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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502–8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* FERC–512, Preliminary Permit.  
*OMB Control No.:* 1902–0073.

*Type of Request:* Three-year approval of the FERC–512 information collection requirements, with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The Commission regulates nonfederal hydropower projects on navigable waters and federal lands pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>1</sup> The FERC–512 is an application for a preliminary permit or to extend a preliminary permit term. Preliminary permits, issued for up to four years, preserve the right of permit holders to have first priority in applying for a license for a project being studied, but do not authorize construction of any facilities. Nor does a preliminary permit allow the use of eminent domain to acquire lands for the project. The preliminary permits are issued pursuant to sections 4(f), 5, and 7 of the FPA. Preliminary permits may be extended one time for up to four additional years, pursuant to section 5 of the FPA. The purpose of obtaining a preliminary permit is to maintain priority status for an application for a license while the applicant conducts site examinations and surveys to prepare maps, plans, specifications, and estimates. This period of time also provides the applicant with the opportunity to conduct engineering, economic, and environmental feasibility studies in addition to making the financial arrangements for funding the

construction of the project. No other application for a preliminary permit or application for license submitted by another party can be accepted during the permit term. The application for a preliminary permit is used by Commission staff to assess the scope of the proposed project, the technology to be used, and jurisdictional aspects of the project. The staff assessment includes a review of the proposed hydro development for conflicts with other permits or existing projects and public notice of the application to solicit public and agency comments. The application for a one-time extension, up to four years, of a preliminary permit is used by Commission staff to determine if a permittee has met the 2018 Water Infrastructure Act’s good faith and reasonable diligence standard. An application for a preliminary permit includes an initial statement and three numbered exhibits, per 18 CFR 4.81. The initial statement includes information on the applicant, the project, the requested term of the permit, affected political jurisdictions, and a verification of the facts.

*Type of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit and not for-profit institutions.

*Estimate of Annual Burden<sup>2</sup> and Cost:*<sup>3</sup> The Commission estimates as shown below in the table:

**FERC–512—(PRELIMINARY PERMIT)**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Average annual cost per respondent
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)*(4)=(5)	(5)=(1)
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping	50	1	50	24 hrs.; \$1,992	1,200 hrs.; \$99,600.	\$1,992
<b>TOTAL FERC–512 .....</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>24 hrs.; \$1,992</b>	<b>1,200 hrs.; \$99,600.</b>	<b>\$1,992</b>

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection;

and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 5, 2021.  
**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*  
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explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>3</sup> Commission staff estimates that the industry’s skill set and cost (for wages and benefits) for FERC–

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RC11–6–011]

**North American Electric Reliability Corporation; Notice of Filing**

Take notice that on December 30, 2020, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation submitted an

512 are approximately the same as the Commission’s average cost. The FERC 2020 average salary plus benefits for one FERC full-time equivalent (FTE) is \$172,329/year (or \$83.00/hour).

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r (2012).

<sup>2</sup> Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further

annual report on Find, Fix, Track and Report and Compliance Exception programs, in accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Orders.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> North American Electric Reliability Corp., Order Accepting With Conditions the Electric Reliability Organization's Petition Requesting Approval of New Enforcement Mechanisms and Requiring Compliance Filing, 138 FERC 61,193 (2012) (March 2012 Order).

North American Electric Reliability Corp., Order on Compliance Filing, 143 FERC 61,253 (2013) (June 2013 Order).

North American Electric Reliability Corp., Order on Compliance Filing, 148 FERC 61,214 (2014) (September 2014 Order).

North American Electric Reliability Corp., Docket No. RC11-6-004 (Nov. 13, 2015) (delegated letter order) (November 2015 Order).

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 20, 2021.

Dated: January 5, 2021.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0628; FRL-10016-60-OMS]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Experimental Use Permits (EUPs) for Pesticides (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Experimental Use Permits (EUPs) for Pesticides (EPA ICR Number 0276.17 and OMB Control Number 2070-0040), 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 an existing ICR, which is currently approved through February 28, 2021. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on August 17, 2020. 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 current valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 10, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to EPA, referencing docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0628, online using <http://www.regulations.gov>.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the 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. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the

proposed information collection 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:

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the EPA Docket Center, West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is (202) 566-1744. Please note that due to the public health concerns related to COVID-19, the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) and Reading Room is closed to visitors with limited exceptions. The staff continues to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. For the latest status information on EPA/DC services and docket access, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**Abstract:** The information collection provides EPA with the data necessary to determine whether to issue an EUP under section 5 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). FIFRA requires that before a pesticide product may be distributed or sold in the U.S., it must be registered by EPA. However, FIFRA section 5 authorizes EPA to issue an EUP to allow pesticide companies to temporarily ship pesticide products for experimental use for the purpose of gathering data necessary to support the application for registration of a pesticide product. In general, EUPs are issued either for a pesticide not registered with the Agency or for a new use of a registered pesticide.

**Form Number:** 8570-17.

**Respondents/Affected entities:** Pesticide and other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing.

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Mandatory under FIFRA section 5.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 31.

**Frequency of response:** On occasion.

**Estimated total burden:** 567 hours.

**Estimated total costs:** \$37,497. This includes an estimated cost of \$0 for non-