

are survival and growth. Procedures are primarily described for testing freshwater sediments; however, estuarine sediments (up to 15‰ salinity) can also be tested in 10 day sediment toxicity tests with *H. azteca*. Guidance is also provided for conducting long-term sediment toxicity tests with *H. azteca* and *C. tentans*. The long-term sediment exposures with *H. azteca* are started with 7-to 8-day old amphipods. On day 28 of the sediment exposure, amphipods are isolated from the sediment and placed in water-only chambers where reproduction is measured on day 35 and 42. Endpoints measured in the amphipod test include survival (day 28, 35, and 42), growth (on day 28 and 42), and reproduction (number of young/female produced from day 28 to 42). The long-term sediment exposures with *C. tentans* start with newly hatched larvae (<24 hours old) and continue through emergence, reproduction, and hatching of the F₁ generation (about 60 day sediment exposures). Survival and growth are determined at 20 days. Starting on day 23 to the end of the test, emergence and reproduction of *C. tentans* are monitored daily. The number of eggs/female is determined for each egg mass, which is incubated for 6 days to determine hatching success. The procedures detailed in this document include measurement of a variety of lethal and sublethal endpoints with *Hyalella azteca* and *Chironomus tentans*. Minor modifications of the basic methods can be used in cases where only a subset of these endpoints is of interest. Guidance for conducting 28 day bioaccumulation tests with the oligochaete *Lumbriculus variegatus* is also provided in the manual. Overlying water is renewed daily and test organisms are not fed during the bioaccumulation tests. Methods are also described for determining bioaccumulation kinetics of different classes of compounds during 28 day exposures with *L. variegatus*.

This guidance is designed to describe procedures for testing freshwater organisms in the laboratory to evaluate the potential toxicity or bioaccumulation of chemicals in whole sediments. This guidance document has no immediate or regulatory consequence. It does not in itself establish or affect legal rights or obligations, or represent a determination of any party's liability. The USEPA may change this guidance in the future.

This guidance document has been reviewed in accordance with USEPA Policy and approved for publication. Any mention of trade names or commercial products does not

constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.

Availability of Document: Copies of the complete document, titled Methods for Measuring the Toxicity and Bioaccumulation of Sediment-associated Contaminants with Freshwater Invertebrates—Second Edition (EPA/600/R-99/064) can be obtained from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications, P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH., 45242 by phone at 1-800-490-9198 or on their web site at www.epa.gov/ncepihom/orderpub.html. A pdf version of this document will be made available to be viewed or downloaded from the Office of Science and Technology's home page on the Internet at www.epa.gov/OST/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: D. Scott Ireland, USEPA, Standards and Applied Science Division (4305), Office of Science and Technology, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460; or call (202) 260-6091; fax (202) 260-9830; or e-mail ireland.scott@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

Sediment contamination is a widespread environmental problem that can potentially pose a threat to a variety of aquatic ecosystems. Sediment functions as a reservoir for common chemicals such as pesticides, herbicides, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and metals such as lead, mercury, and arsenic.

These methods provide consistent testing protocols for agency-wide use to evaluate risks and provide comparable data. They provide the basis for uniform cross-program decision making within the USEPA. Each program, however, retains the flexibility of deciding whether identified risk would trigger regulatory actions.

Dated: March 22, 2000.

Geoffrey H. Grubbs,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

March 20, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden

invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before May 26, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 1-A804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0012.

Title: Application for Additional Time to Construct A Radio Station.

Form Number: FCC Form 701.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: Reporting on occasion.

Total Annual Burden: 200 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$17,000.00.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 701 is used when applying for additional time to construct an MDS or international broadcast station. This form is used by agency staff to determine whether to

grant the applicant's request for an additional period of time to construct a station. The agency could not determine whether the applicant's request for additional time to construct should be granted without this collection of information.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

March 16, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before April 26, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB Control No.: 3060-0750.

Title: Section 73.673, Public Information Initiatives Regarding Educational and Informational Programming for Children.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households, and business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,225.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 minute per program and 5 minutes per program to publishers of program guides.

Frequency of Response: Third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 38,219 hours.

Total Annual Cost: N/A.

Needs and Uses: Section 73.673 requires commercial TV broadcasters to identify programs specifically designed to educate and inform children at the beginning of those programs and to provide information identifying such programs and the age groups for which they are intended to publishers of program guides.

These requirements provide better information to the public about the shows broadcasters air to fulfill their obligation to air educational and informational programming under the Children's Television Act (CTA) of 1990. This information will assist parents who wish to guide their children's television viewing. In addition, if large numbers of parents use that information to choose educational programming for their children, it will increase the likelihood that the market will respond with more educational programming. Better information should help parents and others to have an effective dialogue with broadcasters in their community about children's programming and, where appropriate, to urge programming improvements without resorting to government intervention.

The next television renewal cycle will commence on June 1, 2004. As part of the license renewal applications submission, each commercial television licensee will report on its compliance with the Commission's children's television programming and commercial advertisement regulations during the preceding eight-year license term.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-00-31-D (Auction No. 31); DA 00-573]

747-762 and 777-792 MHz Band Auction Postponed Until June 7, 2000

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document postpones the upcoming auction originally scheduled to begin May 10, 2000, in order to provide additional time for bidder preparation and planning. The auction is rescheduled to begin June 7, 2000.

DATES: Auction No. 31 will begin June 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Davenport, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, at (202) 418-0660 or Kathy Garland, Auction Operations at (717) 338-2801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of a Public Notice released March 17, 2000. The complete text of the public notice is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

1. The upcoming auction of licenses in the 747-762 and 777-792 MHz band, originally scheduled to begin on May 10, 2000, is postponed until June 7, 2000, in order to provide additional time for bidder preparation and planning. See Auction No. 31 Public Notice, 65 FR 12251 (March 8, 2000). Except for the dates listed below, the information provided in previous public notices remains unchanged. The new schedule is as follows:

Seminar Date: April 24, 2000

FCC Form 175 Filing Deadline: May 8, 2000

Upfront Payments: May 22, 2000

Mock Auction: June 2, 2000

Auction Begins: June 7, 2000