

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low-income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide(s) discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

## II. What action is the agency taking?

Under section 18 of the FIFRA (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the EPA Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the EPA Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA), Office of the Indiana State Chemist (OISC) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) have requested the EPA Administrator to issue specific exemptions for the use of pyriproxyfen on mint for postemergence control of herbicide-resistant weeds such as redroot pigweed and other broadleaf weeds.

Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of these requests. The applicants' submissions, which provide an explanation of the critical need for the emergency exemptions, as well as the proposed use pattern can be found in their section 18 emergency exemption application requests at <http://www.regulations.gov>, under the docket number EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0035.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the applications themselves. The regulations governing FIFRA section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt for the specific exemption requests submitted by ODA, WSDA, OISC and MDARD because they propose the use of pyriproxyfen, which was voluntarily canceled in 2004 and is now unregistered under the FIFRA.

A PRIA section 3 application for this chemical and use is currently under review. This notice provides an opportunity for public comment on these applications. The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in

determining whether to issue the specific exemptions requested by ODA, WSDA, OISC, and MDARD as well as any subsequent specific exemption applications submitted by other state lead agencies.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: March 20, 2020.

**Michael Goodis,**

*Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2018-0774; FRL-10007-87-OMS]

### Information Collection Request Submittal to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Evaluating End User Satisfaction of EPA's Research Products (New)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Evaluating End User Satisfaction of EPA's Research Products (EPA ICR Number 2593.01, OMB Control Number 2080-NEW) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a new request. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on September 13, 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 in this notice, including the ICR's 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 May 8, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2018-0774, to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (EPA's preferred method), by email to [ow-docket@epa.gov](mailto:ow-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:

Sean Paul, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Program Accountability and Resource Management, Office of Research and Development, Mail Code 41182, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-7099; fax number: (202) 565-2910; email address: [paul.sean@epa.gov](mailto:paul.sean@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that 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 purpose of this information collection is to survey stakeholders currently using the EPA's Office of Research and Development's (ORD) scientific research products to increase transparency and public participation, and to ascertain the quality, usability, and timeliness of the research products. ORD will collect these data to inform the annual end of year performance reporting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that will be published each year in the Annual Performance Report (APR), which is part of the President's Budget Request and mandated under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). The survey results will be used to estimate the degree to which ORD research products meet customer needs and will enable the improvement of the development and delivery of products. Some of the information reported on the form is confidential, which will be withheld from the public pursuant to Section 107(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978. Participation is voluntary.

**Form numbers:** None.

**Respondents/affected entities:** Life, physical and social science professionals.

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Voluntary.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 250 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Annually.

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

*Total estimated cost:* \$4,785 (per year) which includes \$0 annualized capital or O&M costs.

*Changes in estimates:* The new burden in this ICR survey of individuals currently using ORD's products, which is part of a new framework to evaluate ORD's scientific research products.

**Courtney Kerwin,**

*Director, Regulatory Support Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request; National Practitioner Data Bank Attestation of Reports by Hospitals, Medical Malpractice Payers, Health Plans, Health Centers, and Other Eligible Entities, OMB No. 0906-0028 Revision

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public during the review and approval period. OMB may act on HRSA's ICR only after the 30 day comment period for this Notice has closed.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR should be received no later than May 8, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, email Lisa

Wright-Solomon, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or call (301) 443-1984.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Information Collection Request Title:* National Practitioner Data Bank Attestation of Reports by Hospitals, Medical Malpractice Payers, Health Plans, Health Centers, and Other Eligible Entities, OMB No. 0906-0028—Revision.

*Abstract:* The National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) proposes to continue collecting data from entities, such as hospitals, medical malpractice payers, health plans, and health centers that are subject to NPDB reporting requirements during registration renewal.<sup>1</sup> This will allow the NPDB to continue to assist these entities in understanding and meeting their reporting requirements.

NPDB plans to expand its population of focus to include other eligible entities,<sup>2</sup> including ambulatory surgery centers, group medical practices, skilled nursing facilities, mental health centers, and other registered entities. Beyond attesting to meeting NPDB reporting requirements, entities will also attest to querying and confidentiality compliance.

NPDB began operation on September 1, 1990. The statutory authorities establishing and governing the NPDB are Title IV of Public Law (Pub. L.) 99-660, the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986, as amended, Section 5 of the Medicare and Medicaid Patient and Program Protection Act of 1987, Public Law 100-93, codified as Section 1921 of the Social Security Act,

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, the term "health centers" refers to health centers whose access and reporting obligations are addressed in the NPDB statutory and regulatory requirements for health care entities. In this document, "health center" refers to organizations that receive grants under the HRSA Health Center Program as authorized under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (referred to as "grantees") and FQHC Look-Alike organizations, which meet all the Health Center Program requirements but do not receive Health Center Program grants. It does not refer to FQHCs that are sponsored by tribal or Urban Indian Health Organizations, except for those that receive Health Center Program grants.

<sup>2</sup> "Other eligible entities" that participate in the NPDB are defined in the provisions of Title IV, Section 1921, Section 1128E, and implementing regulations. In addition, a few federal agencies also participate with the NPDB through federal memorandums of understanding. Eligible entities are responsible for complying with all reporting and/or querying requirements that apply; some entities may qualify as more than one type of eligible entity. Each eligible entity must certify its eligibility in order to report to the NPDB, query the NPDB, or both. Information from the NPDB is available only to those entities specified as eligible in the statutes and regulations. Not all entities have the same reporting requirements or level of query access.

and Section 221(a) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, codified as Section 1128E of the Social Security Act. Final regulations governing the NPDB are codified at 45 CFR part 60. Responsibility of the NPDB implementation and operation resides in the Bureau of Health Workforce, HRSA, HHS.

NPDB acts primarily as a flagging system; its principal purpose is to facilitate comprehensive review of practitioners' professional credentials and background. Information on medical malpractice payments, health-related civil judgments, adverse licensure actions, adverse clinical privileging actions, adverse professional society actions, and Medicare/Medicaid exclusions is collected from, and disseminated to, eligible entities such as licensing boards, hospitals, and other health care entities. It is intended that NPDB information should be considered with other relevant information in evaluating a practitioner's credentials.

NPDB outlines specific reporting requirements for hospitals, medical malpractice payers, health plans, health centers and other eligible entities; per 45 CFR part 60. These reporting requirements are further explained in Chapter E of the NPDB e-Guidebook, which can be found at <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/resources/aboutGuidebooks.jsp>.

Through a process called Attestation, hospitals, medical malpractice payers, health plans, health centers, and other eligible entities are required to attest that they understand and have met their responsibility to submit all required reports, queries, and maintain confidentiality adherence with NPDB compliance. The Attestation process is completely automated through the secure NPDB system (<http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov>), using both secure email messaging and system notifications to alert entities registered with the NPDB of their responsibility to attest. All entities with reporting requirements and querying access to the NPDB must register with the NPDB before gaining access to the secure NPDB system for all reporting and querying transactions.

The secure NPDB system currently used by hospitals, medical malpractice payers, health plans, health centers, and other entities to conduct reporting and querying will not undergo any changes, ensuring that these entities are familiar with the interface needed to complete the Attestation process. NPDB asks these entities to attest to their reporting, querying, and confidentiality