

approval, EPA estimates that the remaining reporting burden will be approximately 20 percent of the original burden estimate, or approximately 375 hours per respondent annualized to a burden of 125 hours for each of the 29 respondents. 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 information.

Dated: December 16, 1998.

Robert H. Wayland III,

Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6207-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; comment request; National Estuary Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): National Estuary Program, EPA ICR Number 1500.03, OMB Control Number 2040-0138, expiring March 31, 1999. Before submitting the renewal ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Coastal Management Branch; Oceans and Coastal Protection Division (4504F); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;

401 M Street, SW; Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by contacting the person identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darrell Brown at 202/260-6502 (phone); 202/260-9960 (facsimile); brown.darrell@epa.gov (E-mail) or Betsy Salter at 202/260-6466 (phone); 202/260-9960 (facsimile); salter.betsy@epa.gov (E-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are those state or local agencies or nongovernmental organizations that receive grants under section 320 of the Clean Water Act, the National Estuary Program. EPA provides grants to these entities to support 28 National Estuary Programs around the country and in Puerto Rico. Each entity receiving such a grant must submit an annual workplan that describes the projects and activities to be carried out using the section 320 funds and that documents the source of the 25% non-federal matching funds required by section 320.

Title: National Estuary Program (ICR #1500; OMB Control Number 2040-0138) expiring March 31, 1999.

Abstract:

Annual Workplans—The National Estuary Program (NEP) involves collecting information from the state or local agency or nongovernmental organizations that receive funds under section 320 of the Clean Water Act. The regulation requiring this information is found at 40 CFR Part 35. Prospective grant recipients seek funding to develop or oversee and coordinate implementation of comprehensive conservation and management plans (CCMP) for estuaries of national significance. In order to receive funds, grantees must submit an annual workplan to EPA. The workplan consists of two parts: (a) progress on projects funded previously; and (b) new projects proposed with dollar amounts and completion dates. The workplan is reviewed by EPA and also serves as the scope of work for the grant agreement. EPA also uses these workplans to track performance of each of the 28 estuary programs currently in the NEP.

Biennial Reviews—EPA provides funding to NEPs to support long-term implementation of CCMPs if such programs pass a biennial review process. Biennial reviews are used to determine progress each NEP is making in implementing its CCMP and achieving environmental results. In addition to evaluating progress, the results are used to identify areas of weakness each NEP should address for

long-term success in protecting and restoring their estuaries. EPA will also compile successful tools and approaches as well as lessons learned from all biennial reviews to transfer to the NEPs and other watershed programs. For this ICR cycle, biennial reviews will be required of the first 17 NEPs in FY1999 and the first 21 NEPs in FY2001. Biennial reviews are required in addition to annual workplans.

The EPA is requesting comments on:

(i) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) how to 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.

Burden Statement: The estimated burden for the 28 NEPs totals about 18,000 hours for Fiscal Years 1999, 2000 and 2001, or about 6,000 hours/year on average. Total hours are based on the following estimates:

100 hours/annual workplan * 28 NEPs
= 2,800 hours/year * 3 years = 8,400 hours

250 hours/biennial review * 17 NEPs =
4,250 hours/FY1999

250 hours/biennial review * 21 NEPs =
5,250 hours/FY2001

These estimates include the time needed to review instructions, search existing information sources, gather and maintain information needed, and to analyze the information and prepare the annual workplans or biennial review reports.

No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless the request displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

Please send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed above.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

Robert H. Wayland III,

Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6208-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Motor Vehicle Exclusion Determination

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Motor Vehicle Exclusion Determination, OMB Control Number 2060-0124, expiring 01/31/99. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and costs; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 22, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0012.11.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Motor Vehicle Exclusion Determination, OMB Control Number 2060-0124; EPA ICR No. 0012.11 expiration date 01/31/99. This is a request for an extension of currently approved collection.

Abstract: The EPA Office of Mobile Sources determines whether a vehicle is excluded from requirements under the Clean Air Act (Act) based on the criteria listed in 40 CFR 85.1701—Exclusion and Exemption of Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Engines. A manufacturer who desires a determination by the EPA as to whether a particular type of vehicle is excluded from coverage under the Act must submit specifications describing the size, use, top speed, etc. of the vehicle so that the determination can be made. This ensures that motor vehicles which may be legally operated or are capable of being legally operated on streets or highways will not be

imported under a racing vehicle exclusion. EPA implemented a rule that requires each person who seeks to import a racing vehicle to obtain a prior written approval for admission, if we believe that the vehicle meets one or more of the motor vehicle exclusion criteria listed under 40 CFR 85.1703. 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 Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection information was published on August 7, 1998, (63 FR 42395); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 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 instruction; 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 instruction and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Vehicle manufacturers and importers of race vehicles.

Estimated Number of respondents: 60.

Frequency of Responses:

Occasionally.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 90 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. 0012.11 and OMB Control No. 2060-0124 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, 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: December 17, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6209-2]

Clean Air Act: Contractor Access to Confidential Business Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA has authorized the following contractor to access information that has been, or will be, submitted to EPA under section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act(CAA) as amended: Computer Based Systems Inc., (CBSI), 2750 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031 (Contract #68-W-98-045) and its subcontractor, Creative Information Technology, Inc., (CITI), 9064 Manorwood Rd., Laurel, MD 20723.

Some of the information may be claimed to be confidential business information (CBI) by the submitter.

DATES: Access to confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than ten days after issuance of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothy McManus, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, MC: 5104, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under section 112(r) of the CAA that EPA may provide the above mentioned contractor and its subcontractor access to these materials on a need-to-know basis. This contractor will provide technical support to the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response in the receipt, processing and storage of risk management plans submitted to EPA under the CAA.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.301(h), EPA has determined that the contractor and its subcontractor require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 112(r) and 114 of the CAA in order to perform work satisfactorily under the above noted contract. The contractor's and subcontractor's personnel will be given access to information submitted