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Title: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (OMB Control Number 2040-0185, EPA ICR Number 1803.04). This is a request to renew an existing approved collection that is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2003. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

Abstract: The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-182) authorize the creation of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) programs in each State and Puerto Rico to assist public water systems to finance the costs of infrastructure needed to achieve or maintain compliance with SDWA requirements and to protect public health. Section 1452 authorizes the Administrator of EPA to award capitalization grants to the States and Puerto Rico which, in turn, provide low-cost loans and other types of assistance to eligible drinking water systems (*i.e.*, local respondents).

The information collection activities will occur primarily at the program level through the Capitalization Grant Application and Agreement/State Intended Use Plan, Biennial Report, Annual Audit, and Assistance Application Review. Information from these sources may be used for input into the DWSRF National Information Management System.

In order to receive a grant, the State must prepare a Capitalization Grant Application that includes an Intended Use Plan (IUP) outlining in detail how it will use funds in the program. The Capitalization Grant Agreement is the principal instrument by which the State commits to manage its revolving fund program in conformity with the requirements of the SDWA.

The State must agree to complete and submit a Biennial Report on the uses of the capitalization grant. The Biennial Report indicates how the State has met its goals and objectives of the previous two fiscal years as stated in the grant agreement, and more specifically in the IUP. The report provides information on loan recipients, loan amounts, loan terms, project categories of eligible costs, and similar data on other forms of assistance.

A State must comply with the provisions of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996. Best management practices suggest and EPA recommends

that a State conduct an annual independent audit of its DWSRF program (including set-asides), which contains an opinion on the financial condition of the DWSRF program, a report on its internal controls, and a report on compliance with applicable laws and the SDWA.

Because States provide assistance to local applicants, States assist local applicants in preparing DWSRF loan applications and verify that proposed projects will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements.

EPA will use the Capitalization Grant Application/State Intended Use Plan, Biennial Report, Annual Audit, and DWSRF National Information Management System to help conduct its oversight responsibilities as mandated by the SDWA.

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 1,652 hours per State and 80 hours per local respondent (including Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Tribes) annually. 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: State and local governments and local respondents.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,428.

Frequency of Response: Annually and biennially.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 194,395.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$6,898,416, includes \$0 annualized capital or O&M costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 1,445 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This increase is attributed to the increase in the estimated number of respondents participating in the DWSRF program. The increase in the number of respondents reflects the stabilizing of activities in the DWSRF program. The previous ICR included lower estimates for the earlier years to compensate for the program's early start-up phase.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the meeting of the Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) to collaborate on environmental protection and pollution prevention issues. The Tribal Affairs Project and representatives and invited guests of the Pollution Prevention Project, components of FOSTTA, will be meeting on June 4-5, 2003. The meeting is being held to provide the members of the two projects an opportunity to interact fully and to have in depth discussions on the state-of-the-art pollution prevention approaches used to develop and operate the Mohegan Sun Facility and on other pollution prevention issues. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth some tentative agenda topics. EPA invites all interested parties to attend the public meeting.

DATES: The two projects will meet jointly June 4-5, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Requests to participate in the spring FOSTTA meeting, identified by docket ID number OPPT-2003-0022, must be received by EPA on or before May 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mohegan Sun, 1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard, Uncasville, CT. Requests to participate in the meeting may be submitted to Christine Eppstein, listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**