

possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 31, 2018.

Dated: July 10, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[9977-46-OEI]

### Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's approval of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' request to revise/modify certain of its EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting.

**DATES:** EPA approves the authorized program revision for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation as of August 15, 2018, if no timely request for a public hearing is received and accepted by the Agency. EPA approves the other authorized program revisions/modifications as of July 16, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Devon Martin, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Mail Stop 2823T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460, (202) 566-2603, [martin.devon@epa.gov](mailto:martin.devon@epa.gov).

**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 September 8, 2017, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) submitted an application titled "EEA

ePLACE Platform" for revisions/modifications to its EPA-approved programs under title 40 CFR to allow new electronic reporting. EPA reviewed MassDEP's request to revise/modify 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 Massachusetts's request to revise/modify its following EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting under 40 CFR parts 50-52, 61-63, 65, 70, 141, 144, 146, 240-259, 260-270, 272-279, and 280, is being published in the **Federal Register**:

Part 52—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans;

Part 61—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, Subpart M, Asbestos;

Part 62—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants;

Part 63—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories;

Part 70—State Operating Permit Programs;

Part 142—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation;

Part 145—State Underground Injection Control Programs;

Part 239—Requirements for State Permit Program Determination of Adequacy;

Part 271—Requirements for Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Program; and

Part 281—Technical Standards and Corrective Action Requirements for Owners and Operators of Underground Storage Tanks.

Specifically, EPA has approved the state's authorized program revisions for electronic submissions that include a handwritten signature on a separate paper submission report instead of an electronic signature.

MassDEP was notified of EPA's determination to approve its application with respect to the authorized programs listed above.

Also, in this notice, EPA is informing interested persons that they may request a public hearing on EPA's action to approve the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' request to revise its National Primary Drinking Water Regulations implementation program under 40 CFR part 142, in accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(f), to allow for electronic reporting. 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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts' 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).

**Matthew Leopard,**

*Director, Office of Information Management.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OEI-2011-0096; FRL-9980-55-OEI]

### Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (EPA ICR No. 2002.07, OMB Control No. 2025-0003), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through July 31, 2018. Public comments were previously

requested via the **Federal Register** on January 19, 2018 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 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 August 15, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OEI-2011-0096, to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.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 [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_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:

Devon Martin, Office of Environmental Information (2823T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-566-2603; email address: [martin.devon@epa.gov](mailto:martin.devon@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:** This ICR addresses the electronic reporting components of the Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR), which is designed to: (i) Allow EPA to comply with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act of 1998; (ii) provide a uniform, technology-neutral framework for electronic reporting across all EPA programs; (iii) allow EPA programs to offer electronic reporting as they

become ready for CROMERR; and (iv) provide states with a streamlined process—together with a uniform set of standards—for approval of their electronic reporting provisions for all their EPA-authorized programs. Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. In order to accommodate CBI, the information collected must be in accordance with the confidentiality regulations set forth in 40 CFR part 2, subpart B. Additionally, EPA will ensure that the information collection procedures comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the OMB Circular 108.

*Form numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities that report electronically to EPA and state or local government authorized programs; and state and local government authorized programs implementing electronic reporting.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Voluntary, required to obtain or retain a benefit (Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) established to ensure compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA)).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 175,047 (total).

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Total estimated burden:* 83,837 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$4,055,829 (per year), including \$569,916 in annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the estimates:* There is an increase of 34,233 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase occurred primarily because of the launch of substantial new e-reporting systems by EPA, such as lead-based paint abatement notifications, and the anticipated launch of the e-Manifest system. Additionally, based on consultations with industry and state, tribal, and local agencies, EPA increased some of the previous burden estimates to reflect a more realistic average.

**Courtney Kerwin,**

*Director, Regulatory Support Division.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval,