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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: This ICR package is a renewal of an existing collection. The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) regulations are in 40 CFR part 80, subpart M. Because it is more efficient and easier for regulated parties to understand, we seek to consolidate the following approved ICRs into this collection: “Modifications to Fuel Regulations to Provide Flexibility for E15; Modifications to RFS RIN Market Regulations (Final Rule),” OMB Control Number 2060–0723, expiring November 30, 2022; and “Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2020 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2021, Response to the Remand of the 2016 Standards, and Other Changes (Final Rule),” OMB Control Number 2060–0728, expiring December 31, 2023.

What is the RFS Program?

The RFS program was created under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA Act), which amended the Clean Air Act (CAA). The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) further amended the CAA by expanding the RFS program. The RFS program is a national policy that requires a certain volume of renewable fuel to replace or reduce the quantity of petroleum-based transportation fuel, heating oil or jet fuel.

What are the Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Associated with the RFS Program?

The reporting requirements of the RFS program typically fall under registration and compliance reporting. Recordkeeping requirements include product transfer documents (PTDs) and

retention of records that support items reported. Because RFS relies upon a marketplace of RINs, EPA has created and maintains the EPA Moderated Transaction System (EMTS) capable of handling a high volume of RIN trading activities.

Who are the Respondents for the RFS Program?

The respondents to this ICR are RIN Generators (producers and importers of renewable fuel), Obligated Parties (refiners and importers of gasoline and diesel), Exporters, RIN Owners, independent third-party Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) Providers, Third Parties (Auditors who submit reports on behalf of other respondents), and certain petitioners under the international aggregate compliance approach (such petitions are infrequent).

Respondents/affected entities: RIN Generators, Obligated Parties, RIN Owners, Exporters, QAP Providers, Third Parties (Auditors) and Petitioners under the international aggregate compliance approach. These parties include producers and importers of renewable fuels and refiners and importers of gasoline and diesel transportation fuels.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Mandatory.

Estimated number of respondents: 45,558 (total).

Frequency of response: On occasion/daily, quarterly, annual.

Total estimated burden: 860,971 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$23,039,905 (per year),¹ all of which is purchased services, and includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is net decrease of 66,917 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICRs (as discussed above, this ICR combines three ICRs in the renewal of 2060–0725; these three total 927,888 hours) currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to several factors. Certain reporting burdens (e.g., initial registration or initial programming of product codes) are one-time and front-loaded as far as their hourly burden; and this leads to a decrease in total hours upon renewal in subsequent years. The number of parties participating in various recordkeeping and reporting activities based upon their roles in the program is somewhat fluid, and activity

¹ The total labor and non-labor cost of this collection is estimated at \$93,160,406; only non-labor costs are reflected in the OMB inventory. The supporting statement and detailed burden estimate tables explain these costs.

varies with economic conditions, and we tended to be overly generous in our initial estimates. Upon renewal, we use the actual number of registrants, by role; this ICR renewal uses the total number of parties registered in October 2021. Finally, we showed our estimates to industry representatives who are actual respondents (to perform industry consultations) and made adjustments to the hours spent in recordkeeping and reporting, and to the hourly rates used to estimate cost, based upon their feedback, and as described in the docketed supporting statement.

Courtney Kerwin,

Director, Regulatory Support Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OA–2019–0370; FRL–OP–OFA–032]

Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), “Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Renewal)” (EPA ICR No. 1808.09, OMB Control No. 2020–0007) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, the EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through April 30, 2023. 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 October 31, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OA–2019–0296, 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.

The 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: Julie Roemele, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities, Mail Code 2501G, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-5632; email address: roemele.julie@epa.gov.

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 the EPA's public docket, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the 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. The 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, the 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 EPA's regulations at 40 CFR part 8, Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Rule), were promulgated pursuant to the Antarctic

Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996 (Act), 16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 2403a, which implements the Protocol on Environmental Protection (Protocol) to the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 (Treaty). The Rule provides for assessment of the environmental impacts of nongovernmental activities in Antarctica, including tourism, for which the United States is required to give advance notice under Paragraph 5 of Article VII of the Treaty, and for coordination of the review of information regarding environmental impact assessments received from other Parties under the Protocol. The requirements of the Rule apply to operators of nongovernmental expeditions organized or proceeding from the territory of the United States to Antarctica and include commercial and non-commercial expeditions. Expeditions may include ship-based tours; yacht, skiing or mountaineering expeditions; privately funded research expeditions; and other nongovernmental activities. The rule provides nongovernmental operators with the specific requirements they need to meet to comply with the requirements of Article 8 and Annex I to the Protocol. The provisions of the Rule are intended to ensure that potential environmental effects of nongovernmental activities undertaken in Antarctica are appropriately identified and considered by the operator during the planning process and that to the extent practicable appropriate environmental safeguards which would mitigate or prevent adverse impacts on the Antarctic environment are identified by the operator.

Environmental Documentation. Persons subject to the Rule must prepare environmental documentation to support the operator's determination regarding the level of environmental impact of the proposed expedition. Environmental documentation includes a Preliminary Environmental Review Memorandum (PERM), an Initial Environmental Evaluation (IEE), or a Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (CEE). The environmental document is submitted to the Office of Federal Activities (OFA). If the operator determines that an expedition may have: (1) less than a minor or transitory impact, a PERM needs to be submitted no later than 180 days before the proposed departure to Antarctica; (2) no more than minor or transitory impacts, an IEE needs to be submitted no later than 90 days before the proposed departure; or (3) more than minor or transitory impacts, a CEE needs to be

submitted. Operators who anticipate such activities are encouraged to consult with EPA as soon as possible regarding the date for submittal of the CEE. (Article 3(4), of Annex I of the Protocol requires that draft CEEs be distributed to all Parties and the Committee for Environmental Protection 120 days in advance of the next Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting at which the CEE may be addressed.)

The Protocol and the Rule also require an operator to employ procedures to assess and provide a regular and verifiable record of the actual impacts of an activity which proceeds based on an IEE or CEE. The record developed through these measures needs to be designed to: (a) enable assessments to be made of the extent to which environmental impacts of nongovernmental expeditions are consistent with the Protocol; and (b) provide information useful for minimizing and mitigating those impacts and, where appropriate, on the need for suspension, cancellation, or modification of the activity. Moreover, an operator needs to monitor key environmental indicators for an activity proceeding based on a CEE. An operator may also need to carry out monitoring to assess and verify the impact of an activity for which an IEE would be prepared. For activities that require an IEE, an operator should be able to use procedures currently being voluntarily utilized by operators to provide the required information. Should an activity require a CEE, the operator should consult with the EPA to: (a) identify the monitoring regime appropriate to that activity, and (b) determine whether and how the operator might utilize relevant monitoring data collected by the U.S. Antarctic Program. OFA would consult with the National Science Foundation (NSF) and other interested Federal agencies regarding the monitoring regime.

Environmental documents (e.g., PERM, IEE, CEE) are submitted to OFA. Environmental documents are reviewed by OFA, in consultation with the NSF and other interested Federal agencies and made available to other Parties and the public as required under the Protocol or otherwise requested. OFA notifies the public of document availability at: <https://www.epa.gov/international-cooperation/receipt-environmental-impact-assessments-eias-regarding-nongovernmental>.

The types of nongovernmental activities currently being carried out (e.g., ship-based tours, land-based tours, flights, and privately funded research expeditions) are typically unlikely to have impacts that are more than minor

or transitory, thus an IEE is the typical level of environmental documentation submitted. For the 1997–1998 through 2021–2022 austral summer seasons during the time the Rule has been in effect, all respondents submitted IEEs except for three PERMs. Paperwork reduction provisions in the Rule that are used by the operators include: (a) incorporation of material in the environmental document by referring to it in the IEE, (b) inclusion of all proposed expeditions by one operator within one IEE; (c) use of one IEE to address expeditions being carried out by more than one operator; and (d) use of multi-year environmental documentation to address proposed expeditions for a period of up to five consecutive austral summer seasons.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are all nongovernmental operators with activities in Antarctica, including tour operators, for which the United States is required to give advance notice under paragraph 5 of Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty of 1959; this includes all nongovernmental expeditions to and within Antarctica organized in or proceeding from the territory of the United States.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (40 CFR part 8).

Estimated number of respondents: 28 (total).

Frequency of response: Annual.

Total estimated burden: 2,228 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$167,100 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in Estimates: There is an increase of 684 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase is the result of a change to the number of operators that the EPA anticipates will submit environmental documentation due to more operators traveling to the Antarctic.

Dated: August 24, 2022.

Robert Tomiak,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPPT–2021–0728; FRL–10179–01–OMS]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Section 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Section 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (EPA ICR Number 2703.01, OMB Control Number 2070–NEW) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a request to consolidate certain activities currently covered under other existing ICRs. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on March 8, 2022, 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 September 29, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to EPA, referencing Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OPPT–2021–0728, online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to https://www.epa.gov/dockets, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2821T, 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 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 dockets, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: This new ICR consolidates information collection activities established under TSCA section 8 currently approved by OMB under Control numbers: 2070–0004; 2070–0017; 2070–0054; and 2070–0067. Although imposed for a specific chemical substance, the activities are already established and only vary based on the specific authority under TSCA section 8 and the need for the information for that chemical. EPA is consolidating the existing ICRs to streamline the presentation of paperwork burden estimates, thereby reducing the administrative burden for both the public and the Agency and allowing a better assessment of the burden and costs for reporting and recordkeeping activities under TSCA section 8.

This ICR covers reporting and recordkeeping requirements in TSCA section 8, for persons who manufacture, import, or process chemical substances, mixtures, or categories, or distribute them in commerce. The purpose of the ICR activities is to collect data that will help EPA evaluate the potential for human health and environmental risks caused by the manufacture, processing, and distribution in commerce of chemical substances, mixtures, or categories.

Under TSCA section 8(a), persons who manufacture, import, or process certain chemical substances or mixtures, or propose to manufacture, import, or process certain chemical substances or mixtures, are required to comply with the Preliminary Assessment Information Rule (PAIR)—which requires