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 http://www.regulations.gov.

Title: PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard Implementation (Renewal).

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 2258.02, OMB Control No. 2060–0611.

ICR Status: This ICR is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2011. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at 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. The OMB control numbers for EPA’s regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the Federal Register when approved, 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 purpose of this ICR is to assess the burden (in hours and dollars) of the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS as well as associated the periodic reporting and record keeping. The ICR addresses requirements that involve collecting information from states with areas that have been designated non-attainment for the PM2.5 NAAQS.

The time period covered in this ICR is a 3 year period from June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2014. The milestones for the state or local air agency respondents include the required State Implementation Plan (SIP) elements prescribed in the Clean Air Act (CAA) sections 110 and part D, subpart 1 of title I for Implementation plans and the requirements in the PM2.5 NAAQS Implementation Rule (40 CFR 51.1000–51.1012). The PM2.5 SIP will contain rules and other requirements designed to achieve the NAAQS by the deadlines established under the CAA, and it also contains a demonstration that the state’s requirements will in fact result in attainment. The SIP must meet the requirements in subpart 1 to adopt Reasonable Available Control Measures, Reasonable Available Control Technology, and provide for Reasonable Further Progress toward attainment for the period prior to the area’s attainment date. However, not all of the milestones and associated burden and administrative cost estimates apply to every designated PM2.5 nonattainment area. Areas with cleaner air quality have fewer requirements.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 317 hours per response for the 1997 PM2.5 NAAQS, and 4,243 hours per response for the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS. 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are states and Regional offices.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 39.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 175,400.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $11,418,540 million in labor costs. There are no annualized capital or O&M costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 34,600 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease reflects EPA’s information that the number of non-attainment areas for the 1997 PM2.5 standard has decreased as areas have come into compliance with the standards and that the burden associated with the remaining non-attainment areas is less because of the work they have done previously to comply with the standards. At the same time, promulgation of the 2006 PM2.5 standard led to designations of new areas as non-attainment, leading to an increased burden on those respondents.

Dated: May 12, 2011.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Science Advisory Board Staff Office Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Chartered Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.


DATES: The public teleconference will be held on June 16, 2011 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

ADDRESSES: The public teleconference will be conducted by telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to obtain general information concerning the public teleconference may contact Ms. Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Ms. Sanzone may be contacted at the EPA Science Advisory Board (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564–2067; fax at (202) 565–2098; or e-mail at sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA Web site at http://www.epa.gov/sab.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDAA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the SAB will hold a public teleconference to conduct a quality review of a draft report entitled Efficacy of ballast water treatment systems; a report by the EPA Science Advisory Board. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

Background: Vessel ballast water discharges are a major source of...
nonindigenous species introductions to marine, estuarine, and freshwater ecosystems of the United States. Ballast water discharges are regulated by EPA under authority of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the U.S. Coast Guard under authority of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act, as amended (NANPCA). Under the authority of the CWA, EPA’s Vessel General Permit requires the flushing and exchange of ballast water by vessels in Pacific-near-shore voyages and the saltwater flushing of ballast water tanks that are empty or contain only unpumpable residual ballast water. While useful in reducing the presence of potentially invasive organisms in ballast water, ballast water exchange and saltwater flushing can have variable effectiveness and may not always be feasible due to vessel safety concerns.

EPA’s Office of Water has requested SAB review of technical documents and available data on the efficacy of ballast water treatment systems and advice on improving the performance of such systems. The SAB’s Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) Augmented for the Ballast Water Advisory has conducted this review and developed the draft advisory entitled Efficacy of ballast water treatment systems: A Report by the EPA Science Advisory Board (May 2011 Draft).

Background information about the SAB advisory activity, including its meetings and teleconferences, can be found on the SAB Web site at http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf.

Availability of Meeting Materials: The agenda and other materials in support of the teleconference will be placed on the SAB Web site at http://www.epa.gov/sab in advance of the teleconference.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA’s federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public can submit comments for a federal advisory committee to consider as it develops advice for EPA. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for SAB panels to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the Designated Federal Officer directly. Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a teleconference will be limited to three minutes. Those interested in being placed on the public speakers list for the June 9, 2011 teleconference should contact Ms. Sanzone at the contact information provided above no later than June 9, 2011. Written Statements: Written statements should be supplied to the DFO via e-mail at the contact information noted above by June 9, 2011 for the teleconference so that the information may be made available to the Panel members for their consideration. Written statements should be supplied in one of the following electronic formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or Rich Text files in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format. It is the SAB Staff Office general policy to post written comments on the Web page for the advisory meeting or teleconference. Submitters are requested to provide an unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its Web sites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB Web site. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Ms. Sanzone (202) 564–2067 or sanzone.stephanie@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Ms. Sanzone preferably at least ten days prior to the teleconference to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: May 18, 2011.

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