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C. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

D. What Information is EPA Particularly Interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
4. Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

IV. What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does this Action Apply to?

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR:

Title: Recordkeeping Requirements for Certified Applicators Using 1080 Collars on Livestock.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1249.07, OMB Control No. 2070-0074.

ICR status: This ICR is a renewal of an existing ICR that is currently approved by OMB and is due to expire September 30, 2003.

Abstract: This ICR affects approximately 75 certified pesticide applicators who utilize 1080 toxic collars for livestock protection. Four states (Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Wyoming) monitor the program, and five pesticide registrants are required to keep records of: (1) Number of collars purchased; (2) number of collars placed on livestock; (3) number of collars punctured or ruptured; (4) apparent cause of puncture or rupture; (5) number of collars lost or unrecovered; (6) number of collars in use and in storage; and (7) location and species data on each animal poisoned as an apparent result of the toxic collar. Applicators maintain records, and the registrants/lead agencies do monitoring studies and submit the reports. These records are monitored by either the: State lead agencies; EPA regional offices; or the registrants. EPA receives annual monitoring reports from registrants or State lead agencies. 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 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.

V. 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 ICR is estimated to be 3,353 hours. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities:

Certified pesticide applicators who utilize 1080 collars for livestock protection; state agencies that implement a 1080 collar monitoring program in Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, or Wyoming; one of five registrants required to keep records pertaining to use of 1080 collars for livestock protection.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 84.

Frequency of response: Annual.

Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent: 3.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 3,353.

Estimated total annual burden costs: \$40,792.

VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

Total respondent costs associated with this program rose from \$38,448 to \$40,792. Total agency costs rose from \$8,845 to \$10,150. Changes to total costs associated with this program are due to the increase in labor rates, reflecting the most current estimates.

VII. 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 person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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