

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL: 11943-01-OEJECR; EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2024-0147]

**White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Public Meeting****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notification for 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 dates and times described below. Due to unforeseen administrative circumstances, EPA is announcing this meeting with less than 15 calendar days public notice. The White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council (IAC) will meet jointly with the WHEJAC and jointly take public comment, as described below, consistent with the Executive order on *Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All*. These meetings are open to the public. For additional information about registering to attend the meetings or provide public comment, please see "REGISTRATION" under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Pre-registration is required.

**DATES:** The WHEJAC will convene a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from approximately 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 6, 2024, from approximately 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time. The IAC, in coordination with the WHEJAC, will convene a virtual joint public meeting, which will include a public comment period on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from approximately 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time, and reconvene a topic-focused session on Thursday, June 6, 2024, from approximately 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time. Members of the public who wish to participate in the public comment period must register by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, May 30, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Audrie Washington, WHEJAC Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA; email: [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov); telephone: (202) 441-7295. For additional information about the WHEJAC, visit <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council#meetings>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Charter of the WHEJAC states that the advisory committee "will provide

independent advice and recommendations to the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and to the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council (IAC) on how to increase the Federal Government's efforts to address current and historic environmental injustice. The WHEJAC will provide advice and recommendations about 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 will include a broad range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, community engagement, and economic issues related to environmental justice."

Executive Order 14008 on *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*, as amended by Executive Order 14096 on *Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All*, established the IAC to, among other things, pursue a whole-of-government approach to advance environmental justice for all, as defined in Executive Order 14096, including to facilitate interagency coordination and collaboration on programs and activities related to environmental justice; and to develop and sustain a strategy to address current and historic environmental injustice and to cultivate effective strategic planning to advance environmental justice. To facilitate the work of the IAC, each IAC member has designated an official within the agency to serve as an Environmental Justice Officer, with the authority to represent the agency on the IAC. Executive Order 14096 directs the IAC to hold a public meeting in coordination with the WHEJAC. For more information about the IAC, see: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-interagency-council/>.

The WHEJAC meeting will focus on several topics including, but not limited to, workgroup updates, updates from the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), panels, and final recommendations for CEQ and the IAC.

The IAC/WHEJAC joint public meeting will focus on several topics, such as Federal agencies' progress to advance environmental justice, including through the Justice40 Initiative, the Environmental Justice Scorecard, and environmental justice strategic planning; and formal recommendations from the WHEJAC to CEQ and the IAC. During the session, the WHEJAC and IAC will hear comments from the public relevant to

current WHEJAC charges and other topics of interest.

**Registration:** Individual registration is required for the public meeting. No two individuals can share the same registration link. To register, visit <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council#meetings>. Members of the public may register to attend the public meeting throughout the duration of the meeting. Members of the public who wish to speak during the public comment period must register by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, May 30, 2024. When registering, please provide your name, organization, city and state, and email address for follow up, and indicate whether you would like to provide public comments during the meeting.

**A. Public Comment:** The WHEJAC is interested in receiving public comments relevant to the following charges and recommendations:

- (1) Carbon management.
- (2) Environmental justice issues affecting Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Nations.

The WHEJAC Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Nations Workgroup is particularly interested in receiving comments on: (a) 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); (b) Ways in which the Federal Government can address community impacts on, and concerns of, Indigenous Peoples and Tribal Nations; and (c) Ways in which the incorporation of Indigenous knowledge into Federal decision making could help address environmental hazards and environmental justice concerns. More information about the WHEJAC's current charges can be found online at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>, under WHEJAC Membership and Workgroups.

The IAC is interested in receiving public comments relevant to environmental justice goals and priorities, either for the coming year or over a longer term, that could advance the IAC's mission and work as defined in Executive Orders 14008 and 14096, including on ways to address and respond to formal recommendations

from the WHEJAC;<sup>1</sup> the future Environmental Justice Science, Data, and Research Plan of the National Science and Technology Council's Environmental Justice Subcommittee; and environmental justice strategic planning and implementation of Executive Order 14096, including specific goals, objectives, priority actions, and metrics that could help agencies advance and assess progress over time.<sup>2</sup>

Individuals or groups making remarks during the oral public comment period will be limited to three minutes. EPA will give priority to speak during the meeting to public commenters with comments relevant to the topics and questions listed above. The WHEJAC and the IAC will make every effort to hear from each public commenter who has registered to provide oral comments during the time specified on the agenda but, in the interest of time, commenters are strongly encouraged to consider submitting written comments for the record. You can submit your written comments by using the webform at <https://www.epa.gov/environmental-justice/forms/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council-whejac-public-comment>; by emailing comments to [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov); or by visiting <https://www.regulations.gov> and opening Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2024-0147. The WHEJAC and the IAC will accept written comments through Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

**B. Information About Services for Individuals With Disabilities or Requiring English Language Translation Assistance:** For information about access or services for individuals requiring assistance, contact Audrie Washington at (202) 441-7295 or [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov). All requests should be sent via this email or phone number. To request special accommodations for a disability or other assistance, please submit your request at least seven (7) working days prior to the meeting, to

<sup>1</sup> To reference the WHEJAC's recommendations to CEQ and the IAC, as well as reports to Congress on these recommendations, see *White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council#whejacrecommendations>.

<sup>2</sup> See CEQ, *Strategic Planning to Advance Environmental Justice Under Executive Order 14096, Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All* (October 2023), [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Strategic-Planning-to-Advance-Environmental-Justice\\_final-Oct.-2023.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Strategic-Planning-to-Advance-Environmental-Justice_final-Oct.-2023.pdf).

give EPA sufficient time to process your request.

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Civil Rights.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0039; FRL-11899-01-OAR]**

### Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Servicing of Motor Vehicle Air Conditioners (Renewal)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request, "Servicing of Motor Vehicle Air Conditioners (Renewal)" (EPA ICR No. 1617.10, OMB Control No. 2060-0247) to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, the Agency is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the information collection request, which is currently approved through December 31, 2024. This notice allows for 60 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 22, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0039, online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epa.gov) 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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through December 31, 2024. 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](http://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:** Section 609 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Act) provides general guidelines for the servicing of motor vehicle air conditioners (MVACs). It states that "no person repairing or servicing motor vehicles for consideration may perform any service on a motor vehicle air conditioner involving the refrigerant for such air conditioner without properly using approved refrigerant recycling equipment and no such person may perform such service unless such person has been properly trained and