

Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)) and section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s); and other acts specifically applicable to the projects involved.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00A, effective October 25, 2013, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to Western's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to FERC.

#### *Availability of Information*

All brochures, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, or other documents Western initiates or uses to develop the proposed formula rates are available for inspection and copying at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, located at 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland Colorado 80538-8986. Many of these documents and supporting information are also available on Western's RMR Web site under the 2017 Rate Adjustment—Transmission and Ancillary Services section located at <http://www.wapa.gov/regions/RM/rates/Pages/rates.aspx>.

#### **Ratemaking Procedure Requirements**

##### *Environmental Compliance*

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021), Western is in the process of determining whether an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement should be prepared or if this action can be categorically excluded from those requirements.

##### *Determination Under Executive Order 12866*

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Dated: January 20, 2016.

**Mark A. Gabriel,**  
*Administrator.*

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2016-0010; FRL-9941-88-OEI]

#### **Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Recordkeeping for Institutional Dual Use Research of Concern (iDURC) Policy Compliance**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), "Recordkeeping for Institutional Dual Use Research of Concern (iDURC) Policy Compliance" (EPA ICR No. 2530.01, OMB Control No. 2080-NEW) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is a request for approval of a new collection, for which EPA requests approval by February 29, 2016. 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 and 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 March 4, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-ORD-2016-0010, to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [ord.docket@epa.gov](mailto:ord.docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). 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:** Brendan Doyle, Office of Research and Development, Mail Code: 8801R, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-4584; email address: [doyle.brendan@epa.gov](mailto:doyle.brendan@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](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC 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:* To comply with the U.S. Government Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern (Policy) (<http://www.phe.gov/s3/dualuse/Pages/default.aspx>), EPA must ensure that the institutions that are subject to the Policy train their laboratory personnel and maintain records of that training. This training is specific to "dual use research of concern," and should include information on how to properly identify DURC and appropriate methods for ensuring research that is determined to be DURC is conducted and communicated responsibly.

EPA is requesting emergency clearance of this ICR under 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(i) because the iDURC policy's effective date has passed, but without PRA approval the recordkeeping provisions cannot yet be implemented. Standard processing of this ICR would further delay full implementation of the policy, which seeks to mitigate the risk of public harm from life sciences research being misapplied.

EPA requests that OMB authorize this ICR by February 29, 2016, for the maximum of 180 days.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Private sector and the federal-owned/contractor-operated labs.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (per EPA Order on Policy and Procedures for Managing Dual Use Research of Concern).

*Estimated number of respondents:* Eighteen (total).

*Frequency of response:* Only once and/or as necessary.

*Total estimated burden:* 72 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$4,320 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is no currently approved burden as this is a new information collection request.

**Courtney Kerwin,**  
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Division.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9941-89-OA]

### Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee; Notice of Charter Renewal

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee (FRRCC) is a necessary committee which is in the public interest. Accordingly, the FRRCC will be renewed for an additional two-year period. The purpose of the FRRCC is to provide advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities. Inquiries may be directed to Donna Perla, Designated Federal Officer for FRRCC, U.S. EPA (Mail Code 8101R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, or [perla.donna@epa.gov](mailto:perla.donna@epa.gov).

Dated: January 11, 2016.

**Ron Carleton,**  
Agricultural Counselor to the Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OECA-2011-0824; FRL-9941-  
90-OECA]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Application for Registration and Pesticide Report for Pesticide- Producing and Device-Producing Establishments

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), “Application for Registration and Pesticide Report for Pesticide-Producing and Device-Producing Establishments” (EPA ICR No. 0160.11, OMB Control No. 2070-0078) 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.*). Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This ICR is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2016. 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 4, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OECA-2011-0824, online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@epa.gov) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

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:** Michelle Stevenson, Office of Compliance, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Pesticides, Waste & Toxics Branch (2225A), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-4203; email: [stevenson.michelle@epa.gov](mailto:stevenson.michelle@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](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC 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>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments

and information to enable it to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. 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. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Section 7(a) requires that any person who produces pesticides, active ingredients or devices subject to the Act must register with the Administrator of EPA the establishment in which the pesticide, active ingredient or device is produced. This section further requires that application for registration of any establishment shall include the name and address of the establishment and of the producer who operates such an establishment. EPA Form 3540-8, Application for Registration of Pesticide-Producing and Device-Producing Establishments, is used to collect the establishment registration information required by this section.

FIFRA Section 7(c) requires that any producer operating an establishment registered under Section 7 report to the Administrator within 30 days after it is registered, and annually thereafter by March 1st for certain pesticide or device production and sales or distribution information. The producers must report which types and amounts of pesticides, active ingredients, or devices are currently being produced, were produced during the past year, sold or distributed in the past year. The supporting regulations at 40 CFR part 167 provide the requirements and time schedules for submitting production information. EPA Form 3540-16, Pesticide Report for Pesticide-Producing and Device-Producing Establishments, is used to collect the pesticide