

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information that is subject to approval under PRA, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register**, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, and included on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable.

**Abstract:** TSCA requires industry to submit information and studies for existing chemical substances under sections 4, 6, and 8. Under normal reporting conditions, EPA receives thousands of submissions each year; each submission represents on average three studies. In addition, specific data call-ins can be imposed on industry.

As a follow-up to industry experience with a 1994 TSCA data call-in, the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA, now known as the American Chemistry Council (ACC)), the Specialty Organics Chemical Manufacturers Association (SOCMA), and the Chemical Industry Data Exchange (CIDX), in cooperation with EPA, took an interest in pursuing electronic transfer of TSCA summary data and of full submissions to EPA. In particular, ACC developed a standardized cover sheet for voluntary use by industry as a first step to an electronic future and to begin familiarizing companies with standard requirements and concepts of electronic transfer. This form is designed for voluntary use as a cover sheet for submissions of information under TSCA sections 4, 8(d), and 8(e). The cover sheet facilitates submission of information by displaying certain basic data elements, permitting EPA more easily to identify, log, track, distribute, review and index submissions, and to make information publicly available more rapidly and at reduced cost, to the mutual benefit of both the respondents and EPA.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. Respondents may claim all or part of a notice CBI. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a CBI claim only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in 40 CFR part 2.

### III. What Are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for This ICR?

Under the PRA, "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. For this collection it 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.5 hours per response. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

*Respondents/affected entities:* 964.

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* Unknown.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Estimated average number of responses for each respondent:* 19.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 9,136 hours.

*Estimated total annual burden costs:* \$703,435.

### IV. Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

There is an increase of 8,221 hours (from 915 hours to 9,136 hours) in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the information collection request most recently approved by OMB. This change reflects a net increase in the estimated number of submissions under TSCA sections 4, 8(d), and 8(e) for which the Voluntary TSCA Cover Sheet could be used, in particular a substantial increase in the estimated number of TSCA section 4 submissions. Since the use of the Voluntary TSCA Cover Sheet is a direct reflection of the number of submissions received under TSCA sections 4, 8(d), and 8(e), any change in the estimated numbers of submissions under those requirements will result in a parallel change in the burden hours associated with this information collection. This increase represents an adjustment.

### V. What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the

opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed April 7, 2003, through April 11, 2003,

pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 030163, Draft EIS, SFW, CA, Programmatic

EIS—San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project, Spartina Control Program to Preserve and Restore Ecological Integrity of the Estuary's Intertidal Habitats, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, CA, comment period ends: June 2, 2003, contact: Mark Littlefield (916) 414-6581.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://sacramento.fws.gov>.

EIS No. 030164, Final Supplement, COE, FL, PCS Phosphate—White Springs Mine Continuation Mining Operations, Proposes to Discharge Dredged/ Fill Material into 1,858 Acres of Jurisdictional Wetlands, Applications of "Life of Mine" Permits, Hamilton County, FL, wait period ends: May 19, 2003, contact: Richard Legere (352) 331-0732.

EIS No. 030165, Final EIS, COE, ND, Devils Lake Basin North Dakota Study, the Reduction of Flood Damages Related to the Rising Lake Levels and the Flood-Prone Areas Around Devils Lake and to Reduce the Potential for Natural Overflow Event, Sheyenne River and Red River of the North, ND, wait period ends: