

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: Certain employees of companies working under contract to EPA require access to TSCA confidential business information collected under the authority of TSCA in order to perform their official duties. The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), which is responsible for maintaining the security of TSCA confidential business information, requires that all individuals desiring access to TSCA CBI obtain and annually renew official clearance to TSCA CBI. As part of the process for obtaining TSCA CBI clearance, OPPT requires certain information about the contracting company and about each contractor employee requesting TSCA CBI clearance, primarily the name, Social Security Number and EPA identification badge number of the employee, the type of TSCA CBI clearance requested and the justification for such clearance, and the signature of the employee to an agreement with respect to access to and use of TSCA CBI. This information collection applies to the reporting activities associated with contractor personnel applying for new or renewed clearance for TSCA CBI.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary but failure to provide the requested information will prevent a contractor employee from obtaining clearance for TSCA CBI. Respondents may claim all or part of a response confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Burden statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.6 hours per response. 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 this ICR are companies under contract to the Environmental Protection Agency to provide certain services, whose employees must have access to Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) confidential business information to perform their duties.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 21.

Frequency of response: Annually.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 1.0.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 341 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$19,305. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$19,305 and an estimated cost of \$0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

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

There is a decrease of 142 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease reflects a decrease in the number of contractor employees that need TSCA CBI clearance. This change is 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 technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

Dated: November 29, 2017.

Charlotte Bertrand,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0539; FRL-9972-11]

RIN 2070-AK37

Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule; Reconsideration of the Minimum Age Requirements

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is providing notice to the public that it has initiated a rulemaking process to revise the minimum age requirements in the Certification of

Pesticide Applicators rule. EPA expects to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in FY 2018 to solicit public input on these proposed revisions to the rule. EPA is also announcing that the implementation dates in the January 4, 2017 **Federal Register** (82 FR 952) (FRL-9956-70); for certifying authorities to submit revised certification plans, and for EPA to act on those plans remain in effect; EPA has no plans to change those implementation dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Keane, Field and External Affairs Division (7506P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number (703) 305-5557, email address: keaney.kevin@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This document is directed to the public in general. However, this document may be of particular interest to you if you apply restricted use pesticides (RUPs), use RUPs under the direct supervision of a certified applicator; are a State, Tribe or Federal agency who administers a certification program for pesticide applicators; a pesticide safety educator; or another person who provides pesticide safety training for pesticide applicator certification or recertification. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Agricultural Establishments (Crop Production) (NAICS code 111).
- Animal Production and Aquaculture). (NAICS code 112).
- Nursery and Tree Production (NAICS code 111421).
- Agricultural Pest Control and Pesticide Handling on Farms (NAICS code 115112).
- Crop Advisors (NAICS codes 115112, 541690, 541712).
- Agricultural (Animal) Pest Control (Livestock Spraying) (NAICS code 115210).
- Forestry Pest Control (NAICS code 115310).
- Wood Preservation Pest Control (NAICS code 321114).
- Pesticide Registrants (NAICS code 325320).
- Pesticide Dealers (NAICS codes 424690, 424910, 444220).

- Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS code 524).
- Research & Demonstration Pest Control, Crop Advisor (NAICS code 541710).
- Industrial, Institutional, Structural & Health Related Pest Control (NAICS code 561710).
- Ornamental & Turf, Rights-of-Way Pest Control (NAICS code 561730).
- Environmental Protection Program Administrators (NAICS code 924110).
- Governmental Pest Control Programs (NAICS code 926140).

If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

In accordance with Executive Order 13777, titled *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda*, EPA solicited public comments on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement or modification as part of the President's Regulatory Reform Agenda efforts through docket [EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190]. In addition, EPA issued several rules in 2017 to delay the effective date of the final certification rule including one issued on May 15, 2017 (82 FR 22294), that solicited public comment on a proposed 12-month delay of the effective date. Some of the comments received during that comment period included input on specific provisions of the revised Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule (82 FR 952; January 4, 2017) in addition to or instead of comments on the proposed 12-month delay of the effective date.

Through these efforts, EPA received comments on the minimum age requirements in the certification rule, which were discussed at the November 2, 2017, meeting of the Office of Pesticide Program's Federal Advisory Committee, the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC). A transcript of the PPDC meeting will be posted when available on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-advisory-committees-and-regulatory-partners/pesticide-program-dialogue-committee-meeting-5>.

After considering these comments, revisiting the record, and reviewing the applicable statutory authority, EPA has determined that further consideration of the rule's minimum age requirements is warranted through the rulemaking process. EPA is providing notice to the public that the Agency has begun the internal rulemaking process to address the minimum age requirements in the Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule at 40 CFR 171. EPA expects to

publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in FY 2018 to solicit public input on these proposed revisions to the Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule.

EPA is also announcing that the implementation dates in 40 CFR 171.5 of the final rule published on January 4, 2017, for certifying authorities to submit revised certification plans, and for EPA to act on those plans remain in effect; EPA has no plans to change those implementation dates. Therefore, if a certifying authority submits its modified certification plan by March 4, 2020, the existing approved certification plan remains in effect until EPA has approved or rejected the modified plan or March 4, 2022, whichever is earlier.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136–136y.

Dated: December 13, 2017.

Charlotte Bertrand,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Board of Directors will meet in open session at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, to consider the following matters:

SUMMARY AGENDA: No substantive discussion of the following items is anticipated. These matters will be resolved with a single vote unless a member of the Board of Directors requests that an item be moved to the discussion agenda.

Disposition of minutes of previous Board of Directors' Meetings.

Memorandum and resolution re: Civil Money Penalty Annual Inflation Adjustment.

Memorandum and resolution re: Modifications to the Statement of Policy for Section 19 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

Summary reports, status reports, and reports of actions taken pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors, and reports of the Office of Inspector General.

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Memorandum and resolution re: FDIC 2018 Operating Budget.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room located on the sixth floor of the

FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

This Board meeting will be webcast live via the internet and subsequently made available on-demand approximately one week after the event. Visit <http://fdic.windrosemedia.com> to view the event. If you need any technical assistance, please visit our Video Help page at: <https://www.fdic.gov/video.html>.

The FDIC will provide attendees with auxiliary aids (e.g., sign language interpretation) required for this meeting. Those attendees needing such assistance should call 703–562–2404 (Voice) or 703–649–4354 (Video Phone) to make necessary arrangements.

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Mr. Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at 202–898–7043.

Dated: December 15, 2017.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION NOTICE OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 82 FR 57756.
PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and its continuation at the conclusion of the open meeting on December 14, 2017.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: This meeting also discussed: Information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to have a considerable adverse effect on the implementation of a proposed Commission action.

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CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION: Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694–1220.

Laura E. Sinram,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on any agreements to the Secretary,