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DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before January 26, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA HQ-OAR-2020-0624, 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 <https://www.regulations.gov>, or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, 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 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Kraft, Soda, Sulfite, and Stand-Alone Semicheical Pulp Mills apply to new and existing chemical recovery combustion sources at kraft, soda, sulfite, and stand-alone semicheical pulp mills, for which the

chemical recovery combustion sources emit greater than or equal to 10 tons per year (tpy) of any one hazardous air pollutant (HAP) or greater than or equal to 25 tpy of any combination of HAPs. In general, all NESHAP standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports by the owners/operators of the affected facilities. They are also required to maintain records of any failures to meet applicable standards, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance, and are required of all affected facilities subject to 40 CFR part 63, subpart MM.

Form Numbers: 5900-520.

Respondents/affected entities:

Chemical recovery combustion sources at kraft, soda, sulfite, and stand-alone semicheical pulp mills.

Respondent's obligation to respond:

Mandatory (40 CFR part 63, subpart MM).

Estimated number of respondents: 104 (total).

Frequency of response: Initially, occasionally, and semiannually.

Total estimated burden: 117,000 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

Total estimated cost: \$14,700,000 (per year), which includes \$788,000 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an adjustment decrease in the total estimated burden as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. This decrease is not due to any program changes. This ICR includes a more accurate estimate of the number of existing facilities based on review of EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) and Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP) databases and consultations with the Agency's internal industry experts, and revises the previous number of 107 respondents down to 104. All 3 of the facilities removed are classified as Kraft Mills. The number of existing sources is adjusted downward to 254 and the number of ESPs is revised down to 178. This ICR also adjusts the growth rate from the previous ICR to remove the burden for a new source that was constructed in 2021, and removes burden from one-time initial compliance activities following the 2017 final rule (adjusting existing data acquisition systems to reflect the changes from the final rule). Therefore, the change in burden from the most-recently approved ICR, as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens, is attributed to the

alteration in total respondents, and because these standards have been in effect for more than three years. This ICR, by in large, reflects the on-going burden and costs for existing facilities. The decrease in the capital/startup cost is solely attributed to the decrease in total respondents. Since there are no significant changes in the regulatory requirements, the operation and maintenance (O&M) costs remain unaffected.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OGC-2021-0942; FRL-9373-01-OGC]

Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Clean Air Act, as amended (CAA or the Act), notice is given of a proposed consent decree in *Center for Biological Diversity, et al. v. Regan*, No. 4:21-cv-06166-JST. On August 11, 2021, Plaintiffs Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Environmental Health, and Sierra Club (collectively "Plaintiffs") filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Plaintiffs alleged that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) failed to perform certain non-discretionary duties in accordance with the Act to promulgate final actions for two nonattainment areas under the 2010 1-hour primary sulfur dioxide (SO₂) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS): A final federal implementation plan (FIP) for the Detroit, Michigan SO₂ nonattainment area, and approval or disapproval of the state implementation plan (SIP) for the Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties, Maryland SO₂ nonattainment area. The proposed consent decree would establish deadlines for EPA to take these actions.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by *January 26, 2022*.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2021-0942, online at <https://www.regulations.gov> (EPA's preferred

method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID number 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 on the rulemaking process, see the “Additional Information about Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree” heading under 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 closed to the public, 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. We encourage the public to submit comments via <https://www.regulations.gov/>, as there may be a delay in processing mail and faxes. 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>.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Thrift, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-8852; email address thrift.mike@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining a Copy of the Proposed Consent Decree

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2021-0942) contains a copy of the proposed consent decree.

The electronic version of the public docket for this action contains a copy of the proposed consent decree, and is available through <https://www.regulations.gov/>. You may use <https://www.regulations.gov/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the

official public docket, and access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select “search.”

II. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree

The proposed consent decree would establish deadlines for EPA to take final actions pursuant to Clean Air Act (CAA) sections 110(c)(1) and 110(k)(2) for two nonattainment areas under the 2010 1-hour primary sulfur dioxide (SO₂) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). Specifically, the consent decree would require: By September 30, 2022, that EPA promulgate a final federal implementation plan (FIP) for the Detroit, Michigan SO₂ nonattainment area under CAA section 110(c)(1), 42 U.S.C. 7410(c)(1); and by October 31, 2022, that EPA take final action to approve or disapprove the complete submitted state implementation plan (SIP) for the Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties, Maryland, SO₂ nonattainment area under CAA section 110(k)(2), 42 U.S.C. 7410(k)(2).

In accordance with section 113(g) of the CAA, for a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document, the Agency will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act.

III. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2021-0942, via <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from this docket. 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 Confidential Business Information (CBI) 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. 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 CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>. For additional information about submitting information identified as CBI, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document. Note that written comments containing CBI and submitted by mail may be delayed and deliveries or couriers will be received by scheduled appointment only.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an email address or other contact information in the body of your comment. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket and made available in EPA’s electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Use of the <https://www.regulations.gov/> website to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA’s preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity, email address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked “late.” EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

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