

<sup>7</sup> Where the action involves approval of a new or amended label, on or before the end date of the decision review time, the Agency shall provide to the applicant a draft accepted label, including any changes made by the Agency that differ from the applicant-submitted label and relevant supporting data reviewed by the Agency. The applicant will notify the Agency that the applicant either (a) agrees to all of the terms associated with the draft accepted label as amended by the Agency and requests that it be issued as the accepted final Agency-stamped label; or (b) does not agree to one or more of the terms of the draft accepted label as amended by the Agency and requests additional time to resolve the difference(s); or (c) withdraws the application without prejudice for subsequent resubmission, but forfeits the associated registration service fee. For cases described in (b), the applicant shall have up to 30 calendar days to reach agreement with the Agency on the final terms of the Agency-accepted label. If the applicant agrees to all of the terms of the accepted label as in (a), including upon resolution of differences in (b), the Agency shall provide an accepted final Agency-stamped label to the registrant within 2 business days following the applicant's written or electronic confirmation of agreement to the Agency.

<sup>8</sup> Due to low fee and short time frame this category is not eligible for small business waivers. Gold seal applies to one registered product

<sup>9</sup> This category includes amendments the sole purpose of which are to add DfE (or equivalent terms that do not use "safe" or derivatives of "safe") logos to a label. DfE is a voluntary program. A label bearing a DfE logo is not considered an Agency endorsement because the ingredients in the qualifying product must meet objective, scientific criteria established and widely publicized by EPA.

## V. How To Pay Fees

Applicants must submit fee payments at the time of application, and EPA will reject any application that does not contain evidence that the fee has been paid. EPA has developed a website at <https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/pria-4-fee-determination-decision-tree> to help applicants identify the fee category and the fee. All fees should be rounded up to the whole dollar. Due to changes mandated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, checks, bank drafts and money orders are no longer acceptable as of September 30, 2015. Credit card payments are only acceptable for amounts less than or equal to \$24,999. All payments equal to or above \$25,000 can be made by electronic funds transfer via the government payment website, <https://www.pay.gov/>.

More detailed instructions on how to make an application payment in association with a PRIA application are provided at the following website, <https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/paying-pria-application-fees>.

## VI. How To Submit Applications

Applicants are able to make PRIA submissions electronically via the Pesticide Submission Portal. The Portal is accessed through EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) network and requires user registration. Registrants currently submitting CDs or DVDs using the e-Dossier downloadable tool or their own builder tools using EPA's XML guidance can use the portal and forego courier delivery costs. Information on how to submit applications electronically via the Pesticide Submission Portal are provided at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/electronic-submissions-pesticide-applications>.

Paper submissions to the Agency should be made at the address given in Unit VII. The applicant should attach documentation that the fee has been paid which in most cases will be [pay.gov](https://www.epa.gov) payment acknowledgement.

If the applicant is applying for a fee waiver, the applicant should provide sufficient documentation as described in FIFRA section 33(b)(7) and <https://>

[www.epa.gov/pria-fees/pria-fee-waivers-small-businesses](https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/pria-fee-waivers-small-businesses). The fee waiver request should be easy to identify and separate from the rest of the application and submitted with documentation that at least 25% of the fee has been paid.

If evidence of fee payment (electronic acknowledgement) is not submitted with the application, EPA will reject the application and will not process it further.

After EPA receives an application and payment, EPA performs a screen on the application to determine that the category is correct and that the proper fee amount has been paid. If either is incorrect, EPA will notify the applicant and require payment of any additional amount due. A refund will be provided in case of an overpayment. EPA will not process the application further until the proper fee has been paid for the category of application or a request for a fee waiver accompanies the application and the appropriate portion of the fee has been paid.

EPA will assign a unique identification number to each covered application for which payment has been made. EPA notifies the applicant of the unique identification number. This information is sent by email if EPA has either an email address on file or an email address is provided on the application.

## VII. Addresses for Applications

New covered applications should be identified in the title line with the mail code REGFEE.

- *By U.S. Postal Service mail.* Document Processing Desk (REGFEE), Office of Pesticide Programs (7504P), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *By courier.* Document Processing Desk (REGFEE), Office of Pesticide Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Room S-4900, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-4501.

Couriers and delivery personnel must present a valid picture identification card to gain access to the building.

Hours of operation for the Document Processing Desk are 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

*List of Subjects:* Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Pesticides.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0691; FRL-10000-72-OAR]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Implementation of the Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (Renewal)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) NAAQS Implementation Rule (Renewal)" (EPA ICR No. 2258.05, OMB Control No. 2060-0611), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, the EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed renewal of the existing ICR for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS State Implementation Plan (SIP) Requirements Rule, which is currently approved through January 31, 2020. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 2, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0691, online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Leigh Herrington, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, by phone at (919) 541-0882 or by email at [herrington.leigh@epa.gov](mailto:herrington.leigh@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC The telephone number for the Docket Center is (202) 566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the EPA is soliciting 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. The 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. At that time, the EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of

the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. 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.

**Abstract:** The final PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS State Implementation Plan (SIP Requirements Rule (PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP Requirements Rule) was effective on October 24, 2016 (81 FR 58010). This rule provides the framework of Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements for air agencies to develop state implementation plans to help attain and maintain the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. States have applied this framework to develop attainment plans and redesignation requests and maintenance plans for areas designated nonattainment for the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, the 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, and the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

The ICR finalized with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS SIP Requirements Rule estimated, for the 3 years following the ICR approval date, the burden associated with plan development and plan revisions related to ongoing implementation efforts in 31 areas designated nonattainment for the 1997, 2006 and 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. The estimates included the burden to develop and submit, and the burden to the EPA to review and to approve or disapprove, attainment plans to meet the requirements prescribed in CAA sections 110 and part D, subparts 1 and 4 of title I. A PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS attainment plan contains rules and other measures designed to improve air quality and achieve the NAAQS by the deadlines established under the CAA. It also must address several additional CAA requirements related to demonstrating timely attainment and must contain contingency measures in the event the nonattainment area does not achieve reasonable further progress throughout the attainment period or in the event the area does not attain the NAAQS by its attainment date. States that have attained by the applicable attainment date may be eligible to submit a redesignation request and maintenance plan to receive a redesignation from "nonattainment" to "attainment." After a state submits an attainment or maintenance plan, the CAA requires the EPA to approve or disapprove the plan. Tribes may develop or submit attainment plans, but are not required to do so.

This ICR supersedes the existing ICR—for which the EPA is proposing renewal in this action—for purposes of PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS implementation.

**Respondents/affected entities:** State and local governments.

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Mandatory.

**Estimated number of responses:** 18.

**Frequency of response:** Once per triggering event [i.e., an air agency is required to revise and submit a SIP revision when the area is reclassified to a higher classification, when an area fails to achieve reasonable further progress, when a Serious nonattainment area fails to timely attain, and/or when a state requests redesignation for a PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area that attains the NAAQS]].

**Estimated burden for respondents:** 25,500 hours per year. Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

**Estimated labor cost for respondents:** \$1.6M (present value) per year.

**Estimated cost:** \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

**Changes in estimates:** The EPA expects there to be a reduction in excess of 50 percent in the total estimated respondent burden for the period covered by this ICR (February 1, 2020–January 31, 2023) compared with the information collection that is currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to the fact that the number of areas for which states have ongoing attainment planning obligations has decreased greatly. For the current ICR, the EPA estimated that 31 nonattainment areas would have planning requirements for the current three-year period (February 1, 2017–January 31, 2020). For this renewal, the EPA estimates that only 18 nonattainment areas will have planning requirements to meet during the renewal period (February 1, 2020–January 31, 2023). Three of the areas are nonattainment for multiple PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, thus allowing those affected states to take a streamlined approach to meeting their ongoing planning requirements. The burden estimate, detailed in the supporting statement located in the docket for this proposed renewal, accounts for potential new SIP revisions from states with nonattainment areas subject to reclassification and possible SIP revisions (in the form of maintenance plans) from states with areas that are attaining, or are expected to attain, the NAAQS.

Dated: September 19, 2019.

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