

operators of small MWCs are required to measure, record, and report emission rates and operating parameters, follow good combustion practices. The responses to this Emission Guideline is mandatory.

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Respondents/Affected Entities: Small Municipal Waste Combustors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 39.

Frequency of Response: Initial, Quarterly, Semi-annual, Annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 186,374 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$17,351,247, includes \$3,337,600 annualized capital and O&M costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 185,077 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This increase is due to the conducting of initial performance tests, annual performance tests, and the installation of continuous emission monitoring systems and their operation and maintenance.

Dated: January 15, 2003.

Oscar Morales,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0049; FRL-7280-6]

Rodenticides; Availability of Preliminary Comparative Ecological Assessment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the preliminary comparative ecological assessment for nine rodenticides, which included those addressed in the Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for the the rodenticide cluster (brodifacoum, bromadiolone, bromethalin, chlorophacinone, diphacinone,) and zinc phosphide, as well as three other rodenticides, warfarin, difethialone, and cholecalciferol. This notice also starts a 60-day public comment period for the preliminary comparative ecological risk assessment. Comments are to be limited to issues directly associated with the nine rodenticides that are included in the risk assessment which has been placed in the docket and should be limited to issues raised in the document. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the preliminary ecological assessment, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement and help ensure our decisions are transparent and based on the best available information. The Agency cautions that this assessment is a preliminary assessment only and that further refinements of the assessment may be appropriate for the nine rodenticides. This document reflects only the work and analysis conducted as of the time it was produced and it is appropriate that, as new information becomes available and/or additional analyses are performed, the conclusions it contains may change.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket ID number OPP-2002-0049, must be received on or before March 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action 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 the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). 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 Information?

1. **Docket.** EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2002-0049. 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 Confidential Business Information (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 Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. **Electronic access.** You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. In addition, copies of the preliminary comparative ecological assessment for the nine rodenticides may also be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/rodenticidecluster>.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically.