1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under DATES.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and Federal Register citation.

What information collection activity or ICR does this apply to?


Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are the state government agencies or departments responsible for oversight and operation of the I/M programs (SIC#01). Thirty-three states plus the District of Columbia will be affected by I/M program requirements.

Title: Data Reporting Requirements for State and Local Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Programs.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1613.03, OMB Control No. 2060–0252.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on August 31, 2012. 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: To provide general oversight and support to state and local I/M programs, the Transportation and Regional Programs Division (TRPD), Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, requires that state or local program management for both basic and enhanced I/M programs collect two varieties of reports to EPA. The first reporting requirement is the submittal of an annual report providing general program operating data and summary statistics, addressing the program’s current design and coverage, a summary of testing data, enforcement program efforts, quality assurance and quality control efforts, and other miscellaneous information allowing for an assessment of the program’s relative effectiveness; the second is a biennial report on any changes to the program over the two-year period and the impact of such changes, including any weaknesses discovered and corrections made or planned.

General program effectiveness is determined by the degree to which a program misses, meets, or exceeds the emission reductions committed to in the state’s approved SIP, which, in turn, must meet or exceed the minimum emission reductions expected from the relevant performance standard, as promulgated under EPA’s revisions to 40 CFR, Part 51, in response to requirements established in section 182 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Act). This information will be used by EPA to determine a program’s progress toward meeting requirements under 40 CFR, Part 51, as well as to assess national trends in the area of basic and enhanced I/M programs and to provide background information in support of periodic site visits and evaluations.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 85 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency’s estimate, which is only briefly summarized here: Estimated total number of potential respondents: 29.

Frequency of response: Annual and Biennial.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 2,380 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: $144,564. This includes an estimated burden cost of $144,564 and an estimated cost of $0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

There is a change in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB due to increased Office of Personnel Management estimates for labor costs for clerical, technical, and management personnel. The total cost and burden associated with this ICR has gone down, however, due to a reduction in the number of respondents covered by the collection.

What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

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 pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another Federal Register notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.


Karl Simon,
Director, Transportation and Climate Division, Office of Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, State of Ohio

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA’s approval of the State of Ohio’s request to revise/modify certain of its EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

DATES:

EPA’s approval is effective April 4, 2012 for the State of Ohio’s National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program if no timely request for a public hearing is received and accepted by the Agency; and on March 5, 2012 for the State of Ohio’s other authorized programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) was published in the Federal Register (70 FR 59848) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the CFR. CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Subpart D of CROMERR requires that state, tribal or local government agencies that receive, or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision or modification of those programs and obtain EPA approval. Subpart D provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the State, Tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, § 3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions and modifications to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the State, Tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the subpart D procedures must show that the state, tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application and will use electronic document receiving systems that meet the applicable subpart D requirements.

On December 9, 2010, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) submitted an application titled “eBusiness Center Electronic Document Receiving System” for revisions/modifications of its EPA-authorized programs under title 40 CFR. EPA reviewed Ohio EPA’s request to revise its EPA-authorized programs and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revisions/modifications set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA’s decision to approve Ohio’s request to modify/revise its following EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting under 40 CFR parts 61, 70, 122, 141, 146, and 262–265 is being published in the Federal Register:

Part 60—Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources;
Part 70—State Operating Permit Programs;
Part 123—National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System State Program Requirements;
Part 142—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation; and
Part 272—Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Programs.

Ohio EPA was notified of EPA’s determination to approve its application with respect to the authorized program listed above.

Also, in today’s notice, EPA is informing interested persons that they may request a public hearing on EPA’s action to approve the State of Ohio’s request to revise its authorized public water system program under 40 CFR part 142, in accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(f). Requests for a hearing must be submitted to EPA within 30 days of publication of today’s Federal Register notice. Such requests should include the following information:

1. The name, address and telephone number of the individual, organization or other entity requesting a hearing;
2. A brief statement of the requesting person’s interest in EPA’s determination, a brief explanation as to why EPA should hold a hearing, and any other information that the requesting person wants EPA to consider when determining whether to grant the request;
3. The signature of the individual making the request, or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

In the event a hearing is requested and granted, EPA will provide notice of the hearing in the Federal Register not less than 15 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for hearing may be denied by EPA. Following such a public hearing, EPA will review the record of the hearing and issue an order either affirming today’s determination or rescinding such determination. If no timely request for a hearing is received and granted, EPA’s approval of the State of Ohio’s request to revise its Part 142—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program to allow electronic reporting will become effective 30 days after today’s notice is published, pursuant to CROMERR section 3.1000(f)(4).


Andrew Battin,
Director, Office of Information Collection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FR–9642–7]

Disclosure of Confidential Business Information Obtained Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act to EPA Authorized Representative, South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: EPA hereby complies with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.310(b)(3) for notice of disclosure to its authorized representative, the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (SD DENR), Superfund confidential business information (CBI) which has been submitted to EPA Region 8, Office of Ecosystems Protection and Remediation.

DATES: Comments may be submitted until April 4, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Sharon Abendschan (Mail Code 8ENF–RC), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202–1129.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrea Madigan (Mail Code 8ENF–L), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202–1129 (303) 312–6904.

Notice of Required Determinations, Provisions, and Opportunity To Comment

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, (commonly known as “Superfund”) requires the establishment of an