

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 which have subsequently changed; 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 the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 17,000.

Frequency of response: Annually.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 17,000.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 23,800 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$850,000. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$225,000 and an estimated cost of \$225,000 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

For CDX flows that are subject to Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) electronic signature requirements, user registration involves the collection of information sufficient to establish the identity of the user and his or her authorization to sign the report(s) in question. For purpose of establishing identity, in most cases the registration process involves asking the user to sign and submit a paper electronic signature agreement that sets forth the terms and conditions under which the user will electronically sign submissions to CDX; the user will also be asked to supply certain items of personal information, including—in a few cases—government-issued identifiers such as a social security number. For purposes of establishing signatory authorization, registration may involve collecting information about the user's position in the organization for which s/he will sign reports, either from the user or from some official in the organization.

This ICR renewal accounts for the burden on registrants of providing this information for CDX flows. When this ICR was originally submitted for approval, it accounted for the

CROMERR-related burden on registrants for all EPA programs that might incorporate electronic reporting, whether or not the program's electronic reporting involved a CDX flow. By agreement with the affected programs, the CROMERR burden not connected with a CDX flow will now be accounted for under the ICRs specific to those programs. As a result, the burden associated with this CDX-specific ICR renewal is substantially reduced from what was calculated for the original version.

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. At that time, 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 technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: June 5, 2007.

Doreen Sterling,

Director, Information Exchange & Services Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-AO-2007-0408; FRL-8327-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Regulatory Pilot Projects (Renewal); EPA ICR No. 1755.08; OMB Control No. 2010-0026

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2007. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 14, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2007-0408 identified by the Docket ID numbers provided for each item in the text, by one of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* oei.docket@epa.gov.

- *Fax:* (202) 566-9744.

- *Mail:* OA Docket, EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery:* Office of the Administrator Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-AO-2007-0408 identified by the Docket ID. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of

encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerald Filbin, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, (1807T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-566-2182; fax number: 202-566-2220; e-mail address: filbin.gerald@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-AO-2007-0408, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the Office of the Administrator Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of the Administrator Docket is 202-566-0219.

Use <http://www.regulations.gov> to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

What Information is EPA Interested In?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it 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. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

What Should I Consider When 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 and provide specific examples.
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. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.
7. 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.

What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply to?

Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2007-0408.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are primarily state environmental agencies seeking information from facilities participating in or whose participation is being solicited for pilot projects to test innovation in environmental permitting. State and tribal environmental agencies that wish to provide input for the annual competition solicitation, or that submit proposals in the annual competition are also effected, as well as state agencies that are recipients of State Innovation Grants that are required to report on progress and outcomes for each grant-funded project. Other parties affected by this request may include industrial facilities and state agencies that have been participants in Project XL in circumstances where projects are being completed or terminated and information characterizing the outcomes of those projects is being sought by EPA to close out those individual projects.

Title: Regulatory Reinvention Pilots.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1755.08, OMB Control No. 2010-0026.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on October 31, 2007. 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** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: This is an information collection request renewal that will allow for the continued solicitation of proposals for innovative pilot projects and to allow EPA to continue its commitments to monitor the results of previous and ongoing pilot tests of regulatory innovation. The renewal of this ICR is important as it will allow the Agency to measure performance outcomes of regulatory innovation piloting and to assess the broader applicability of those pilot projects. The ICR is also necessary to allow EPA to identify State and Tribal co-regulators as well as additional regulated entities who are interested in partnering with EPA in innovative pilot projects, allowing the Agency to continue its commitment to innovation and regulatory flexibility with facilities, communities, and states in achieving environmental results. The renewal of this ICR will allow OEPI to continue to receive and work with project sponsors on proposals for innovation. Responses related to Project XL are voluntary, as are any responses by state environmental agencies to EPA's request for input for the design of the annual competition. States seeking funding for an environmental regulatory innovation project must submit a project proposal in the annual competition (see <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/stategrants>) to receive a grant award and submittal of a proposal does not automatically guarantee an assistance agreement between EPA and a state for the purpose of implementing an innovation project. In requiring the submittal of a proposal in competition, EPA is adhering to its own policies on competition (EPA 5700.7) and performance measurement (EPA 5700.8). Similarly, states implementing innovative regulatory pilot tests in projects funded by a State Innovation Grant are required to report on progress during the operation of a

project and to provide a final project report summarizing outcomes and major findings of each project. EPA's policy on performance measurement in assistance agreements is an implementation outcome under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) section 1115(a)(4) and section 1116(c)). EPA's innovation piloting efforts are multi-media in nature and include programs authorized under the full range of authorizing legislation (e.g., the Clean Air Act, Section 103(b)(3) (42 U.S.C. 7403(b)(3)); the Clean Water Act, Section 104(b)(3) (33 U.S.C. 1254(b)(3)); the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001 (42 U.S.C. 6981); the Toxics Substances Control Act, Section 10 (15 U.S.C. 2609); the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20 (7 U.S.C. 136r); and the Safe Drinking Water Act, Sections 1442(a) and (c) (42 U.S.C. 1(a) and (c)).

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 44 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 which have subsequently changed; 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 the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential annual respondents: 1270.

Frequency of response: 35 quarterly; 1234 annually.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 1.2.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 7748 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$331,460. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$331,460 and an estimated cost of \$0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

There is an increase of 2292 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase reflects the need to collect information on project performance and outcomes in the form of quarterly reporting and final project reporting for current and future projects that is not addressed in other ICRs.

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. At that time, 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 technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: May 24, 2007.

Elizabeth A. Shaw,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy Innovation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6688-1]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended.

Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in F.R. dated April 6, 2007 (72 FR 17156).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20070147, ERP No. D-AFS-765479-MT, Trapper Bunk House Land Stewardship Project, Reduce Risk from Stand-Replacing and Uncontrollable Fires, Improve Resiliency and Provide Forest Products, Fuel Reduction Research

and Watershed Improvement, Bitterroot National Forest, Darby Ranger District, Ravalli County, MT.

Summary: EPA supports project objectives to improve watersheds, reduce fire risk, improve vegetative resiliency, conduct fuel reduction research, and provide timber. However, EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential impacts to water quality. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070150, ERP No. D-FRC-F03010-WI, Guardian Expansion and Extension Project, Construction and Operation Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, Jefferson, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Calumet, Brown, Walworth, Outagamie Counties, WI.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern about water quality and wetland impacts and requested additional analysis and mitigation for these impacts. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070152, ERP No. D-GSA-F60010-OH, Cincinnati National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Laboratories Consolidation, Site Selection, Hamilton and Clermont Counties, OH.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about air quality impacts, and water quality/wetland impacts, and requested additional information on mitigation. Rating EC2.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20070142, ERP No. F-BLM-J01081-WY, Maysdorf Coal Lease by Application (LBA) Tract, (Federal Coal Application WYW154432), Implementation, Campbell Counties, WY.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

EIS No. 20070163, ERP No. F-BLM-L65518-ID, Eastside Township Fuels and Vegetation Project, Address the Forest Health, Fuels, Safety, and Watershed Issues, Elk City, Idaho County, ID.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the project due to impacts of short term sediment loading listed streams.

EIS No. 20070166, ERP No. F-AFS-L65498-ID, Newsome Creek Watershed Rehabilitation, Stream Restoration and Improvement and Decommissioning of Roads, Red River Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest, Idaho County, ID.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about mercury contamination impacts from past mining practices which could pose a