

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0489; FRL-9207-01-OMS]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Air Emissions Reporting Requirements (Renewal)**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Air Emissions Reporting Requirements (EPA ICR Number 2170.08, OMB Control Number 2060-0580) 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 December 31, 2021. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 7, 2021, 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 November 29, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0489, online using 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.

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.

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. 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 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 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 EPA promulgated the Air Emissions Reporting Requirements (AERR) (40 CFR part 51, subpart A) to coordinate emissions inventory reporting requirements with existing requirements of the Clean Air Act and 1990 Amendments. Under this reporting, 54 state and territorial air quality agencies, including the District of Columbia, as well as an estimated 31 local and tribal air quality agencies, must submit emissions data every 3 years for all point, non-point, and some non-road mobile sources of volatile organic compounds, oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter less than or equal to 10 micrometers in diameter, particulate matter less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers in diameter, ammonia, and lead. These agencies must also submit emissions model input data every 3 years for on-road mobile and non-road mobile equipment, except for California, which must submit emissions for these data categories of the same pollutants listed above. In addition, the air quality agencies must submit annually emission data for point sources with the potential to emit at greater than specified levels of those pollutants.

Fewer agencies are required to report during these interim years because of higher emissions thresholds, with an estimated 54 states/territories and 23 local and tribal agencies required to report. The average numbers of annual respondents over a 3-year period are 54 states/territories and 26 local and tribal agencies. The EPA needs the data collected from the emission reporting to compile and provide to the public a national inventory of air pollutant emissions. A comprehensive inventory

updated at regular intervals is essential to allow the EPA to fulfill its mandate to monitor and plan for the attainment and maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards established for criteria pollutants.

The number and frequency of data collection and submittal is expected to remain the same for 2022-2024.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: State, territorial, and local government air quality managements programs. Tribal governments are not affected unless they have sought and obtained treatment as state status under the Tribal Authority Rule and on that basis, are authorized to implement and enforce the AERR rule.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory under 23 U.S.C. 101; 42 U.S.C 7401-7671q, and the authority of the AERR. This information is mandatory and, as specified, cannot be treated as confidential by the EPA.

Estimated annual average number of respondents: 80 (total).

Frequency of response: Annual.

Total estimated burden: 49,502 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$4,783,367 (per year), includes \$255,000 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the estimates: There is an increase of 2,254 hours and \$30,000 in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR previously approved by OMB. The increase does not reflect a change in burden for each respondent, but rather reflects the latest counts of local agencies that report their emissions.

Courtney Kerwin,

Director, Regulatory Support Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762; FRL- 9153-01-OLEM]

Strategy To Reduce Lead Exposures and Disparities in U.S. Communities**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on its draft Strategy to Reduce Lead Exposures and Disparities in U.S. Communities. The EPA has developed

this lead strategy to further reduce lead exposures in communities, and particularly those with environmental justice concerns.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 26, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762 to:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, Office of Land and Emergency Management Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier (by scheduled appointment only):* EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Docket Center's hours of operations are 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday (except Federal Holidays).

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this action. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information, see the “Public Participation” heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. Out of an abundance of caution for members of the public and our staff, the EPA Docket Center and Reading Room are open to the public by appointment only to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. Our Docket Center staff also continues to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. Hand deliveries and couriers may be received by scheduled appointment only. For further information on EPA Docket Center services and the current status, please visit us online at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stiven Foster, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Mail Code: 5103T, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-1911; email address: foster.stiven@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Written Comments

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762 at https://www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), or the other

methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA's docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Proprietary Business Information (PBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about PBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

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The EPA continues to carefully and continuously monitor information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local area health departments, and our Federal partners so that we can respond rapidly as conditions change regarding COVID-19.

II. Background

The EPA has developed the Strategy to Reduce Lead Exposures and Disparities in U.S. Communities (Lead Strategy) to further reduce lead exposures in communities, and particularly those with environmental justice concerns. Adverse effects on intellect, ability to pay attention, and academic achievement have been linked to very low levels of lead in children's blood. The EPA will focus on eliminating the disparities in blood lead levels by taking targeted actions informed by scientific information to prevent exposures that could lead to lifelong impacts on social and economic achievement. The EPA is seeking public comment on this draft strategy. Following the public comment period,

the EPA will revise and implement the Lead Strategy.

The EPA will work with other federal agencies and engage states, tribes, territories, and local partners throughout Lead Strategy implementation to target technical and financial resources to address priorities. The EPA will prioritize implementation of actions in the Lead Strategy based on their effectiveness in eliminating exposures to vulnerable communities and available resources. To do this, the EPA will apply best practices, via program evaluation and other evidence-building approaches to assess the impacts of key local-scale programs.

Dated: October 21, 2021.

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Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Land and Emergency Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0465; FRL-9205-01-OMS]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Water Quality Standards Regulation (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Water Quality Standards Regulation (EPA ICR Number 0988.15, OMB Control Number 2040-0049), 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 December 31, 2021. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on March 24, 2021 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.

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