

to estimate willingness to pay for water quality improvements for the three specific uses noted above. Once the pilot survey is complete and EPA is convinced of the adequacy of the questionnaire, EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics hopes to develop parallel versions of the survey instrument for the remaining 20 coastal states in the contiguous United States as well as a version for inland states. The coastal state versions of the survey will elicit resident's willingness to pay for coastal water improvements within the respondent's home state. The inland version of the survey will elicit willingness to pay for coastal water improvements generally. Together these data will provide valuable information to estimate improvements to coastal waters that may improve the quality of cost-benefit analyses and decision-making at EPA.

The pilot survey is designed to collect information using Knowledge Networks, a survey research firm with a pre-recruited panel of individuals throughout the United States who complete surveys using WebTV. We are requesting permission to conduct a pilot survey of 600 respondents in California. It should be noted, however, that no expectations have been formed regarding the administration mode for future pilots or surveys using this or parallel survey instruments. While we expect to continue using a self-administered computerized format, we plan to explore alternative modes of administration.

The only burden imposed by the pilot survey on respondents will be the time required to complete the survey. Based upon a limited number of cognitive pretest interviews, the survey developers estimate that this will involve an average of 30 minutes per respondents. With a total of 600 respondents for the pilot survey this involves a total of 150 hours. Based on an average hourly rate of \$22.15 (including employer costs of all employee benefits), the survey developers expect that the average per-respondent cost for the pilot survey will be \$11.08 and the corresponding one-time total cost to all respondents will be \$6645.00. This information collection does not involve any special equipment, thus, respondents will not incur any capital or operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Responses to the pilot survey will be voluntary. Typically, panel members are free to choose whether or not to respond to any particular survey as long as they meet survey quotas set in their agreement with the research firm. The survey will fully conform to federal

regulations—specifically the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), the Hawkins-Stafford Amendments of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-297), and the Computer Security Act of 1987.

The pilot survey data will be collected and stored electronically by the survey research firm, and all identifying information will be removed by the survey research firm prior to transfer to EPA. EPA will perform all data analyses used to determine the efficacy of this survey instrument for estimating the values associated with improved coastal water quality.

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, and are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average ½ hour 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:** Individuals living in the State of California.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 600.

**Frequency of Response:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 300 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** \$6645, includes \$0 annualized capital or O&M costs.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission of EPA ICR No. 1381.06 (OMB No. 2050-0122) for OMB Review; Comment Request; Recordkeeping and Reporting—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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for 40 CFR Part 258—Solid Waste Disposal Facilities and Practices, ICR #1381.06, OMB Control Number 2050-0122, Active ICR OMB Expiration Date: 08/31/2003.

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 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I.B. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

A. The groups affected by the requirements in part 258 are owners or operators of new Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (MSWLF), 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 the following SIC codes may be affected by this rule listed in the table below:

##### SIC Code/Affected Entity

922	Local governments
495	Sanitary services
282	Industrial inorganic chemicals
281	Industrial organic chemicals
287	Miscellaneous