

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 7,492.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$650,494, includes \$132,668 annualized capital and O&M costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is no change in hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This is based on a comprehensive review of ongoing and expected NAAQS reviews encompassing this ICR's period of performance.

Dated: July 20, 2011.

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Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA HQ-SFUND-2011-0052; FRL-9443-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Superfund Site Evaluation and Hazard Ranking System (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (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 and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before August 25, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0052, to (1) EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), by e-mail to superfund.docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Superfund Docket, Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB by mail to: 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:

Randy Hippen, mail code 5204-P, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 603-8829; fax number: (703) 603-9104; e-mail address: hippen.randy@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 February 8, 2011 (76 FR 6782), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on 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-SFUND-2011-0052, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the Superfund 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 Superfund Docket is 202-566-0276.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov>, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the 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 at <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 <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Title: Superfund Site Evaluation and Hazard Ranking System (Renewal).

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 1488.08, OMB Control No. 2050-0095.

ICR Status: This ICR is scheduled to expire on July 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 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: Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, 1980 and 1986) amended the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP) to include criteria prioritizing releases throughout the U.S. before undertaking remedial action at uncontrolled hazardous waste sites. The Hazard Ranking System (HRS) is a model that is used to evaluate the relative threats to human health and the environment posed by actual or potential releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants. The HRS criteria take into account the population at risk, the hazard potential of the substances, as well as the potential for contamination of drinking water supplies, direct human contact, destruction of sensitive ecosystems, damage to natural resources affecting the human food chain, contamination of surface water used for recreation or potable water consumption, and contamination of ambient air.

EPA Regional offices work with States to determine those sites for which the State will conduct the Superfund site evaluation activities and the HRS scoring. The States are reimbursed 100 percent of their costs, except for record maintenance.

Under this ICR, the States will apply the HRS by identifying and classifying those releases or sites that warrant further investigation. The HRS score is crucial since it is the primary mechanism used to determine whether a site is eligible to be included on the National Priorities List (NPL). Only sites on the NPL are eligible for Superfund-financed remedial actions.

HRS scores are derived from the sources described in this information collection, including conducting field reconnaissance, taking samples at the site, and reviewing available reports and documents. States record the collected information on HRS documentation worksheets and include this in the supporting reference package.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 214 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: States (including U.S. Territories) and Indian Tribes.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Frequency of Response: 9 to 10 reports per year.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 121,681.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$11,238,970, includes \$1,869,270 annualized capital or O&M costs, however all these costs are reimbursed by the Federal Government through cooperative agreements, resulting in no net cost to respondents for this ICR.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 27,192 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease is primarily due to a reduction in the number of total activities to be performed by respondents combined with a decline in related infrastructure costs. This change reflects an adjustment to the estimated burden.

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Notice of Availability of the External Review Draft of the Microbial Risk Assessment Guideline: Pathogenic Microorganisms With Focus on Food and in Water

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of document availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 60-day public comment period for the External Review Draft of "*Microbial Risk Assessment Guideline: Pathogenic Microorganisms with Focus on Food and in Water.*" EPA developed the Guideline in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Inspection Service (USDA/FSIS) and with scientists from other Federal agencies. This draft document is being released solely for the purpose of seeking public comment prior to peer review. The document will undergo independent peer review during an expert peer review meeting, which will be convened, organized, and conducted by an EPA contractor in 2011. The date of the external peer review meeting will be announced in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice. All comments received by the docket closing date September 26, 2011 will be shared with the external peer review panel for their consideration. Comments received after the close of the comment period may be considered by the two agencies when they finalize the document. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA or USDA/FSIS. This draft guidance does not represent and should not be construed to represent EPA or USDA/FSIS policy, viewpoint, or determination. Members of the public may obtain the draft guidance from <http://www.regulations.gov>; or <http://www.epa.gov/raf/microbial/index.htm> or from Dr. Michael Broder via the contact information below.

DATES: All comments received by the docket closing date September 26, 2011 will be shared with the external peer review panel for their consideration. Comments received beyond that time may be considered by EPA and USDA/FSIS when it finalizes the document.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0532, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* ORD.Docket@epa.gov.
- *Mail:* ORD Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.
- *Hand Delivery:* EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room 3334, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0532. Deliveries are only accepted from 8:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0532. 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 by statute 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.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the ORD Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The 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 Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.