

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is revising the previous notice published on August 13, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 156, page 52720) for the EPA plan to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the 2003 Hazardous Waste Report (EPA Form 8700-13 A/B; EPA ICR Number 0976.11; OMB Control No. 2050-0024). An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number indicating OMB approval. Before submitting this ICR to OMB for review and approval, we are again asking for comments on this information collection. This notice discusses changes based on comments to the August 13, 2002 notice.

This ICR renews an ongoing information collection from hazardous waste generators and treatment, storage, or disposal facilities. This collection is done on a two-year cycle as required by Sections 3002 and 3004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The information is collected via a mechanism known as the Hazardous Waste Report (also known as the Biennial Report) for the required reporting year.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Follow the detailed instructions in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number RCRA-2002-0024 available for public viewing at the RCRA Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the RCRA Docket is (202) 566-0270. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

Please use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the

public docket, or to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "Search," and then key in the Docket ID number identified above.

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 RCRA-docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 5305T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) Mail your comments to OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or on paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information otherwise restricted by statute from public disclosure. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information that is claimed as CBI or that is otherwise restricted from disclosure by statute, is not included in the official public docket and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002) or at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which generate, treat, store, recycle, or dispose of hazardous waste.

Title: The 2003 Hazardous Waste Report, EPA ICR Number 0976.11 (OMB Control Number 2050-0024).

Abstract: This ICR renews an ongoing information collection from hazardous waste generators and hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities. This collection is done on a two-year cycle as required by Sections 3002 and 3004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The information is collected via a mechanism known as the Hazardous Waste (Biennial) Report.

1. What Is the Hazardous Waste (Biennial) Report?

The Hazardous Waste Report (Biennial Report) is the federal data collection for information about the generation and management of hazardous waste in the United States. Sections 3002 and 3004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) require large quantity generators (LQGs), treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDFs), and recyclers of hazardous waste to report this information to the state in which they are located on a two-year cycle. The respondents' submissions (reports) describe each generated hazardous waste, the activity by which they generated the waste, and the waste quantity; the reports also list the management method by which each waste is treated, recycled, or disposed and the quantity managed.

The states forward the reports to EPA electronically; EPA enters the information into a database called RCRAInfo. You can obtain detailed information about the Biennial Report data from these EPA Internet web pages:

- The National Biennial RCRA Hazardous Waste Report for odd numbered years from 1989 to 1999, the associated Biennial Report reported data files, and other information can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/data/#br>.
- The Biennial Report data for each reporter are also available through EPA's Envirofacts by clicking on "Queries" under the heading "Advanced Capabilities" and then clicking on "BRS" at <http://www.epa.gov/enviro>.
- Information about RCRAInfo can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/rcris>.

2. How Are the Hazardous Waste Report Data Used?

EPA compiles and publishes the *National Biennial RCRA Hazardous Waste Report* based on the data for each reporting year. EPA and states have many uses for Hazardous Waste Report information, including:

- Describing the various source activities that generate hazardous waste and the generated waste types and quantities;
- Describing the management methods by which the waste is treated, disposed, or recycled and the quantities managed by each method;
- Providing information for analysis of trends in waste generation, waste treatment and disposal, recycling, and source reduction;