

request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) renew its approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act for an existing information collection, entitled the OGE Form 278e Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report.

**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:** Grant Anderson at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics; telephone: 202–482–9318; TTY: 800–877–8339; Email: [Grant.Anderson@oge.gov](mailto:Grant.Anderson@oge.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report.  
*Agency Form Number:* OGE Form 278e.

*Abstract:* The OGE Form 278 collects information from certain officers and high-level employees in the executive branch for conflicts of interest review and public disclosure. The form is also completed by individuals who are nominated by the President for high-level executive branch positions requiring Senate confirmation and individuals entering into and departing from other public reporting positions in the executive branch. The financial information collected relates to: Assets and income; transactions; gifts, reimbursements and travel expenses; liabilities; agreements or arrangements; outside positions; and compensation over \$5,000 paid by a source—all subject to various reporting thresholds and exclusions. The information is collected in accordance with section 102 of the Ethics in Government Act, 5 U.S.C. app. sec. 102, as amended by the Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act (Pub. L. 112–105) (STOCK Act) and OGE’s implementing financial disclosure regulations at 5 CFR part 2634.

In 2013, OGE sought and received approval for the OGE Form 278e, an electronic version of the Form 278, implemented pursuant to the e-filing system mandated under section 11(b) of the STOCK Act. The OGE Form 278e collects the same information as the OGE Form 278. In 2014, OGE sought and received approval to incorporate the OGE Form 278e into its *Integrity* e-filing application. *Integrity* has been in use since January 1, 2015, and OGE now

requires filers to use a version of the OGE Form 278e rather than the old OGE Form 278. The version of the Form 278e that is produced by *Integrity* is a streamlined output report format that presents only the filer’s inputs in given categories and does not report other categories not selected by the filer. OGE also continues to maintain an Excel version of the form and a 508 compliant PDF version on its website.

A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this information collection was published on June 2, 2021 (86 FR 29583). OGE received four responses to that notice, two of which contained several suggestions.

Several of the suggestions addressed the reporting requirements, for example eliminating the requirement to report diversified mutual funds. The financial disclosure requirements are dictated by the Ethics in Government Act (EIGA), 5 U.S.C. app. sec. 102, as amended. Therefore, these suggested changes could not be made without revisions to the EIGA. Several of the suggestions proposed user experience changes to the *Integrity* system. There is a pre-existing process to collect, analyze, and prioritize proposed changes to the *Integrity* system through the *Integrity* Advisory Council (IAC). Agency employees should forward suggestions concerning *Integrity* to their agency’s *Integrity* administrator or an agency ethics official who can present the suggestions for IAC consideration.

Two suggestions involved the clarity of the form’s instructions. One of these suggestions was considered, but it was determined that making the change would actually decrease the overall clarity of the instructions. The other suggestion made a valid point that a particular instruction can be confusing to filers, but offered no specific alternative. Without a specific alternative to consider, OGE is unable to make this change as part of the Paperwork Reduction Act renewal process. OGE intends to study the issue for a future revision.

Finally, several suggestions made by Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington (CREW) focused on requiring additional personal information from filers, which would increase the burden of the information collection and may implicate privacy concerns. One CREW proposal suggested requiring more information about filers’ assets. That idea was previously considered and OGE determined that the resulting burden to the filer would be too high. Some of CREW’s suggestions are not directly related to the purpose of the form and/

or would require a legislative or regulatory change. To the extent that the proposed changes may assist the government in identifying potential conflicts of interest, they will be considered for a future iteration of the form.

*OMB Control Number:* 3209–0001.

*Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Type of Review Request:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Private citizen Presidential nominees to executive branch positions subject to Senate confirmation; other private citizens who are potential (incoming) Federal employees whose positions are designated for public disclosure filing; those who file termination reports from such positions after their Government service ends; and Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 3,196.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 31,960 hours.

*Request for Comments:* OGE is publishing this second round notice of its intent to request paperwork clearance renewal for OGE Form 278e. Public comment is invited specifically on the need for and practical utility of this information collection, the accuracy of OGE’s burden estimate, the enhancement of quality, utility and clarity of the information collected, and the minimization of burden (including the use of information technology). The comments will become a matter of public record.

Approved: August 10, 2021.

**Emory Rounds,**

*Director, U.S. Office of Government Ethics.*

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**OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Information Collection Renewal; Comment Request for OGE Form 450 Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report**

**AGENCY:** Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** After publication of this second round notice, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) plans to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) renew its approval

under the Paperwork Reduction Act for an existing information collection, entitled the OGE Form 450 Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

*Comments:* 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:** Grant Anderson at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics; telephone: 202–482–9318; TTY: 800–877–8339; Email: [Grant.Anderson@oge.gov](mailto:Grant.Anderson@oge.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

*Agency Form Number:* OGE Form 450.

*Abstract:* The OGE Form 450 collects information from covered department and agency employees as required under OGE’s executive branch wide regulatory provisions in subpart I of 5 CFR part 2634. The basis for the OGE reporting regulation is section 201(d) of Executive Order 12674 of April 12, 1989 (as modified by Executive Order 12731 of October 17, 1990) and section 107(a) of the Ethics in Government Act, 5 U.S.C. app. sec. 107(a). OGE maintains the form in three formats on its website: A PDF version, a 508 compliant PDF version, and an Excel spreadsheet version. OGE seeks renewal of the OGE Form 450 without modification.

A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this information collection was published on June 2, 2021 (86 FR 29584). OGE received five responses to that notice, one of which did not directly address the information collection.

The other four comments suggest requiring additional information, apparently for the benefit of the government employees tasked with reviewing the information. These suggestions would add additional reporting burden to filers and could have privacy implications. One of the suggestions would also require a regulatory change. Accordingly, OGE declined to adopt these suggestions in seeking Paperwork Reduction Act renewal for the OGE Form 450.

*OMB Control Number:* 3209–0006.

*Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Type of Review Request:* Regular.

*Affected public:* Prospective Government employees, including special Government employees, whose positions are designated for confidential disclosure filing and whose agencies require that they file new entrant confidential disclosure reports prior to assuming Government responsibilities.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 30,449.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 91,347 hours.

*Request for Comments:* OGE is publishing this second round notice of its intent to request paperwork clearance renewal for the OGE Form 450. Public comment is invited specifically on the need for and practical utility of this information collection, the accuracy of OGE’s burden estimate, the enhancement of quality, utility and clarity of the information collected, and the minimization of burden (including the use of information technology). The comments will become a matter of public record.

Approved: August 10, 2021.

**Emory Rounds,**

*Director, U.S. Office of Government Ethics.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry**

**[60Day–21–0048; Docket No. ATSDR–2021–0007]**

**Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

**AGENCY:** Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled ATSDR Exposure Investigations (EIs). The

information collection is designed to evaluate public health issues at a site resulting from environmental exposure. ATSDR EIs fill data gaps by conducting environmental and biological sampling.

**DATES:** ATSDR must receive written comments on or before October 12, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. ATSDR–2021–0007 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. ATSDR will post, without change, all relevant comments to [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov).

**Please note:** Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov)) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404–639–7118; Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. 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;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the