

activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: January 24, 2020.

**Julia Marie Harrison,**

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Technical Information Service

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Commerce.

*Title:* Limited Access Death Master File Certification Form (Certification Form).

*OMB Control Number:* 0692-0013.

*Form Number(s):* NTIS FM161.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* NTIS expects to receive approximately 250 applications and renewals for certification every year for access to the Limited Access Death Master File.

*Average Hours per Response:* 2.5 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 625 (250 × 2.5 hours = 625 hours).

*Needs and Uses:* NTIS issued a final rule establishing a program through which persons may become eligible to obtain access to Death Master File (DMF) information about an individual within three years of that individual's death. The final rule was promulgated under Section 203 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, Public Law 113-67 (Act). The Act prohibits the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) from disclosing DMF information during the three-year period following an individual's death (Limited Access DMF), unless the person requesting the information has been certified to access the Limited Access DMF pursuant to certain criteria

in a program that the Secretary establishes. The Secretary delegated the authority to carry out Section 203 to the Director of NTIS.

The final rule requires that a Person seeking access to the Limited Access DMF establish a legitimate fraud prevention interest or legitimate business purpose pursuant to a law, governmental rule, regulation, or fiduciary duty. The Certification Application Form collects information that NTIS will use to evaluate whether the respondent qualifies to receive the Limited Access Death Master File under the rule.

*Affected Public:* Members of the public seeking certification or renewal of certification for access to the Limited Access Death Master File under the final rule for the "Certification Program for Access to the Death Master File."

*Frequency:* Once a year.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Technical Guidelines Development Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of conference call meeting.

**DATES:** Friday, February 7, 2020, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** EAC Technical Guidelines Development Committee Conference Call.

To listen and monitor the event as an attendee:

1. Go to: <https://zoom.us/j/407367407?pwd=c0RKTTTRkeWMvSEE5SWRXUWYzTG1rdz09>.

2. Enter Meeting ID: 407 367 407, Password: 252233.

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*Find your local number:* <https://zoom.us/j/abFOYE5rh>. For assistance: Contact the host, Steve Uyak at [suyak@eac.gov](mailto:suyak@eac.gov).

*Purpose:* In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Technical Guidelines Development Committee will conduct a conference call to discuss Voluntary Voting System Guidelines and Usability Requirements.

*Agenda:* The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) will discuss the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 (VVSG 2.0) Technical Requirements and goals for 2020, and will vote on recommending the requirements to the EAC's Acting Executive Director.

Draft VVSG Requirements can be found at the TWiki page link: <https://collaborate.nist.gov/voting/bin/view/Voting/VVSG20DraftRequirements>. The most current version of the draft VVSG 2.0 Requirements is clearly marked at the top of the page to ensure the latest version is the topic of discussion at the time of the meetings. As stated in the disclaimer (and in each document), the Requirements are in a draft state and are not yet ready for final posting in their current form. These are provided "as is" for facilitating our on-going discussions, but do not yet represent an official or final version.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerome Lovato, Telephone: (301) 563-3919.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public may submit relevant written statements to the Technical Guidelines Development Committee with respect to the meeting no later than 10:00 a.m. EDT on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Statements may be sent via email to [facaboards@eac.gov](mailto:facaboards@eac.gov), via standard mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or by fax at 301-734-3108.

This conference call will be open to the public.

**Nichelle S. Williams,**

*Director of Research, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OA-2019-0296; FRL-10003-09-OMS]

### Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions (EPA ICR Number 2243.09, OMB Control Number 2020-0033) 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 January 31, 2020. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2019 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 February 28, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OA-2019-0296, to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), 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.

The 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:

Candi Schaedle, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities, Mail Code 2203A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-6121; fax number: 202-564-0070; email address: [schaedle.candi@epa.gov](mailto:schaedle.candi@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:** The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347 establishes a national policy for the environment. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) oversees the NEPA implementation. CEQ's Regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 set the standard for NEPA compliance. They also require agencies to establish their own NEPA implementing procedures. The EPA's procedures for implementing NEPA are found in 40 CFR part 6. Through this part, the EPA adopted the CEQ Regulations and supplemented those regulations for actions proposed by the EPA that are subject to NEPA requirements. The EPA actions subject to NEPA include the award of wastewater treatment construction grants under Title II of the Clean Water Act, the EPA's issuance of new source National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act, certain research and development projects, development and issuance of regulations, the EPA actions involving renovations or new construction of EPA facilities, and certain grants awarded for projects authorized by Congress through the Agency's annual appropriations act. The EPA is collecting information from certain applicants as part of the process of complying with either NEPA or Executive Order 12114 ("Environmental

Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions"). The EPA's NEPA regulations apply to actions of the EPA that are subject to NEPA in order to ensure that environmental information is available to the Agency's decision-makers and the public before decisions are made and before actions are taken. When the EPA conducts an environmental assessment pursuant to its Executive Order 12114 procedures, the Agency generally follows its NEPA procedures. Compliance with the procedures is the responsibility of the EPA's Responsible Officials, and for applicant proposed actions applicants may be required to provide environmental information to the EPA as part of the environmental review process. For this ICR, applicant-proposed projects subject to either NEPA or Executive Order 12114 (and that are not addressed in other EPA programs' ICRs) are addressed through the NEPA process.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Certain grant or permit applicants who must submit environmental information documentation to the EPA for their projects to comply with NEPA or Executive Order 12114, including Wastewater Treatment Construction Grants Program facilities, State and Tribal Assistance Grant recipients, and new source National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permittees.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Voluntary.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 27 (total).

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Total estimated burden:* 7,560 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$631,800 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is a decrease of 6,117 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to an adjustment change in the size of the respondent universe.

**Courtney Kerwin,**

*Director, Regulatory Support Division.*

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