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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a request for approval of a new collection. 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.

This notice allows 60 days for public comments. 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>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 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 forms of information technology. 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: To help expand historically underserved and overburdened communities' access to critical resources, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has collaborated with the U.S. Department of Energy to develop the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTAC) Program. The 18 Centers will operate in cooperative agreements with EPA to

remove barriers and improve access for communities who wish to apply for financial assistance awards to tackle their environmental justice concerns. The Centers will provide assistance and training to build capacity in: identifying sources of funding; navigating grant application systems; compiling strong grant proposals; managing grants; and developing partnerships and coalitions. With this Information Collection Request (ICR), EPA seeks authorization to collect post-award information from each Center to track their progress. Collection of this information enables EPA to assess and manage the TCTAC Program, which ensures responsible stewardship of public funds; rigorous evidence-based learning and improvement; and transparent accountability to the American public. This ICR also requests authorization for the Centers to collect input and insights from communities who seek to obtain technical assistance services, as well as stakeholders who have valuable experience and expertise in community engagement and empowerment. These information collections will enable the Centers to document local priorities, needs, and norms to ensure that they develop useful and relevant technical assistance and training services. Furthermore, feedback about these services will enable the Centers to conduct self-assessments to identify best practices and areas for improvement. Lastly, this ICR requests authorization for the National Centers in the TCTAC Program to conduct quarterly needs assessments for the Regional Centers, in order to identify the best ways in which the National Centers can support, expand, and bolster the technical assistance that local communities may need.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: To be determined.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory for grant recipients as per reporting requirements included in EPA regulations 2 CFR parts 200 and 1500, and voluntary for public outreach information collections via surveys and focus groups.

Estimated number of respondents: To be determined. This data will be available for the next public review period.

Frequency of response: To be determined. This data will be available for the next public review period.

Total estimated burden: To be determined. This data will be available for the next public review period.

Total estimated cost: To be determined. This data will be available for the next public review period.

Changes in the Estimates: This is a new collection therefore there is no change in burden.

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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Virtual Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby provides notice that the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) will meet on the date and time described below. The meeting is open to the public. For additional information about registering to attend the meeting or to provide a public comment, please see "Registration" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Pre-registration is required.

DATES: The WHEJAC will convene a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from approximately 2 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. ET. Meeting discussions will focus on several topics including, but not limited to, workgroup activities, proposed recommendations from the WHEJAC for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council (IAC), CEQ briefings, and a new formal charge for the WHEJAC. A public comment period relevant to current WHEJAC charges will be considered by the WHEJAC at the meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). Members of the public who wish to participate during the public comment period must register by 11:59 p.m., ET, Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Charter of the WHEJAC (available at <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-03/2023%20White%20House%20Environmental%20Justice%20Advisory%20Council%20Charter.pdf>) states that the advisory committee will provide independent advice and recommendations to the Chair of CEQ and to the IAC. The WHEJAC provides advice and recommendations about how to increase the Federal Government's efforts to address current and historic environmental injustice, which may include addressing broad cross-cutting issues related, but not limited, to issues of environmental justice and pollution reduction, energy, climate change mitigation and resiliency, environmental health, and racial inequity. The WHEJAC's efforts include a broad range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, community engagement, and economic issues related to environmental justice.

I. Registration

Individual registration is required for the public meeting. Information on how to register is located at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>. Registration for the meeting is available until the scheduled end time of the meeting. Registration to speak during the public comment period will close at 11:59 p.m., ET, on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. When registering, please provide your name, organization, city and state, and email address for follow up. Please also indicate whether you would like to provide public comment during the meeting, or if you are submitting written comments.

A. Public Comment

The WHEJAC is interested in receiving public comments relevant to the following charges, topics, and questions currently under consideration: (1) the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool; (2) the Environmental Justice Scorecard; (3) carbon management; (4) ways that the WHEJAC could recommend advancing environmental justice through a whole-of-government approach; and (5) environmental justice issues affecting Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Nations. With respect to environmental justice issues affecting Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Nations, the WHEJAC Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Nations Workgroup is particularly interested in receiving

comments on: Examples of environmental hazards of particular concern for Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Nations (for example, environmental hazards related to Federal activities that may affect sacred sites and areas of cultural significance, cultural or other traditions or practices, subsistence, and ways of life); ways in which the Federal government can address community impacts on, and concerns of, Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Nations; and ways in which the incorporation of Indigenous knowledge into Federal decision-making could help address environmental hazards and environmental justice concerns. More information on WHEJAC Workgroup charges is located online at: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>, under WHEJAC Membership and Workgroups.

Priority to speak during the meeting will be given to public commenters with comments relevant to the topics and questions listed above. Every effort will be made to hear from as many registered public commenters during the time specified on the agenda. Individuals or groups making remarks during the public comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please be prepared to briefly describe your issue and your recommendation relevant to the current charges, topics, and questions under consideration by the WHEJAC. Submitting written comments for the record is strongly encouraged. You can submit your written comments in three different ways: (1) by creating comments in the Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2023-0099 at <http://www.regulations.gov>, (2) by using the webform at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/forms/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council-whejac-public-comment>, and (3) by sending comments via email to whejac@epa.gov. Written comments can be submitted through Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

B. Information About Services for Individuals With Disabilities or Requiring English Language Translation Assistance

To request special accommodations for a disability or other assistance, please submit your request at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting to give EPA sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to

the email listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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Proposed Revisions to the National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP); Notice of Availability and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of and soliciting comment on proposed revisions to EPA's document titled "Laboratory Quality System Requirements (LQSR) Revision 3.0" dated November 5, 2007, under the National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP). Proposed revisions reflected in the draft document titled, "Laboratory Quality Standards for Recognition" (LQSR 4.0)," are intended to update and streamline the guidance by referencing existing laboratory standards already in practice by NLLAP participating laboratories and directly related to laboratory lead analysis, and to update the test and sampling method standards to better complement EPA's lead-based paint program activities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 15, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0456, through the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

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