated with both privately- and publicly-owned landfills. This decrease is due to an adjustment to the estimated average number of respondents. To account for landfill closures that have occurred since the previous ICR was approved, this ICR applies a three-percent per year landfill closure rate to the previous ICR's estimated number of respondents. This adjustment decreased the total burden hours associated with privately- and publicly-owned landfills. There is an increase in burden cost from the most recently approved ICR. This is