SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (Renewal) (EPA ICR No. 2300.10, OMB Control No. 2060–0629) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through November 30, 2012. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register (77 FR 28376) on May 14, 2012 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before December 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OAR–2012–0333, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to a-and-r–Docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202–566–1744. Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen VanSickle, Clean Air Markets Division, Office of Air and Radiation, (6204J), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202–343–2361; email address: vansickle.karen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202–566–1744. For additional information about EPA’s public docket, visit http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

Abstract: The Acid Rain Program was established under Title IV of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. The program calls for major reductions of the pollutants that cause acid rain while establishing a new approach to environmental management. This information collection is necessary to implement the Acid Rain Program. It includes burden hours associated with developing and modifying permits, transferring allowances, obtaining allowances from the conservation and renewable energy reserve, monitoring emissions, participating in the annual auctions, completing annual compliance certifications, participating in the Opt-in program, and complying with NOX permitting requirements.


Respondents/affected entities: Electric utilities, industrial sources, and other persons.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Mandatory and voluntary under provisions of Title IV of the Clean Air Act Amendments that cover:

• Allowance tracking and transfers (section 403);
• Permits (section 408);
• Emissions monitoring (section 412);
• Auctions (section 416);
• Opt-in (section 410 a–g); and
• NOX permitting (section 407).

Estimated number of respondents: 1700.

Frequency of response: On occasion, quarterly, and annually.

Total estimated burden: 2,123,405 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: $302,368,573.05 (per year), includes $152,015,161 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 66,459 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. Most of the change in burden for this collection is due to adjustments. Adjustments stem from actions outside the Agency’s control. Adjustments include changes to the number of responses and the time it takes to respond to a particular activity. Some new estimates for the number of responses are based on queries of EPA databases for activities reported in recent years. In addition to adjustments, a portion of the overall increase is due to the incorporation of ARP affections portion of the Protocol Gas Verification Program and Air Emissions Protocol Testing Body ICR requirements from the EPA ICR Number 2203.04, OMB Control Number 2060–0626.

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Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are suppliers of certain products that will emit GHG when released, combusted, or oxidized, motor vehicle and engine manufacturers, including aircraft engine manufacturers; facilities in certain industrial categories that emit greenhouse gases; and facilities that emit 25,000 metric tons or more of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2e) per year.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Mandatory. Authority contained in Sections 114 and 208 of the CAA. Estimated number of respondents: 11,039.

Frequency of response: Annual. Total estimated burden: 981,032 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: $90,847,769 (per year), includes $28,192,763 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: This renewal consolidates all of the existing Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program ICRs. The increase in burden resulting from consolidating these ICRs will be negated when those ICRs are discontinued following the consolidation. In comparison to the net total estimated respondent burden currently approved by OMB for all of the existing Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program ICRs, there is a decrease of 735,690 hours. This decrease is the result of an adjustment for one-time activities that occurred during the first year of data collection and an adjustment based on the actual number of reporters.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units Constructed on or Before August 30, 1999 (Renewal)

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 collection and the estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before December 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA–HQ–OECA–2012–0517, to: (1) EPA online, using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), or by email to: docket.oeca@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, mail code 2227T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue 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: Learia Williams, Compliance Assessment and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2227A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564–4113; fax number: (202) 564–0050; email address: williams.learia@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 August 9, 2012, 77 FR 47631, 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 both EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under docket ID number EPA–HQ–OECA–2012–0517, which is available for public viewing online at http://www.regulations.gov, or in person viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center 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