

vessel sewage have been designated by regulations promulgated by EPA. This information collection request will focus on the effectiveness of no-discharge zones for vessel sewage designated under Clean Water Act section 312(f)(3) and the effectiveness of current MSD technologies. There would be separate surveys developed for boat owners and operators, marina owners and operators, State and local government officials, MSD manufacturers, and U.S. Coast Guard accepted independent laboratories.

The survey developed for boat owners and operators would address the boater's experience with using pumpout or dump facilities in no-discharge zones. Specifically, the survey would seek information with regards to whether the pumpout or dump facilities were working or not working when the boater attempted to use them. It would address whether the boater would use the facilities if they were available and how often the boaters actually use the facilities. Respondents would be selected from North-Atlantic States, Mid-Atlantic States, California, the Florida Keys, and the Great Lakes. Approximately, 600 respondents from the geographical regions would be selected for response. The information collection would be voluntary and would not include CBI. The survey developed for marina owners and operators would address the downtime of pumpout and dump facilities located in no-discharge zones and the use of those facilities by boaters. Respondents would be selected from North-Atlantic States, Mid-Atlantic States, California, the Florida Keys, and the Great Lakes. Approximately, 80 marina owners or operators from the geographical regions would be selected for response. The information collection would be voluntary and would not include CBI. Also, a survey would be developed for State and local government officials to determine if the designation of no-discharge zones has been effective in addressing water quality issues of the particular water body, and if boaters were in compliance. Respondents would be selected from North-Atlantic States, Mid-Atlantic States, California, the Florida Keys, and the Great Lakes. Approximately, 100 respondents from the geographical regions would be selected for response. The information collection would be voluntary and would not include CBI. The information collected from the surveys would be used to assess the overall effectiveness of no-discharge zones for vessel sewage established under Clean Water Act section 312(f)(3) to determine if

modifications to the program are needed.

An additional survey would be developed to review current MSD technology. The information on MSDs that would be requested includes effluent constituents and their concentrations; bacteria eradication processes and suspended solids removal; and cost and installation. This information would be used to help determine the effectiveness of the current MSD technologies. Approximately, 30 MSD manufacturers and 8 U.S. Coast Guard accepted independent laboratories would be selected for response. Responding to the collection of information would be voluntary. The survey would provide instructions on the procedures for making CBI claims, and the respondents would also be informed of the terms and rules governing protection of CBI obtained under the Clean Water Act. 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: EPA estimates that 35 marina owners and operators would respond to the survey. It would probably take 20 minutes to complete the survey. Also, EPA estimates that the total burden for marina owners and operators would be 12 hours and \$240. EPA estimates that 350 boat owners and operators would respond to the survey, and at a maximum, it would take 20 minutes for each respondent to complete the survey. EPA estimates that the total burden for boat owners and operators would be 117 hours and

\$1,800. EPA estimates that 70 State and local government officials would respond to the survey, and at a maximum, it would take 2 hours for each respondent to complete the survey. EPA estimates that the total burden for State and local government officials would be 140 hours and \$4,900. EPA estimates that 20 MSD manufacturers would respond to the survey, and it would take them approximately 2 hours to complete it. The total burden for MSD manufacturers would be 40 hours, and the total cost would be \$800. Lastly, EPA estimates that 7 U.S. Coast Guard accepted independent laboratories would respond to the survey. These laboratories test MSDs to certify that they meet the current MSD standards located at 40 CFR 140.3. It would take each of them approximately 2 hours to complete the survey. The total burden on the U.S. Coast Guard accepted independent laboratories would be 14 hours, and the total cost would be \$420. There is no start up or capital cost associated with the surveys described above. 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.

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Proposed Consent Decree

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended,