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Title: State Laboratory Capacity and Capability, EPA ICR Number 2110.01. This is a request for a new information collection, and a notification that EPA will seek an emergency clearance from OMB to begin collecting information.

Abstract: In early 2003, EPA completed a compendium of Laboratory Capability and Capacity. The compendium, available to EPA's emergency response community and select managers and staff, is contained in a data base that allows queries based on analytical capabilities, instrumentation, special handling abilities and location. This useful information was developed through a survey issued to EPA's thirty-four fixed and two mobile laboratories. EPA has been asked by the Department of Homeland Security to pursue development of subsequent phases of this compendium to collect identical information from State laboratory sources. When complete, this information will result in a resource available to select State, local and federal entities involved in response to terrorist incidents involving unknown or suspected chemical, biological or radiological agents. 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 one time public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.0 hours 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: 50 States.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Response: Two per State.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 400 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$30,000; includes \$6,000 O&M costs and \$0 capital and startup costs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-7293-1]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Optimus Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized prime contractor Optimus Corporation and its subcontractor, Centerscope Technologies of 8601 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12 of TSCA occurred as a result of an approved waiver dated March 31, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under TSCA. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Documents?

1. **Docket.** EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPPT-2003-0004. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the EPA Docket Center, Rm. B102-Reading Room, EPA West, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The EPA Docket Center Reading Room telephone number is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket, which is located in EPA Docket Center, is (202) 566-0280.

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