SUMMARY: The EPA Administrator signed orders, dated January 13, 2021, and January 15, 2021, denying the petitions submitted on separate permitting actions in Utah and North Dakota, respectively. The January 13, 2021 Order pertains to two petitions submitted by the Sierra Club requesting that EPA object to the issuance of the Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permit issued to the Hunter Power Plant in Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (UDAQ). The January 13, 2021 Order responds to Sierra Club’s April 11, 2016 petition regarding title V operating permit #1500101002 (2016 Permit), and Sierra Club’s October 20, 2020 petition regarding title V operating permit #1500101004 (2020 Permit). The January 15, 2021 Order responds to petitions submitted by Casey and Julie Voigt requesting that EPA object to the title V operating permit issued to the Coyote Station Power Plant in Beulah, Mercer County, North Dakota, by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ). The Orders constitute final actions on the petitions.

ADDRESSES: You may review copies of the Orders and petitions electronically at https://www.epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/title-v-petition-database. To reduce the risk of COVID–19 transmission, for this action we do not plan to offer hard copy review of these documents or other supporting information. Please email or call the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section if you need to make alternative arrangements for access to the documents.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail Fallon, Air Permitting and Monitoring Branch (8ARD–PM), EPA Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado, 80202–1129. Phone (303) 312–6281. Email: fallon.gail@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CAA affords EPA a 45-day period to review and, as appropriate, the authority to object to operating permits proposed by state permitting authorities under title V of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. 7661–7661f. Section 505(b)(2) of the CAA and 40 CFR 70.8(d) authorize any person to petition the EPA Administrator to object to a title V operating permit within 60 days after the expiration of EPA’s 45-day review period if EPA has not objected on its own initiative. Petitions must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the state, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issues arose after this period. Pursuant to sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the Act, a petition for judicial review of those portions of the Order that deny issues in the petition may be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit within 60 days from the date this document appears in the Federal Register.

State Operating Permit for Hunter Power Plant (Emery County, Utah)

EPA received petitions from the Sierra Club, requesting that EPA object to the 2016 Permit and the 2020 Permit for the Hunter Power Plant. Among other things, the Sierra Club claims that the 2016 and 2020 Permits are deficient because they do not include Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting requirements. More specifically, the Sierra Club asserts that Best Achievable Control Technology requirements as well as terms and conditions necessary to adequately protect national ambient air quality standards and PSD increments are required. EPA denied the 2016 petition on October 16, 2017; however, the Sierra Club sought judicial review of a portion of the 2017 Order in the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. On July 2, 2020, the Tenth Circuit issued a decision vacating and remanding the 2017 Order. EPA’s January 13, 2021 Order responds to the Tenth Circuit’s decision, replaces the vacated portion of EPA’s 2017 Order, and separately responds to the 2020 Petition.

On January 13, 2021, the Administrator issued an Order denying the petitions, but directing UDAQ to reopen the 2020 Permit for cause.

State Operating Permit for Coyote Station Power Plant (Mercer County, North Dakota)

EPA received petitions from the Voights, requesting that EPA object to the title V permit for the Coyote Station Power Plant. The Voights allege that the permit fails to ensure compliance with applicable requirements under the CAA in that: (1) The Coyote Station Power Plant and the nearby Coyote Creek Mine should be considered a single source for title V and New Source Review purposes and, therefore, not permitted separately; (2) the permit fails to include appropriate CAA requirements for the mine, the mine’s coal processing plant, and the power plant; (3) EPA did not provide a 45-day advance notice of the hearings for the permit and the mine; and (4) the permit fails to include the final portion of the 2017 Order.


ENvironmental Protection AGENCY

[EDocket 2021–0128]

Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) (Reinstatement)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), “Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) (Reinstatement)” (EPA ICR No. 0318.14, OMB Control No. 2040–0050) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a reinstatement of the ICR. 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 30, 2021.


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: Elisabeth Schlaut, Office of Water; State Revolving Fund Branch, 4204M, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.
FEDERALURY 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 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. EPA is temporarily suspending its Docket Center and Reading Room for public visitors, with limited exceptions, to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID–19. Our Docket Center staff will continue to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. For additional information about EPA’s public docket, visit http://www.epa.gov/ docket.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), 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 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) is required by Clean Water Act (CWA) Sections 205(a) and 516. It is a periodic inventory of existing and planned publicly owned wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities, combined sewer overflow correction, stormwater management and other water pollution control facilities in the United States, as well as an estimate of how many of these facilities need to be built. The CWNS is a joint effort between EPA and the states. The CWNS collects cost and technical data from states that are associated with publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) and other water pollution control facilities, existing and planned. The respondents who provide this information to EPA are state agencies responsible for environmental pollution control and local facility contacts who provide documentation to the states. Periodically, the states request data or documentation from contacts at the facility or local government level. These respondents are referred to as facilities.

No confidential information is used, nor is sensitive information protected from release under the Public Information Act. EPA achieves national consistency in the final results through the application of uniform guidelines and validation techniques.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Voluntary.

Estimated number of respondents: 56 States and Territories, 5,349 Local Facilities (total).

Frequency of response: Every 4 years.

Total estimated burden: 9,645 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: $505,004 (per year), includes $0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in Estimates: There is an increase of 541 hours and $134,820 in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR previously approved by OMB. This increase is based upon an increase in facility universe, as well as an adjustment in labor rates and benefits.


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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

[No. 2021–N–2]

Federal Home Loan Bank Community Support Program—Opportunity To Comment on Members Subject To Review

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Agency.

ACTION: Notice.