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It is recommended that nominations be submitted in electronic format via email to [asrac@ee.doe.gov](mailto:asrac@ee.doe.gov). Submissions submitted by mail are welcome, but may be delayed in delivery due to the DOE mail vetting procedures in place. For submission by mail, please send to Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (CD), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on the DOE's Appliance and Equipment Standards Program's test procedures and rulemaking determinations. The Committee's scope is to review and make recommendations on the: (1) Development of minimum efficiency standards for residential appliances and commercial equipment, (2) development of product test procedures, (3) certification and enforcement of standards, (4) labeling for various residential products and commercial equipment, and (5) specific issues of concern to DOE as requested by the Secretary of Energy, the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and the Buildings Technologies Office's Director.

To facilitate the functioning of the Committee, working groups (i.e., subcommittees) may be formed with the approval of the Department of Energy. The objectives of the working groups are to make recommendations to the parent committee with respect to particular matters related to the responsibilities of the parent committee. Such working groups may not work independently of the chartered committee and must report their recommendations and advice to the full committee for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittee members are appointed with DOE approval.

DOE is hereby soliciting nominations for members of the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee. The Committee is expected to be continuing in nature. Members will be selected with a view toward achieving a balanced committee of experts in fields relevant to energy efficiency, appliance and commercial equipment standards to include DOE, as well as representatives of industry (including manufacturers and trade associations representing

manufacturers, component manufacturers and related suppliers, and retailers), utilities, energy efficiency/environmental advocacy groups and consumers. Committee members will serve for a term of three years or less and may be reappointed for successive terms, with no more than two successive terms. Appointments may be made in a manner that allows the terms of the members serving at any time to expire at spaced intervals, so as to ensure continuity in the functioning of the Committee. Some Committee members may be appointed as special Government employees, experts in fields relevant to energy efficiency and appliance and commercial equipment standards; or as representatives of industry (including manufacturers and trade associations representing manufacturers, component manufacturers and related suppliers, and retailers), utilities, energy efficiency/environmental advocacy groups and consumers. Special Government employees will be subject to certain ethical restrictions and such members will be required to submit certain information in connection with the appointment process.

Members of the Committee will serve without compensation; however, each member may be reimbursed in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations for authorized travel and per diem expenses incurred while attending Committee meetings.

**Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:** Qualified individuals can self-nominate or be nominated by any individual or organization. Nominators should submit:

1. The nominee's current resume or curriculum vitae and contact information, including mailing address, email address, and telephone number;
2. A letter of interest, including a summary of how the nominee's experience and expertise would support the Committee's objectives; and
3. An affirmative statement that: (a) The nominee is not currently a federally-registered lobbyist and will not be a federally-registered lobbyist at the time of appointment and during his/her tenure as a Committee member, or (b) if the nominee is currently a federally-registered lobbyist, that the nominee will no longer be a federally-registered lobbyist at the time of appointment to the Committee and during his/her tenure as a member.

All nomination information should be provided in a single, complete package by the deadline specified in this notice. Nominations packages should be submitted by either mail or electronically, but not by both methods.

Should more information be needed, DOE staff will contact the nominee, obtain information from the nominee's past affiliations or obtain information from publicly available sources, such as the internet. A selection team will review the nomination packages. This team will be comprised of representatives from several DOE Offices. The selection team will seek balanced viewpoints and consider many criteria, including: (a) Scientific or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience; (b) stakeholder representation; (c) availability and willingness to serve; and (d) skills working in committees, working groups and advisory panels. The selection team will make recommendations regarding membership to the Secretary of Energy for review and selection of Committee members.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations to the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by DOE, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the needs of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups, and persons with disabilities. Please note, however, that Federally-registered lobbyists and individuals already serving on another Federal advisory committee are ineligible for nomination.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Cymbalsky by telephone at 202-287-1692 or by email at [asrac@ee.doe.gov](mailto:asrac@ee.doe.gov).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9911-21-OEI]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; OMB Responses

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** This document announces the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests in compliance with the

Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Courtney Kerwin at (202) 566-1669 or email at [Kerwin.Courtney@epa.gov](mailto:Kerwin.Courtney@epa.gov) and please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB control numbers for EPA regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

**OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests**

*OMB Approvals*

EPA ICR Number 2456.02; Willingness to Pay for Improved Water Quality in the Chesapeake Bay (Revised); was approved on 04/11/2014; OMB Number 2010-0043; expires on 09/30/2015; Approved with change.

EPA ICR Number 2405.01; Underground Storage Tank: Information Request Letters, Pacific Southwest Region (Region IX) (New); 40 CFR part 280; was approved on 04/11/2014; OMB Number 2050-0210; expires on 08/31/2014; Approved.

EPA ICR Number 1230.29; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Non-Attainment New Source Review (Renewal); 40 CFR 51.160-51.164; 40 CFR 51.166; 40 CFR part 52.21; 40 CFR 51.165; 40 CFR part 51 Appendix S; 40 CFR 52.24; and 40 CFR 49.166-49.173 and 49.151-49.161; was approved on 04/02/2014; OMB Number 2060-0003; expires on 04/30/2017; Approved with change.

Dated: May 16, 2014.

**Erin Collard,**

*Acting Director, Collections Strategies Division.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-9911-77-OAR]

**Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Request for Applications for Essential Use Exemptions**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing information about the

process for submitting applications for essential use exemptions. Essential use exemptions are exceptions to the phaseout of production and import of controlled class I ozone-depleting substances (ODS). Essential use exemptions must be authorized by the Parties to the *Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer* and must be in accordance with the Clean Air Act. Applications received in accordance with this notice will be considered as the basis for submitting potential nominations for essential use exemptions to future Meetings of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol.

**DATES:** Applications for essential use exemptions must be submitted to EPA no later than September 30 of each year, in order for the U.S. Government to complete its consideration for nomination to the United Nations Environment Programme and the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in a timely manner.

**ADDRESSES:** Send application materials to: Essential Use Exemption Coordinator, Stratospheric Protection Division (6205J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**Confidentiality:** Application materials that are confidential should be submitted under separate cover and be clearly identified as "confidential business information." Information covered by a claim of business confidentiality will be treated in accordance with the procedures for handling information claimed as confidential under 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, and will be disclosed only to the extent and by means of the procedures set forth in that subpart. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the company (40 CFR 2.203).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeremy Arling at the addresses above, by telephone at (202) 343-9055, or by email at [arling.jeremy@epa.gov](mailto:arling.jeremy@epa.gov).

Information about essential uses may be obtained from EPA's stratospheric protection Web site at [www.epa.gov/ozone/title6/exemptions/essential.html](http://www.epa.gov/ozone/title6/exemptions/essential.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background on the Essential Use Exemption**

The Parties to the *Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer* (Montreal Protocol) agreed during the Fourth Meeting in Copenhagen in 1992 that non-Article 5 Parties (developed countries) would phase out

the production and consumption of halons by January 1, 1994, and phase out the production and consumption of other substances referred to under the Clean Air Act as class I substances, except methyl bromide, by January 1, 1996. The control measures for many of these substances, however, allow exemptions from the phaseout "to the extent the Parties decide to permit the level of production or consumption that is necessary to satisfy uses agreed by them to be essential." *See, e.g.* art. 2A para 4. The Parties also decided on the criteria to be used for allowing "essential use" exemptions from the phaseout of production and import of controlled substances. Decision IV/25 of the Fourth Meeting of the Parties details the specific criteria and review process for granting essential use exemptions.

Paragraph 1(a) of Decision IV/25 states that "use of a controlled substance should qualify as 'essential' only if: (i) It is necessary for the health, safety or is critical for the functioning of society (encompassing cultural and intellectual aspects); and (ii) there are no available technically and economically feasible alternatives or substitutes that are acceptable from the standpoint of environment and health." In addition, Paragraph 1(b) of Decision IV/25 states that "production and consumption, if any, of a controlled substance, for essential uses should be permitted only if: (i) All economically feasible steps have been taken to minimize the essential use and any associated emission of the controlled substance; and (ii) the controlled substance is not available in sufficient quantity and quality from the existing stocks of banked or recycled controlled substances . . ."

The Clean Air Act in section 604 contemplates exemptions from the phaseout of Class I controlled substances in the United States, including exemptions for essential uses.<sup>1</sup> The Clean Air Act sets sunset dates for three of these uses that are now in the past: (1) Methyl chloroform use generally (ending January 1, 2005); (2) halons for fire suppression and explosion prevention generally (ending December 31, 1999); and (3) halons for fire suppression and explosion prevention for oil production on the North Slope of Alaska (ending December 31, 2004). Two other uses do not have statutory sunset dates: (1) Class I substances for medical devices (section 604(d)(2)), and (2) halons for aviation safety (section 604(d)(3)). Each of these

<sup>1</sup> This notice does not address all exemptions in section 604 such as the exemptions for critical uses, sanitation and food protection, or national security.