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Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are business and government.

Title: Land Disposal Restrictions—Base ICR.

Abstract: Section 3004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, requires that EPA develop standards for hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal as may be necessary to protect human health and the environment. Subsections 3004(d), (e), and (g) require EPA to promulgate regulations that prohibit the land disposal of hazardous waste unless it meets specified treatment standards described in subsection 3004(m).

The regulations implementing these requirements are codified in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Title 40, part 268. EPA requires that facilities maintain the data outlined in this ICR so that the Agency can ensure that land disposed waste meets the treatment standards. EPA strongly believes that the recordkeeping requirements are necessary for the agency to fulfill its congressional mandate to protect human health and the environment.

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:

- *Average Annual Reporting Burden:* 1,182,708 hours.
- *Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 4.28 hours.
- *Proposed Frequency of Response:* on occasion.
- *Estimated Number of Likely Respondents:* 167,353.
- *Capital and Start-up Cost:* \$1,627,000.
- *Operation and Maintenance:* \$71,224,000.

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.

Dated: August 18, 2003.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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First Draft Staff Paper for Particulate Matter

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of a draft for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: On or about August 29, 2003, the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) within EPA's Office of Air and Radiation will make available for public review and comment a draft document, Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter: Policy Assessment of Scientific and Technical Information (First Draft Staff Paper). The purpose of the Staff Paper is to evaluate the policy implications of the key scientific and technical information contained in a related EPA document, Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter, required under sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for use in the periodic review of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter (PM). The OAQPS also will make available for public review and comment a related document, Particulate Matter Health Risk Assessment for Selected Urban Areas (Draft Risk Assessment).

DATES: Comments on the first draft Staff Paper and draft Risk Assessment should be submitted on or before October 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: For information on how to submit comments, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, Section C.

Availability of Documents for Review

For information on obtaining copies of the draft documents now being made available for review, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, Section B.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General Information

The EPA is currently reviewing the NAAQS for PM. Sections 108 and 109 of the CAA require that EPA carry out a periodic review and revision, where appropriate, of the scientific criteria and the NAAQS for "criteria" air pollutants such as PM. Details of EPA's plans for