

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2007-0378; FRL-8532-2]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; TSCA Sections 402 and Section 404 Training, Certification, Accreditation and Standards for Lead-Based Paint Activities (Renewal); EPA ICR No. 1715.09, OMB No. 2070-0155****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before March 24, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2007-0378 to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by e-mail to [oppt.ncic@epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epa.gov) or by mail to: Document Control Office (DCO), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 7407T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Cunningham, Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 7408-M, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-554-1404; e-mail address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On July 11, 2007 (72 FR 37766), EPA sought comments on this renewal ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments during the comment period. Any comments related

to this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPPT-2007-0378, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person inspection at the OPPT Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center 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 Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket is 202-566-0280.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**Title:** TSCA Sections 402 and Section 404 Training, Certification, Accreditation and Standards for Lead-Based Paint Activities (Renewal).

**ICR Numbers:** EPA ICR No. 1715.09, OMB No. 2070-0155.

**ICR Status:** This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on February 29, 2008. 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 information collection applies to reporting and recordkeeping requirements found in sections 402 and 404 of the Toxic Substances Control Act

(TSCA) and applicable regulations at 40 CFR part 745, subparts L and Q. The purposes of the requirements under TSCA section 402 are to ensure that individuals conducting activities that prevent, detect and eliminate hazards associated with lead-based paint in residential facilities, particularly those occupied or used by children, are properly trained and certified, that training programs providing instruction in such activities are accredited, and that these activities are conducted according to reliable, effective and safe work practice standards. The TSCA section 404 regulations include reporting and recordkeeping requirements that apply to states and Indian Tribes that seek Federal authorization to administer and enforce state and tribal programs that regulate lead-based paint activities based on the section 402 regulations. The overall goals of the section 402 and section 404 regulations and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements found therein are to ensure the availability of a trained and qualified workforce to identify and address lead-based paint hazards in residences, and to protect the general public from exposure to lead hazards.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 745, subparts L and Q). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice as CBI. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a CBI claim only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in 40 CFR part 2.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to range between 0.28 hours and 80 hours per respondent, depending on the type of respondent. 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.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Entities potentially affected by this

action are persons who provide training in lead-based paint activities, persons who are engaged in lead-based paint activities, and state agencies that administer lead-based paint activities.

*Frequency of Collection:* On Occasion.

*Estimated No. of Respondents:* 43,082.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 774,740 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Labor Costs:* \$28,792,102.

*Changes in Burden Estimates:* There is a net increase of 333,927 hours (from 440,813 hours to 774,740 hours) in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that currently in the OMB inventory. This increase represents an adjustment in the estimated number of respondents and/or the number of activities or events for which respondents must provide information, based on EPA's experience since the approval of the most recent ICR. A detailed explanation of the change in burden appears in the Supporting Statement. The increase is an adjustment.

Dated: February 14, 2008.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8531-6; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1145]

### Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur—Environmental Criteria and Annexes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of the public comment period for draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur—Environmental Criteria and Annexes.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is announcing an extension of the public comment period for the draft document titled, "Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur—Environmental Criteria; First External Review Draft" (EPA 600/R-07/145A), and "Annexes for the Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur—Environmental Criteria; First External Review Draft" (EPA 600/R-07/145bA).

The draft document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment within EPA's Office of

Research and Development as part of the Agency's review of the secondary (welfare-based) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of seeking comment from the public and the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC).

The document is being distributed solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination review under applicable information quality guidelines. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy, viewpoint, or determination. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice when revising the document.

**DATES:** The public comment period began on December 21, 2007. This notice announces the extension of the deadline for public comment from February 21, 2008, to March 28, 2008. Comments must be received on or before March 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft, "Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur—Environmental Criteria and Annexes 1–10; First External Review Draft," are available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of CD-ROM or paper copies will be available. Contact Ms. Emily Lee by phone: 919-541-4169, facsimile: 919-541-1818, or e-mail: ([lee.emily@epa.gov](mailto:lee.emily@epa.gov)) to request either of the documents. Please provide your name, your mailing address, and the draft document title, "Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur—Environmental Criteria; First External Review Draft" (EPA/600/R-07/145A) to facilitate processing of your request. Comments may be submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Emily Lee, NCEA; telephone: 919-541-4169, facsimile: 919-541-1818, or e-mail: [lee.emily@epa.gov](mailto:lee.emily@epa.gov). For technical information, contact Tara Greaver, Ph.D., NCEA; telephone: 919-541-2435; facsimile: 919-541-1818; or e-mail: [Greaver.Tara@epa.gov](mailto:Greaver.Tara@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Information About the Document

Section 108(a) of the Clean Air Act directs the Administrator to identify certain pollutants which "may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health and welfare" and to issue air quality criteria for them. These air quality criteria are to "accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of [a] pollutant in the ambient air."

Under section 109 of the Act, EPA is then to establish national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for each pollutant for which EPA has issued criteria. Section 109(d) of the Act subsequently requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health and welfare. EPA is also to revise the NAAQS, if appropriate, based on the revised air quality criteria.

Oxides of nitrogen and sulfur are two of six principal (or "criteria") pollutants for which EPA has established air quality criteria and NAAQS. EPA periodically reviews the scientific basis for these standards by preparing an Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) (formerly called an Air Quality Criteria Document). The ISA and supplementary annexes, in conjunction with additional technical and policy assessments, provide the scientific basis for EPA decisions on the adequacy of a current NAAQS and the appropriateness of new or revised standards. The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), an independent science advisory committee established pursuant to section 109 of the Clean Air Act and part of the EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB), provides independent scientific advice on NAAQS matters, including advice on EPA's draft ISAs.

EPA formally initiated its current review of the criteria for oxides of nitrogen and sulfur in December 2005 (70 FR 73236) and May 2006 (71 FR 28023) respectively, requesting the submission of recent scientific information on specified topics. In the initial stages of the criteria reviews, EPA recognized the merit of integrating the science assessment for these two pollutants due to their combined effects on atmospheric chemistry, deposition processes, and environment-related public welfare effects. In July 2007 (72 FR 34004), a workshop was held to discuss, with invited scientific experts, initial draft materials prepared in the