

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OEI-2006-0037; FRL-9472-3]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Exchange Network Grants Progress Reports (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 October 27, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEI-2006-0037, to (1) EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), by e-mail to [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information 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:**

Ryan Humrighouse, Information Exchange Services Division, Office of Information Collection (2823T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; *telephone number:* 202-566-1680; *fax number:* 202-566-1684; *e-mail address:* [humrighouse.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:humrighouse.ryan@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 June 28, 2011 (76 FR 37811), 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-OEI-2006-0037, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the OEI 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 OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752.

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:** Exchange Network Grants Progress Reports (Renewal).

**ICR Numbers:** EPA ICR No. 2207.04, OMB Control No. 2025-0006.

**ICR Status:** This ICR is scheduled to expire on November 30, 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:** This notice announces the collection of information related to the U.S. EPA National Environmental Information Exchange Network (NEIEN) Grant Program. The EPA Office of Environmental Information provides funding to EPA's Exchange Network

partners (states, territories, and Federally recognized Indian Tribes) to support the development of the NEIEN. The NEIEN is an Internet and-standards-based, secure information system that supports the electronic collection, exchange, and integration of data among its partners. Funding for the Grant Program has been provided through annual congressional appropriations for the EPA.

To enhance the quality and overall public benefit of the Network, EPA proposes to collect information from the NEIEN grantees about how they intend to ensure quality in their projects and the environmental outcomes and outputs from their projects. The proposed Quality Assurance Reporting Form is intended to provide a simple means for grant recipients to describe how quality will be addressed throughout their projects. The Quality Assurance Reporting Form is derived from guidelines provided in the NEIEN 2011 grant solicitation notice. As a stipulation of their award, grant recipients are to submit the form within ninety days of grant award.

Grantees are currently required to submit semi-annual progress reports as a stipulation of their award. In these reports, grantees outline project goals, activities required to meet these goals, and outputs and outcomes of activities to date. At the request of numerous grantees, we are proposing to offer the Progress Reporting Form as a vehicle for collecting information. This form is easier to complete than an unstructured narrative; it can be used as the semi-annual and final report form and the information returned will be of higher quality and comparable.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour 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:* State, tribal, or territorial environmental government offices.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.

*Frequency of Response:* Twice per year for progress reporting; annually for quality assurance reporting form.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 956.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$37,370 in labor costs. There are no annualized capital or O&M costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is an increase of 223 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This increase is due to an increase in the number of grants that are currently active and the adjustments were made accordingly.

Dated: September 21, 2011.

**John Moses,**

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0693; FRL-9472-4]

### Human Studies Review Board (HSRB); Notification of a Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of the Science Advisor (OSA) announces a public meeting of the Human Studies Review Board (HSRB) to advise the Agency on EPA's scientific and ethical reviews of research with human subjects.

**DATES:** This public meeting will be held on October 19-20, 2011, from approximately 9 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Comments may be submitted on or before Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your written comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0693, by one of the following methods:

*Internet:* <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

*E-mail:* [ORD.Docket@epa.gov](mailto:ORD.Docket@epa.gov).

*Mail:* Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), ORD Docket, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

*Hand Delivery:* The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is located in the EPA

Headquarters Library, Room Number 3334 in the EPA West Building, located at 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Please call (202) 566-1744 or e-mail the ORD Docket at [ord.docket@epa.gov](mailto:ord.docket@epa.gov) for instructions. Updates to Public Reading Room access are available on the Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>).

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0693. 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 the disclosure of which is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected 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 electronic storage media 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to receive further information should contact Jim Downing at *telephone number:* (202) 564-2468; *fax:* (202) 564-2070; *e-mail address:*

[downing.jim@epa.gov](mailto:downing.jim@epa.gov), or Lu-Ann Kleibacker at *telephone number:* (202) 564-7189; *fax:* 202-564-2070; *e-mail address:* [kleibacker.lu-ann@epa.gov](mailto:kleibacker.lu-ann@epa.gov); *mailing address:* Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Science Advisor (8105R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

General information concerning the EPA HSRB can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/osa/hsrb/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Location:* The meeting will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Conference Center—Lobby Level, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.) 2777 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

*Meeting access:* Seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least ten business days prior to the meeting using the information under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

*Procedures for providing public input:* Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral comments for the HSRB to consider during the advisory process. Additional information concerning submission of relevant written or oral comments is provided in Section I, "Public Meeting," under subsection D. "How May I Participate in this Meeting?" of this notice.

### I. Public Meeting

#### A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of particular interest to persons who conduct or assess human studies, especially studies on substances regulated by EPA, or to persons who are, or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). This notice might also be of special interest to participants of studies involving human subjects, or representatives of study participants or experts on community engagement. Since many entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult Jim Downing or Lu-Ann Kleibacker listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. How can I access electronic copies of this document and other related information?*

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