

be collected through a site visit by the EPA contractor. Questionnaires and site visit reports will be reviewed by State Needs Survey Coordinators before submission to EPA.

The data from the questionnaires and the site visits will provide EPA with a basis for estimating the drinking water infrastructure needs of community water systems for the 20-year period, January 1999 through December 2018. Furthermore, under section 1452(a)(1)(D) of SDWA, the results of the needs survey must be used as the basis for allocating Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund capitalization grant funds among the States. Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. 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 May 27, 1998 (63 FR 29007); one comment was received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average per response: 1998=4.4 hours; 1999=13.2 hours; 2000=0 hours. 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Owners/operators of community water systems, State Environmental Water Quality Agencies, and State Departments of Health.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,120.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 15,044 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$0.

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. 1708.02 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460;

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

Dated: August 13, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6146-6]

Request for Nominations of Candidates for the National Environmental Education Advisory Council

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 9 (a) and (b) of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-619) mandates a National Environmental Education Advisory Council. The Advisory Council provides advice, consults with, and makes recommendations to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on matters relating to the activities, functions, and policies of EPA under the Act. EPA is requesting nominations of candidates for membership on the Council. The Act requires that the Council be comprised of eleven (11) members appointed by the Administrator of EPA, after consultation with the Secretary of U.S. Department of Education. Members represent a balance of perspectives, professional qualifications, and experience. The Act specifies that members must represent the following:

- Primary and secondary education (one of whom shall be a classroom teacher)—two members.
- Colleges and universities—two members.

- Not-for-profit organizations involved in environmental education—two members.

- State departments of education and natural resources—two members.

- Business and industry—two members.

- Senior Americans—one member.

Members are chosen to represent the various geographic regions of the country, and the Council shall have minority representation. The professional backgrounds of Council members include scientific, policy, and other appropriate disciplines. Each member of the Council shall hold office for a one (1) to three (3) year period, which runs from November to November of each calendar year. Members are expected to participate in up to two (2) meetings per year and bi-monthly or more conference calls per year. Members of the Council shall receive compensation and allowances, including travel expenses, at a rate fixed by the Administrator. There are currently two (2) vacancies on the Advisory Council that must be filled. These include the following:

- Not-for-profit organization—one vacancy (Nov. 1998–Nov. 2000)

- Senior Americans—one vacancy (Nov. 1998–Nov. 2000).

EPA particularly seeks candidates with demonstrated experience and/or knowledge in any of the following environmental education issue areas:

- Integrating environmental education into state and local education reform and improvement;

- State, national and tribal level environmental education;

- Cross-sector partnerships; leveraging resources for environmental education;

- Professional development for teachers and other education professionals;

- Targeting under-represented audiences, including low-income and multi-cultural audiences, senior citizens, and other adults.

Additional considerations:

The Council is also looking for individuals who demonstrate the following:

- Strong leadership skills.

- Analytical ability.

- Ability to stand apart and evaluate programs in an unbiased fashion.

- Team players.

- Conviction to follow-through and to meet deadlines.

- Ability to review items on short notice.

DATES: Nominations of candidates to fill the existing vacancies on the Council must be submitted no later than October

1, 1998. Any interested person or organization may submit nominations of qualified persons. The nominations must include the following:

- Name/address/phone of nominating individual.
- 1–2 page resume of nominated candidate.
- Two (2) letters of support for the nominee.
- One (1) page statement of “How the candidate is qualified.” This must not exceed one (1) page and may be written by either the nominator or nominee.
- One (1) page statement by the nominee on his/her personal perspective on environmental education. This must not exceed one (1) page.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to Ginger Kehe, Advisory Council Coordinator, Office of Environmental Education, Office of Communications, Education and Media Relations (1704), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ginger Kehe at the above address, or call (202) 260–4129. E-mail address: kehe.ginger@epamail.epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council provides the Administrator with advice and recommendations on EPA implementation of the National Environmental Education Act. In general, the Act is designed to increase public understanding of environmental issues and problems, and to improve the training of environmental education professionals. EPA will achieve these goals, in part, by awarding grants and/or establishing partnerships with other Federal agencies, state and local education and natural resource agencies, not-for-profit organizations, universities, and the private sector to encourage and support environmental education and training programs. The Council is also responsible for preparing a national biennial report to Congress that will describe and assess the extent and quality of environmental education, discuss major obstacles to improving environmental education, and identify the skill, education, and training needs for environmental professionals.

Diane H. Esanu,

Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Communications, Education and Public Affairs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6146–9]

Clean Air Act Advisory Committee: Accident Prevention Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Clean Air Act section 112(r) required EPA to publish regulations to prevent accidental releases of chemicals and to reduce the severity of those releases that do occur. These accidental release prevention requirements build on the chemical safety work begun by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) which sets forth requirements for industry, State and local governments. On June 20, 1996, EPA published the final rule for risk management programs to address prevention of accidental releases.

An estimated 66,000 facilities are subject to this regulation based on the quantity of regulated substances they have on-site. Facilities that are subject will be required to implement a risk management program at their facility, and submit a summary of this information to a central location specified by EPA. This information will be helpful to State and local government entities responsible for chemical emergency preparedness and prevention. It will also be useful to environmental and community organizations, and the public in understanding the chemical risks in their communities. In addition, we hope the availability of this information will stimulate a dialogue between industry and the public to improve accident prevention and emergency response practices.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee was created in September 1996 to advise EPA’s Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (CEPPO) on these chemical accident prevention issues, specifically, section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act.

DATES: The Accident Prevention Subcommittee of the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on September 9, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hall of States (Room 383) located at 444 North Capitol St., NW, Washington D.C., near Union Station. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public desiring additional information about this meeting, should contact Karen Shanahan, Designated Federal Official, U.S. EPA (5104), 401 M. St., SW, Washington DC 20460, via the Internet at: shanahan.karen@epamail.epa.gov, by telephone at (202) 260–2711 or FAX at (202) 260–1686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Opening Remarks—Jim Makris (8:30–9:00)

RMP Implementation Workgroup Update (9:00–9:30)

Evaluation of Chemical Accident Prevention (9:45–10:45)

Other Business (10:45–11:45)

Comments from the public (11:45–12:00)

Update on Security Issue (1:30–4:00)

Comments from the public (4:00–4:30)

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation in person in Washington DC to the Subcommittee at the September 9, meeting, must contact Karen Shanahan in writing (by letter, fax, or email—see previously stated information) no later than September 2, 1997, in order to be included on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Accident Prevention Subcommittee up through the date of the meeting. Please address such material to Karen Shanahan at the above address.

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive or previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than thirty minutes total. Written comments (twelve copies) received sufficiently prior to a meeting date (usually one week prior to a meeting or teleconference), may be mailed to the Subcommittee prior to its meeting.

Additional information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee is available on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/acc-pre.html>.

If you would like to automatically receive future information on the Accident Prevention Subcommittee and its Workgroups by email, you can subscribe to the EPA-RMP Listserve by sending the following message to listserv@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov:

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