

should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1-A, Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix "Weybridge and Middlebury Lower Hydroelectric Projects No. 2731-020 and 2737-002" to all comments. For further information, contact Jack Duckworth at (202) 219-2818 or by E-mail at jack.duckworth@ferc.fed.us.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2611-038 Maine]

Kimberly-Clark Tissue Company, UAH-Hydro-Kennebec Limited Partnership and Madison Paper Industries; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 9, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for Kimberly-Clark Tissue Company, UAH-Hydro-Kennebec Limited Partnership, and Madison Paper Industries' (licensees) application to amend the license for the Hydro-Kennebec Project. Specifically, the licensees propose to delete from the license in inoperable old powerhouse and related facilities. The old powerhouse has been inoperable since 1998 and has an authorized capacity of 3,730 kilowatts. The changes would reduce the project's authorized capacity from 19,163 kilowatts to 15,433 kilowatts. The Hydro-Kennebec Project is located on the Kennebec River in Kennebec and Somerset Counties, Maine.

In the EA, staff concludes that approval of the licensee's application would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The EA is attached to a Commission order issued on March 6, 2000 for the above application. Copies of the EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371, or through the Commission's homepage at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/>

online/rims.htm (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6560-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Recordkeeping and Reporting for 40 CFR Part 258—Solid Waste Disposal Facilities and Practices

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: Recordkeeping and Reporting for 40 CFR Part 258—Solid Waste Disposal Facilities and Practices, OMB Control No. 2050-0122, expires April 30, 2000. 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 April 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1381.06. For technical information about the collection, contact Dwight Hlustick at (703) 308-8647.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for 40 CFR Part 258—Solid Waste Disposal Facilities and Practices, OMB Control No. 2050-0122, expiring April 30, 2000. This information collection is an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: In order to effectively implement and enforce final changes to 40 CFR part 258 on a State level, owners/operators of municipal solid waste landfills have to comply with the final reporting and recordkeeping requirements. Respondents include owners or operators of new municipal

solid waste landfills (MSWLFs), existing MSWLFs, and lateral expansions of existing MSWLFs. These owners or operators could include Federal, State, and local governments, and private waste management companies. Facilities in SIC codes 922, 495, 282, 281, and 287 may be affected by this rule. 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 June 10, 1999 (64 FR 31216); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 97 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Owners/Operators of Municipal Solid Waste Landfills.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2300.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 239,858 Hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital and Operating & Maintenance 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 address. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1381.05 and OMB Control No. 2050-0122 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information,

Collection Strategies Division (2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 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: March 1, 2000.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6560-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Continuing Collection; Comment Request; Request for Information for the Bioremediation Field Initiative Database System

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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Request for Information for the Bioremediation Field Initiative Database Systems, EPA ICR No. 1672.03, OMB Control No. 2080-0048, expires 05/31/2000. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Office of Research and Development, Technology Transfer and Support Division, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive (Mailstop G75), Cincinnati, OH 45268.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fran Kremer, ph: 513-569-7346, fax: 513-569-7620, email: kremer.fran@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those that are involved in the use of innovative technologies at Superfund sites, such as state and local governments, businesses, and nonprofit institutions.

Title: Request for Information for the Bioremediation Field Initiative Database System, OMB Control No. 2080-0048, expires 05/31/2000.

Abstract: This is an ICR renewal for gathering information on the design,

operation, and performance of biological treatment technologies from remediation experts and managers working at sites where biological treatment technologies are being tested or implemented. The authority for collecting information on innovative treatment technologies is described at Section 311 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, Section 8003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Section 7001 of the Oil Pollution Act, and Section 10 of the Toxic Substance Control Act. Response to the collection of information is voluntary. The information will help the EPA to deploy innovative technologies more quickly at Superfund and other sites.

Selected respondents are asked to complete and return, via mail, a two-part questionnaire. The first part requests general site information, such as location, contacts, contaminants, and legislative authority under which the site is being remediated. The second part requests site-specific biotechnology information, such as the stage of the operation, wastes and media being treated, cleanup level goals, and the performance and cost of the treatment. Again, all responses are strictly voluntary. Following the initial questionnaire, respondents receive followup questionnaires on a semi-annual basis to update the information already provided. EPA has developed an easy-to-use PC-based version of the questionnaire that is currently in use. To run the electronic questionnaire, the user must have access to a Windows-capable IBM-compatible PC, preferably 486-class or better. The PC questionnaire has several benefits:

- Questions that apply only under particular circumstances (i.e., are dependent on previous responses) are only presented to the user as necessary.
- Data validations are performed optionally as the user is filling out the questionnaire and are required when a respondent is ready to submit the data to EPA. Data validation conditions are reported with an explanation of the problem/situation and recommended corrective action(s).
- Pick lists are provided for several questions, so that users may choose an item from a list rather than enter the full text using the keyboard.

Respondents may utilize either the paper- or the PC-based questionnaire, whichever they prefer. In each case, when respondents are updating the site records for sites that are already in the Bioremediation Field Initiative database, the questionnaire shows the site's complete responses from past questionnaires, so that information that

has not changed need not be reentered. Respondents with access to the Internet may express comments or request assistance using an e-mail account that is identified in each questionnaire mailing. Each form of the questionnaire is updated occasionally between data collection cycles to include prominent new technologies and contaminants as they are identified in prior collection efforts. A Web-based version of the questionnaire with essentially the same features as the PC-based version is in development.

EPA compiles information from completed questionnaires into the Bioremediation Field Initiative computer database. EPA developed a software program called the Bioremediation in the Field Search System (BFSS) to search, view, and report information in the database. Recently, EPA re-engineered this software into a Web-enabled application, making the BFSS data available to the public for online searching.

Each site in the database includes contact information for one or more individuals associated with the regulatory authority or application of bioremediation technology at the site. Remediation professionals may contact individuals with common site conditions to share information. Summary statistics may be drawn from the database to elucidate trends in bioremediation.

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 EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate 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) Evaluate 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) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) 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