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Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 60 days of this notice, and according to the following detailed instructions: (1) Submit your comments to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to superfund.docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Superfund Docket, Mail Code 5202T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

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Federal Register notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to www.epa.gov/edocket.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are both manufacturing and non-manufacturing sectors for claims under sections 303, 311 and 312 of EPCRA. Section 313 claims are submitted by covered sectors, which, as of reporting year 2002, include, metal mining ((SIC code 10 (except 1011, 1081, and 1094)); coal mining ((SIC code 12 (except 1241)); manufacturers (SIC codes 20-39); electric utilities (SIC codes 4911 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating electricity for distribution in commerce), 4931 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating electricity for distribution in commerce), and 4939 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating electricity for distribution in commerce)); commercial hazardous waste treatment (SIC code 4953 (limited to facilities regulated under the RCRA Subtitle C, 42 U.S.C. section 6921 *et seq.*)); chemical and allied products-wholesale (SIC code 5169); petroleum bulk terminals and plants (also known as stations)-wholesale (SIC code 5171); and, solvent recovery services (SIC code 7389 (limited to facilities primarily engaged in solvents recovery services on a contract or fee basis)). In addition, federal facilities were added to the respondent community by Executive Order 12856, and were required to report beginning calendar year 1994.

Title: Trade Secret Claims for Community Right-to-Know and Emergency Planning (EPCRA Section 322), OMB Control Number 2050-0078, EPA ICR Number 1428.06, expiring 09/30/03.

Abstract: This information collection request pertains to trade secrecy claims submitted under Section 322 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA). EPCRA contains provisions requiring facilities to report to State and local authorities, and EPA, the presence of extremely hazardous substances (described in Section 302), inventory of hazardous chemicals (described in Sections 311 and 312) and manufacture, process and use of toxic chemicals (described in Section 313). Section 322 of EPCRA allows a facility to withhold the specific chemical identity from these EPCRA reports if the facility asserts a claim of trade secrecy for that chemical identity. The provision establishes the requirements and procedures that facilities must follow to

request trade secrecy treatment of chemical identities, as well as the procedures for submitting public petitions to the Agency for review of the "sufficiency" of trade secrecy claims.

Trade secrecy protection is provided for specific chemical identities contained in reports submitted under each of the following EPCRA sections: (1) 303 (d)(2)—Facility notification of changes that have or are about to occur, (2) 303 (d)(3)—Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) requests for facility information to develop or implement emergency plans, (3) 311—Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) submitted by facilities, or lists of those chemicals submitted in place of the MSDSs, (4) 312—Tier II emergency and hazardous chemical inventory forms, and (5) 313 Toxic chemical release inventory forms.

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 information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9.9 hours per claim. The total annual burden for the respondents is 3,483 hours at a cost of \$147,543. 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