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**Michael B. Cook,**

*Director, Office of Wastewater Management.*  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6006-4]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Beryllium National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants

**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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, Subpart C—Beryllium (OMB #2060-0092, expiration 6/30/98). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at [Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov) or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>, and refer to EPA ICR No. 0193.06 .

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)

Subpart C—Beryllium (OMB Control No. 2060-0092; EPA ICR No. 0193.06) expiring 6/30/98. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** Beryllium and many of its compounds are considered to be among the most toxic and hazardous of the nonradioactive substances in industrial use. Consequently, EPA promulgated standards to control airborne releases from affected facilities such that ambient air concentrations would not exceed 0.01 micrograms per cubic meter. Alteration of a beryllium product by burning, grinding, cutting, or other physical means can, if uncontrolled, produce a significant hazard in the form of dust, fumes, or mist.

The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Beryllium were proposed on December 7, 1971 (36 FR 23939) and promulgated on April 6, 1973 (38 FR 8826). This standard applies to all extraction plants, ceramic plants, foundries, incinerators, and propellant plants which process beryllium ore, beryllium, beryllium oxide, beryllium alloys, or beryllium-containing waste. The standard also applies to machine shops which process beryllium, beryllium oxides, or any alloy when such alloy contains more than five percent beryllium by weight. All sources known to have caused, or to have the potential to cause, dangerous levels of beryllium in the ambient air are covered by the Beryllium NESHAP. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR part 61, subpart C.

Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make one-time-only notifications including: notification of any physical or operational change to an existing facility which may increase the regulated pollutant emission rate, notification of the initial performance test, including information necessary to determine the conditions of the performance test, and performance test measurements and results. All reports are sent to the delegated State or local authority. In the event that there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA Regional Office. 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. Most facilities subject to NESHAP subpart C will meet the standard by means of a one-time-only initial stack test. However, approximately 10 existing facilities have elected to comply with an alternative

ambient air quality limit by operating a continuous monitor in the vicinity of the affected facility. The monitoring requirements for these facilities provide information on ambient air quality and ensure that locally, the airborne beryllium concentration does not exceed 0.01 micrograms/m<sup>3</sup>. For those complying by ambient monitoring, a monthly report of all measured concentrations shall be submitted to the Administrator. Any owner or operator subject to the provisions of this part shall maintain a file of these measurements, and retain the file for at least two years following the date of such measurements and records. 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 are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 2, 1997 (62 FR 63709). No comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15.6 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; 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 ten facilities electing to meet the monthly average ambient standard are required to keep daily records and report monthly. In addition, 23 facilities (roughly 10 percent of the 226 facilities that comply with the emission standard) must file a report annually due to operational changes that could alter emission rates. Each year, approximately 203 existing sources have no reporting or record keeping requirements under NESHAP subpart C.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Plants, foundries, incinerators which process beryllium and their derivatives.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 33.

*Frequency of Response:* daily records/monthly reports for 10 facilities; annual reports for 23.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 2,232 hours.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden:* \$35,000.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0193.06 and OMB Control No. 2060-0092 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 (or E-Mail Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov); and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6006-5]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; NESHAP for Vinyl Chloride

**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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Vinyl Chloride, OMB control #2060-0071 expiration June 30, 1998. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>, and refer to EPA ICR No. 0186.08

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* NESHAP for Vinyl Chloride Subpart F, OMB Control No. 2060-0071; EPA ICR No. 0186.08 expiring 06/30/98. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for vinyl chloride (VC) were proposed on December 24, 1975, promulgated on October, 21, 1976, and amended on June 7, 1977, September 30, 1986, September 23, 1988 and December 23, 1992. These standards apply to exhaust gases and oxychlorination vents at ethylene dichloride (EDC) plants; exhaust gases at vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) plants; and exhaust gases, reactors opening losses, manual vent valves, and stripping residuals at polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plants. The standards also apply to relief valves and fugitive emission sources at all three types of plants. In the Administrator's judgement, vinyl chloride emissions from polyvinyl chloride (PVC), ethylene dichloride (EDC), and vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) plants cause or contribute to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to result in an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible illness. Vinyl chloride is a known human carcinogen which causes a rare cancer of the liver. There is no reason to believe that operators of plants affected by this NESHAP would maintain low emissions without regulations under the Clean Air Act.

In order to ensure compliance with the standard, adequate record keeping and reporting is necessary. This information enables the Agency to: (1) Ensure that facilities affected continue to operate the control equipment and use proper work practices to achieve compliance; (2) notification of startup indicates to enforcement personnel when a new facility has been constructed and is thus subject to the standards; and (3) provides a means for ensuring compliance. The standards require daily measurements from the continuous monitoring system and of the reactor pressure and temperature. Establishment of a continuous monitoring program is a high priority of the Agency. The continuous monitoring

system monitors VC emissions from the stack to judge compliance with the numerical limits in the standards. The parameters are used to judge the operation of the reactor so that the source and EPA will be aware of improper operation and maintenance. The standards implicitly require the initial reports required by the General Provisions of 40 CFR 61.7 and 61.9. These initial reports include application for approval of construction or modification, and notification of startup. The standards also require quarterly reporting of vinyl chloride emissions from stripping, reactor openings, and exhausts. Reports must be submitted within 10 days of each valve discharge and manual vent valve discharge. All reports are sent to the delegated State authority. In the event that there is no such delegated State authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA Regional Office.

The owner/operator must make the following one-time-only reports; application for approval of construction or modification; notification of startup; application of waiver of testing (if desired by source); and an initial report. The initial report includes a list of the equipment installed for compliance, a description of the physical and functional characteristics of each piece of equipment, a description of the methods which have been incorporated into the standard operation procedures for measuring or calculating emissions, and a statement that equipment and procedures are in place and are being used. Generally, the one-time only reports are required of all sources subject to NESHAP.

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 are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 12/02/97 (62 FR 63703); no comments were received.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 92 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