

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. 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. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

II. What information collection activity or ICR does this action apply to?

Title: Pesticide Spray Drift Reduction Technologies.

ICR number: EPA ICR No. 2472.02.

OMB control number: OMB Control No. 2070-0191.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on August 31, 2017. 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 Code of Federal Regulations (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 for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) is seeking approval for an ICR. EPA has initiated a voluntary information collection for studies to verify the effectiveness of application technologies for agricultural pesticide sprays that have the potential to significantly reduce pesticide spray drift. The focus of these studies is on technologies, such as spray nozzles, shrouds and shields, and nozzle/drift reducing adjuvant/pesticide formulation specific combinations, which are used for aerial or groundboom applications to row and field crops. Collectively these technologies are referred to as drift reduction technologies (DRTs). This voluntary program encourages the identification and use of DRTs that can substantially reduce drift of pesticide spray droplets from the target application site (*e.g.*, a corn field) downwind to non-target areas. Exposures and adverse effects to

humans, wildlife, and crops and other vegetation from pesticide spray drift are well recognized. Published research suggests 1–10% or more of applied agricultural pesticide sprays drift from the target field. EPA has seen data supporting application technologies that will have the potential to significantly reduce the amount of spray drift. Studies conducted to measure spray drift reduction would verify the percent reduction achieved, and thus identify these technologies. EPA, with input from a variety of stakeholders, has developed a testing protocol appropriate to the needs of this voluntary program.

Burden statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 124 hours per response for a wind tunnel study and 495 hours per response for a field study. Burden is defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

The ICR, which is available in the docket along with other related materials, provides a detailed explanation of the collection activities and the burden estimate that is only briefly summarized here:

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by the voluntary collections activities under this ICR include pesticide application equipment manufacturers, chemical manufacturers, pesticide registrants (NAICS code 32532), research and development in the physical, engineering, life sciences (NAICS 541710), and college, universities, and professional schools (NAICS 611310).

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 12 companies.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 1,361 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$96,250. There is no cost for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

III. Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

This represents an increase of 822 hours and \$23,250 from the previous Pesticide Spray Drift Reduction Technologies ICR. The change in the burden and costs from the previous ICR are due to an additional field study expected to be submitted; updating cost information for wind tunnel studies; and changing the methodology to calculate the respondent's burden and costs, by using 35% of the total test cost as an estimate of total paperwork costs, then using the cost estimate to back-calculate the burden hour distribution for each labor category using fully loaded wage rates which were updated

from the previous ICR. These changes are an adjustment.

IV. 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. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** document 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 person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: December 22, 2016.

James Jones,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Open Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The EPA's Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold a public meeting on February 21–22, 2017. EFAB is an EPA advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide advice and recommendations to EPA on creative approaches to funding environmental programs, projects, and activities.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear from informed speakers on environmental finance issues, proposed legislation, and EPA priorities. Additional discussion will focus on activities, progress, and preliminary recommendations with regard to current EFAB work projects and to consider request for assistance from EPA offices. Environmental finance discussions and presentations are expected on, but not limited to, the following topics: Public-private partnerships for water infrastructure projects, decentralized wastewater systems, materials conservation and recycling, and lead risk reduction. The meeting is open to

the public; however, seating is limited. All members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance, no later than Monday, February 6, 2017. Registration is required for all members of the public to ensure an expeditious security process.

DATES: The full board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 1:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: District Architecture Center, 421 7th Street NW., Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request accommodations for a disability, please contact Sandra Williams at (202) 564-4999 or williams.sandra@epa.gov, at least 10 days prior to the meeting to allow as much time as possible to process your request.

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Final Test Guidelines; OCSPP Series 850 Group A—Ecological Effects Test Guidelines; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of final test guidelines, OCSPP Series 850 Group A—Ecological Effects, OCSPP Test Guidelines 850.1000, 850.1010, 850.1020, 850.1025, 850.1035, 850.1045, 850.1055, 850.1075, 850.1300, 850.1400, 850.1710, 850.1730, 850.1735, and 850.1740. These test guidelines are part of a series of test guidelines established by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) for use in testing pesticides and chemical substances. The test guidelines serve as a compendium of accepted scientific methodologies and protocols that are intended to provide data to inform regulatory decisions. The test guidelines provide guidance for conducting the test, and are also used by EPA, the public, and companies that submit data to EPA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Chun, Regulatory Coordination

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

EPA is announcing the availability of final test guidelines, OCSPP Series 850 Group A—Ecological Effects, OCSPP Test Guideline 850.1000, 850.1010, 850.1020, 850.1025, 850.1035, 850.1045, 850.1055, 850.1075, 850.1300, 850.1400, 850.1710, 850.1730, 850.1735, and 850.1740.

These test guidelines are part of a series of test guidelines established by OCSPP for use in testing pesticides and chemical substances to develop data for submission to the Agency under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) section 408 (21 U.S.C. 346a), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*), and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*). The test guidelines serve as a compendium of accepted scientific methodologies and protocols that are intended to provide data to inform regulatory decisions under TSCA, FIFRA, and/or FFDCA.

The test guidelines provide guidance for conducting the test, and are also used by EPA, the public, and companies that are subject to data submission requirements under TSCA, FIFRA, and/or FFDCA. As guidance documents, the test guidelines are not binding on either EPA or any outside parties, and EPA may depart from the test guidelines where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. At places in this guidance, the Agency uses the word “should.” In this guidance, use of “should” with regard to an action means that the action is recommended rather than mandatory. The procedures contained in the test guidelines are recommended for generating the data that are the subject of the test guideline, but EPA recognizes that departures may be appropriate in specific situations. You may propose alternatives to the recommendations described in the test guidelines, and the Agency will assess them for appropriateness on a case-by-case basis.

II. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct

testing of pesticides and chemical substances for submission to EPA under TSCA, FIFRA, and/or FFDCA, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

1. *Docket for this document.* The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2009-0154, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket) in the Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001. The 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 Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPP Docket is (703) 305-5805. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

2. *Electronic access to the OCSPP test guidelines.* To access OCSPP test guidelines electronically, please go to <http://www.epa.gov/test-guidelines-pesticides-and-toxics-substances>. You may also access the test guidelines in <http://www.regulations.gov>, grouped by series under docket ID numbers: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2009-0150 through EPA-HQ-OPPT-2009-0159 and EPA-HQ-OPPT-2009-0576.

III. Overview

A. What action is EPA taking?

EPA is announcing the availability of final test guidelines under Series 850, Group A—Ecological Effects, entitled “Group A (850.1000 Series)—Aquatic and Sediment-Dwelling Fauna, Aquatic Microcosm and Field Testing” and identified as OCSPP Test Guidelines 850.1000, 850.1010, 850.1020, 850.1025, 850.1035, 850.1045, 850.1055, 850.1075, 850.1300, 850.1400, 850.1710, 850.1730, 850.1735, and 850.1740. EPA’s OCSPP has established a unified library of test guidelines for use in developing data for submission to EPA under the TSCA, FFDCA, and FIFRA. Beginning in 1991, EPA initiated an effort to harmonize the test guidelines within OCSPP, as well as to harmonize the OCSPP test guidelines with those of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The process for developing and amending these test guidelines has included public participation and the extensive