

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. General Information****A. Does this action apply to me?**

This action is directed to the public in general; although this action may be of particular interest to those persons seeking a permit to remediate abandoned hardrock mine sites under the Act. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the appropriate person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**B. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?**

EPA is issuing this guidance pursuant to its authority under The Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024, 138 Stat. 1692—Public Law 118–155, Sections 4(b)(1)(E)(i) and 4(m)(1)(A)(vi)(III).

**C. What action is the Agency taking?**

EPA is announcing the availability of the final guidance. On August 13, 2025, EPA published a **Federal Register** Notice for 30-day comment on draft Financial Assurance Guidance for the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024 (90 FR 38975). The comment period closed on September 12, 2025. Responses to comments can be found under docket ID EPA–HQ–OLEM–2025–0586–0013. Based on comments received, EPA made appropriate revisions to the Good Samaritan Financial Assurance Guidance. Those changes are noted in the response to comment document. The final Good Samaritan Financial Assurance Guidance can be found under docket ID EPA–HQ–OLEM–2025–0012 and is also posted on EPA's Good Samaritan website at <https://www.epa.gov/cleanups/good-samaritan-remediation-abandoned-hardrock-mines-program>.

**D. Does this guidance document impose binding requirements?**

As guidance, these documents are not binding on the Agency or any outside parties, and the Agency may depart from these documents where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. While EPA has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the discussion in the guidance, the obligations of EPA and the regulated community are determined by statutes, regulations, or other legally binding documents. In the event of a conflict between the discussion in the guidance

documents and any statute, regulation, or other legally binding document, the guidance documents will not be controlling.

**Lee Zeldin,**

*Administrator.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL–13254–01–R5]

**Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Order on Petition for Objection to State Operating Permits for Cleveland-Cliffs Steel LLC, Indiana Harbor**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final order on petition.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed an order dated February 3, 2026, denying a petition dated June 2, 2025, from the Environmental Law & Policy Center, the Conservation Law Center, the Environmental Integrity Project, BP & Whiting Watch, Gary Advocates for Responsible Development, Indiana Conservation Voters, Just Transition Northwest Indiana, Mighty Earth, and Northern Lake County Environmental Partnership. The petition requested that the EPA object to two Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permits issued by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to Cleveland-Cliffs Steel LLC, Indiana Harbor for its integrated steel mill located in East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paymon Danesh, Air and Radiation Division (AR 18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, telephone: (312) 886–6219, email: [danesh.paymon@epa.gov](mailto:danesh.paymon@epa.gov). The final order and petition are available electronically at: <https://www.epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/title-v-petition-database>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EPA received a petition from the Environmental Law & Policy Center, the Conservation Law Center, the Environmental Integrity Project, BP & Whiting Watch, Gary Advocates for Responsible Development, Indiana Conservation Voters, Just Transition Northwest Indiana, Mighty Earth, and Northern Lake County Environmental Partnership dated June 2, 2025,

requesting that the EPA object to the issuance of operating permit nos. 089–46463–00316 and 089–46464–00318, issued by IDEM to Cleveland-Cliffs Steel LLC, Indiana Harbor in East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana. On February 3, 2026, the EPA Administrator issued an order denying the petition. The order itself explains the basis for the EPA's decision.

Sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the CAA provide that a petitioner may request judicial review of those portions of an order that deny issues in a petition. Any petition for review shall be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit no later than May 4, 2026.

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: February 25, 2026.

**Anne Vogel,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**

[OMB No. 3064–0079 and –0122]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Renewal; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The FDIC, as part of its obligations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the request to renew the existing information collections described below (OMB Control No. 3064–0079, and –0122). The notices of proposed renewal for these information collections were previously published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 2025, allowing for a 60-day comment period. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 6, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the FDIC by any of the following methods:

- *Agency website:* <https://www.fdic.gov/resources/regulations/federal-register-publications/>.
- *Email:* [comments@fdic.gov](mailto:comments@fdic.gov). Include the name and number of the collection in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Robert Meiers, Regulatory Attorney, MB–3013, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

• *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street NW building (located on F Street NW), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find these information

collections by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Robert Meiers, Regulatory Attorney, [Romeiers@fdic.gov](mailto:Romeiers@fdic.gov), MB-3013, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:*

1. *Title:* Application to Retire or Reduce Capital.

*OMB Number:* 3064-0079.

*Form Number:* N/A

*Affected Public:* Insured state nonmember banks and state savings associations.

*Burden Estimate:*

**SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN (OMB No. 3064-0079)**

Information collection (IC) (obligation to respond)	Type of burden (frequency of response)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average time per response (HH:MM)	Annual burden (hours)
1. Application for Consent to Retire or Reduce Capital (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	49	1.37	11:00	737
Total Annual Burden (Hours) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	737

Source: FDIC.

*General Description of Collection:* Insured state nonmember banks proposing to change their capital structure must submit an application containing information about the proposed change to obtain FDIC’s consent to reduce or retire capital. There is no change in the method or substance

of the collection. The decrease of 374 hours from 1,111 hours in 2023 to the current estimate of 737 hours is due to a decrease in the estimated number of respondents.

2. *Title:* Forms Relating to FDIC Outside Counsel, Legal Support and Expert Services Programs.

*OMB Number:* 3064-0122.

*Form Number:* See Table below.

*Affected Public:* Entities providing legal and expert services to the FDIC.

*Burden Estimate:*

**SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN (OMB No. 3064-0122)**

Information collection (IC) (obligation to respond)	Type of burden (frequency of response)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average time per response (HH:MM)	Annual burden (hours)
1. Legal Service Agreement, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	52	1	00:15	13
2. Outside Counsel Legal Services Agreement Rate Schedule, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	52	1	01:00	52
3. Representations and Certifications for Legal Contractors, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	59	1	01:00	59
4. Legal Services Agreement Amendment, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	99	1	00:30	50
5. Non-Litigation Budget Form, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	8	1	00:30	4
6. Amended Non-Litigation Budget, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	1	1	00:30	1
7. Litigation Budget, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	7	1	00:30	4
8. Amended Litigation Budget, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	2	1	00:30	1
9. Legal Invoice for Fees and Expenses, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	150	1	00:15	38
10. Firm Travel Voucher, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	33	1	00:30	17
11. Representations and Certifications for Experts and Legal Support Services Providers, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	11	1	00:45	8
12. Agreement for Services (Expert or Legal Support Services Provider) Provider Rate Schedule, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	11	1	01:00	11
13. Agreement for Services (Expert or Legal Support Services Provider Amendment, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	10	1	00:30	5

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN (OMB NO. 3064-0122)—Continued

Information collection (IC) (obligation to respond)	Type of burden (frequency of response)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average time per response (HH:MM)	Annual burden (hours)
14. Legal Support Services Provider Budget Form, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	6	1	00:30	3
15. Expert budget, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	1	1	00:30	1
16. Expert invoice for Fees and Expenses, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	1	1	00:15	0
17. Legal Support Services Provider Invoice for Fees and Expenses, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	23	1	00:15	6
18. Oral Representations and Certifications for Expert Legal Support Services, 12 CFR 361 and 12 CFR 366 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion).	1	0.333	00:30	0
<b>Total Annual Burden (Hours)</b> .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	<b>273</b>

Source: FDIC.

*General Description of Collection:* The information collected enables the FDIC to ensure that all individuals, businesses and firms seeking to provide legal support services to the FDIC meet the eligibility requirements established by Congress. The information is also used to manage and monitor payments to contractors, document contract amendments, expiration dates, billable individuals, and to ensure that law firms, experts, and other legal support services providers comply with statutory and regulatory requirements. This collection consists of 18 forms. The increase of 209 hours from 64 hours in 2023 to the current estimate of 273 hours is due to an increase in the estimated number of annual respondents resulting from the revised methodology, with the remainder of the difference resulting from the re-estimation of the time per response. In addition to the burden adjustments described above, the FDIC is revising certain forms within this collection to comply with a recent Executive Order. These revisions modify select form language, but do not alter the overall purpose of the collection.

**Request for Comment**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.  
Dated at Washington, DC, on March 3, 2026.

**Jennifer M. Jones,**  
*Deputy Executive Secretary.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**[Office of Management and Budget #: 0970-0473]**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Consumer Education Website and Reports of Serious Injuries and Death**

**AGENCY:** Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Child Care (OCC), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is requesting a 3-year extension of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Consumer Education Website and Reports of Serious Injuries and Death (Office of Management and Budget #: 0970-0473, expiration date: May 31, 2026). There are no changes

requested to the reporting requirements. Burden estimates have been adjusted.

**DATES:** *Comments due* May 4, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* The existing Consumer Education website reporting requirement will not be modified and requires states and territories to include information about state or territory policies (related to licensing, monitoring, and background checks) and provider-specific information, including results of monitoring and inspection reports, and if available, information about quality. The existing Reporting of Serious Injuries and Death reporting requirement will not be modified. CCDF lead agencies must establish procedures that require child care providers that care for children receiving CCDF subsidies to report to a designated state, territorial, or tribal entity any serious injuries or deaths of children occurring in child care. There are no standard federal forms associated with these reporting requirements.

*Respondents:* The Consumer Education website requirement applies to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 5 territories that receive CCDF grants.

Reporting of Serious Injuries and Death is a requirement for child care