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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR part 53, the EPA evaluates various methods for monitoring the concentrations of those ambient air pollutants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as set forth in 40 CFR part 50. Monitoring methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated by the EPA as either reference or equivalent methods (as applicable), thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR part 58 by States and other agencies for determining compliance with the NAAQS. A list of all reference or equivalent methods that have been previously designated by EPA may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/criteria.html>.

The EPA hereby announces the designation of one new reference method for measuring concentrations of CO in ambient air. These designations are made under the provisions of 40 CFR part 53, as amended on October 26, 2015 (80 FR 65291-65468).

The new reference method for CO is an automated method (analyzer) utilizing a measurement principle based on non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) analysis and is identified as follows:

RFCA-0817-248, "Sabio Model 6050 Ambient CO Analyzer", operated in the measurement range of 0-50 ppm, at any ambient temperature in the range of 5-40 °C, at any line voltage in the range of 90-260 VAC, at any sample flow rate in the range of 0.50-0.75 L/min, in accordance with the Sabio Model 6050 Ambient CO Analyzer Instruction Manual, with or without optional zero/span ports for external calibration, and with or without an optional inlet filter.

This application for a reference method determination for this CO method was received by the Office of Research and Development on August 2, 2017. This analyzer is commercially available from the applicant, Sutron Corporation, 21 Cypress Blvd., Suite 1130, Round Rock, TX 78665.

Representative test analyzers have been tested in accordance with the applicable test procedures specified in 40 CFR part 53, as amended on October 26, 2015. After reviewing the results of those tests and other information submitted by the applicant, EPA has determined, in accordance with Part 53, that these methods should be designated as a reference or equivalent method.

As a designated reference or equivalent method, these methods are acceptable for use by states and other air monitoring agencies under the requirements of 40 CFR part 58, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, each method must be used in strict accordance with the operation or instruction manual associated with the method and subject to any specifications and limitations (e.g., configuration or operational settings) specified in the designated method description (see the identification of the method above).

Use of the method also should be in general accordance with the guidance and recommendations of applicable sections of the "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume I," EPA/600/R-94/038a and "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II, Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program," EPA-454/B-13-003, (both available at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/qalist.html>). Provisions concerning modification of such methods by users are specified under Section 2.8 (Modifications of Methods by Users) of Appendix C to 40 CFR part 58.

Consistent or repeated noncompliance with any of these conditions should be reported to: Director, Exposure Methods and Measurement Division (MD-E205-01), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

Designation of this equivalent method is intended to assist the States in establishing and operating their air quality surveillance systems under 40 CFR part 58. Questions concerning the commercial availability or technical aspects of the method should be directed to the applicant.

Dated: September 19, 2017.

Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta,
Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0885: FRL-9964-91-OAR]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Implementation of the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone; State Implementation Plan Requirements, EPA ICR No. 2347.03, OMB Control No. 2060-0695

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) 2347.02, "Implementation of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This existing ICR is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2018. Before submitting the ICR renewal request to OMB for review and approval, the EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 1, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0885, at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from <http://www.regulations.gov>. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. H. Lynn Dail, Air Quality Policy

Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Mail Code C539-01, Environmental Protection Agency, T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-2363; fax number: (919) 541-0824; email address: dail.lynn@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

How can I access the Docket and/or submit comments?

The EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0885, which is available for online viewing at <https://www.regulations.gov>, or for in person viewing at the Air 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 8:30 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 Air Docket is (202) 566-1742.

Use <https://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 the EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the 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.*, allowing for electronic submission of responses (in this case, revisions to State Implementation Plans (SIPs) to meet planning requirements for

nonattainment areas for the 2008 ozone NAAQS).

What should I consider when I prepare my comments for the 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 the 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?

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are state and local air agencies subject to attainment planning requirements for areas designated nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. Such planning requirements may include attainment demonstrations, Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) plans, and Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) and Reasonably Available Control Measure (RACM) SIP submissions. Local, state, and federal agencies are part of the North American Industrial Classification System Code number 924110. There are other entities that may be indirectly affected, due to the fact that they may comment on the draft submissions before air agencies submit them to EPA. These include potentially regulated entities, representatives of stakeholder groups, and members of the general public.

Title: Implementation of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: State Implementation Plan Requirements; Information Collection Request Renewal

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 2347.03, OMB Control No. 2060-0695.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on January 31, 2018. 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 the EPA's regulations in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9. They 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: The PRA requires the information found in this ICR (No. 2347.03) to assess the burden (in hours and dollars) of meeting the requirements of the Implementation of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Ozone: State Implementation Plan Requirements; Final Rule. The rule was proposed on June 6, 2013 (78 FR 34178), and promulgated on March 15, 2015 (80 FR 12264). The rule includes requirements that involve collecting information from states with areas designated nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS. These information collection milestones include but are not limited to state submissions of attainment demonstrations, RFP plans, and RACT determinations. The burden estimate in the original ICR assumed 26 state air agency respondents (state and local air agencies), including the District of Columbia, responsible for meeting attainment planning obligations for 46 designated nonattainment areas for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. The revised burden estimate in this proposed ICR renewal incorporates changes to the original estimate that affect 17 respondents with jurisdiction over 30 nonattainment areas that are in various stages of planning for attainment or maintenance of the 2008 ozone NAAQS. The time period covered by this ICR is February 1, 2018, through January 31, 2021.

Burden Statement: The estimated public reporting and recordkeeping burden for the original ICR was 120,000 labor hours for the 3-year period, for an estimated average burden of 4,615 hours per respondent (the number of respondents was assumed to be 26). The incremental public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this proposed collection of information is estimated to total 62,000 hours, for an average of 3,647 hours per affected respondent (the number of respondents is assumed to be 17) over the 3-year period covered by this ICR renewal. 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; to 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; to adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; to train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and, to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Respondents/affected entities: State and local governments.

Estimated total number of affected respondents: 17.

Frequency of response: Annual.

Estimated total additional annual burden hours: 20,667 hours.

Estimated total additional annual cost: \$1,404,757. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

The total estimated respondent burden during the 3-year period of this ICR renewal is 62,000 hours, compared with a total estimated respondent burden of 120,000 hours identified for the 3-year period covered by the original ICR approved by OMB.

What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

The EPA will consider the comments received on this proposal and will 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, the 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: July 10, 2017.

Anna Marie Wood,
Director, Air Quality Policy Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9968-52-Region 6]

Notice of Final NPDES General Permit; Final NPDES General Permit for New and Existing Sources and New Dischargers in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Category for the Western Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico (GMG290000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Final NPDES General Permit.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Water Division, EPA Region 6 today provides notice that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. GMG290000 for existing and new sources and new dischargers in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category, located in and discharging to the Outer Continental Shelf offshore of Louisiana and Texas was reissued on September 19, 2017, with an effective date of October 1, 2017. The discharge of produced water to that portion of the Outer Continental Shelf from Offshore Subcategory facilities located in the territorial seas of Louisiana and Texas is also authorized by this permit.

DATES: This permit was issued September 19, 2017, is effective on October 1, 2017, and expires September 30, 2022. This effective date is necessary to provide dischargers with the immediate opportunity to comply with Clean Water Act requirements in light of the expiration of the 2012 permit on September 30, 2017. In accordance with 40 CFR 23, this permit shall be considered issued for the purpose of judicial review on October 16, 2017. Under section 509(b) of the CWA, judicial review of this general permit can be held by filing a petition for review in the United States Court of Appeals within 120 days after the permit is considered issued for judicial review. Under section 509(b)(2) of the CWA, the requirements in this permit may not be challenged later in civil or criminal proceedings to enforce these requirements. In addition, this permit may not be challenged in other agency proceedings. Deadlines for submittal of notices of intent are provided in Part I.A.2 of the permit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Evelyn Rosborough, Region 6, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of the proposal of the draft permit was published in the **Federal Register** on May 11, 2017. EPA Region 6 has considered all comments received and makes several significant changes as listed below. A copy of the Region's responses to comments and the final permit may be found online from the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov> with Docket ID No EPA-R6-OW-2017-0217. Significant changes include:

1. An operator is not required to file eNOI 24-hour in advance to obtain permit coverage;
2. An operator has up to one year after termination of lease ownership to file a Notice of Termination (NOT);
3. In a case-by-case circumstance, the primary operator may require day-to-day or vessel operators to file their own eNOIs for dual coverages;
4. Drilling vessels performing jobs within the same lease block may file one NOI for coverage;
5. Bridged facilities may file one eNOI;
6. In the event the eNOI system is temporarily unavailable, a written temporary NOI filed with certification and signature is good for seven days from the day of filing, but must be followed up with an eNOI;
7. Existing permittees covered under the 2012 permit will be covered by this permit until April 1, 2018, with eNOIs to continue coverage due on or before that date;
8. An oil and grease confirmation sample shall be taken within two hours after sheen is observed from produced water discharge;
9. Toxicity testing frequency for produced water discharges remains the same as in the previous permit;
10. Existing dischargers under the 2012 permit shall commence testing schedules in the 2017 permit as of the effective day of this permit;
11. Additional toxicity testing for produced water after an application of well treatment, completion or workover fluids is not required; information on these discharges will be collected as part of the well treatment, completion, and workover fluids (TCW) Studies;
12. The deadlines for operators to submit the Industry-wide Study Plan and the final report for well treatment, completion, and workover fluids are changed;
13. A condition which requires operators to flush and capture hydrate control fluids or pipeline brine contained in pipelines, umbilical, or