

requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 161,274.

*Frequency of response:* Varies by requirement (i.e., on occasion, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, and annually).

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 72.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 9,151,424 hours.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$118,653,327. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$14,698,327 and an estimated cost of \$22,793,000 for capital investment and \$81,162,000 for maintenance and operational costs.

#### Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

There is an increase of 526,559 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase is primarily due to restructuring adjustments (i.e., incorporation of the approved burden hours from the previously stand-alone ICRs for the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, and Ground Water Rule

#### What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

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 pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: June 2, 2008.

**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2008-0437; FRL-8576-8]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Public Water System Supervision Program (Renewal); EPA ICR No. 0270.43, OMB Control No. 2040-0090

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2008. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 5, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2008-0437, by one of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov* (our preferred method): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* OW-Docket@epa.gov.
- *Mail:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Water Docket, MC: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.
- *Hand Delivery:* EPA Docket Center, Public Reading Room, EPA Headquarters West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2008-0437. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at *http://www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through *http://*

*www.regulations.gov* or e-mail. The *http://www.regulations.gov* Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through *http://www.regulations.gov* your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. 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. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at *http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm*.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Naylor, Drinking Water Protection Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, (MC: 4606M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-3847; fax number: 202-564-3755; e-mail address: *naylor.richard@epa.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2008-0437, which is available for online viewing at *http://www.regulations.gov*, or in person viewing at the Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is 202-566-2426.

Use *http://www.regulations.gov* to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in

the docket ID number identified in this document.

### What Information Is EPA Particularly Interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits 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. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

### What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

- 1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
- 2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
- 3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
- 4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
- 5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
- 6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.
- 7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

### What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply To?

*Affected entities:* New and existing public water systems (PWS), primacy agencies, and EPA.

*Title:* Public Water System Supervision Program (Renewal).

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 0270.43, OMB Control No. 2040-0090.

*ICR status:* This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on September 30, 2008. 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. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* The Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Program Renewal ICR examines public water system, primacy agency, EPA and tribal operator certification provider burden and costs for "cross-cutting" recordkeeping and reporting requirements (i.e., the burden and costs for complying with drinking water information requirements that are not associated with contaminant-specific rulemakings). These activities which have recordkeeping and reporting requirements that are mandatory for compliance with 40 CFR parts 141 and 142 include the following: Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs), Primacy Regulation Activities, Variance and Exemption Rule (V/E Rule), General State Primacy Activities, Public Notification (PN) and Proficiency Testing Studies for Drinking Water Laboratories. The information collection activities for both the Operator Certification/Expense Reimbursement Program and the Capacity Development Program are driven by the grant withholding and reporting provisions under sections 1419 and 1420, respectively, of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Although the Tribal Operator Certification Program is voluntary, the information collection is driven by grant eligibility requirements outlined in the Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Tribal Set-Aside Program Final Guidelines and the Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Guidelines.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is

estimated to average 6.5 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 161,682.

*Frequency of response:* Varies by requirement (i.e., on occasion, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, and annually).

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 3.1.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 3,249,695 hours.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$119,174,000. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$97,636,000 and an estimated cost of \$21,538,000 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

### Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

There is an increase of about 23,668 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase is due to restructuring adjustments (i.e., incorporation of the approved burden hours from the previously stand-alone ICR for the Proficiency Testing Studies for Drinking Water Laboratories).

### What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

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 pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the

technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Dated: June 2, 2008.

**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0145; FRL-8576-9]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National-Scale Activity Survey (N-SAS); EPA ICR No. 2293.01, OMB Control No. 2060-NEW**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request for a new collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before July 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0145, to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by e-mail to [a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB by mail to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Zachary Pekar, Health and Environmental Impacts Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code C504-06, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone: 919-541-3704; fax: 919-541-0237; e-mail: [pekar.zachary@epa.gov](mailto:pekar.zachary@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the

procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On February 28, 2008 (73 FR 10765), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0145, which is available for online viewing at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or in person viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket is 202-566-1742.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**Title:** National-Scale Activity Survey (N-SAS).

**ICR numbers:** EPA ICR No. 2293.01, OMB Control No. 2060-NEW.

**ICR Status:** This ICR is for a new information collection activity. 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. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

**Abstract:** EPA supports the Air Quality Index (AQI), a program that uses data from air quality monitors to forecast pollution levels and to notify the public of health hazards associated with air pollution, primarily ozone and particulate matter pollution (PM). EPA, specifically the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, which manages the AQI program, is interested in assessing the public's awareness, knowledge and both stated and actual behavioral response to AQI warnings. To address this need, OAQPS wishes to conduct the National-Scale Activity Surveys (N-SAS) to gather information on perceptions, awareness, attitudes, and stated and actual behaviors in response to AQI warnings.

EPA is requesting permission from OMB to conduct a survey of 1,600 individuals age 35 or older who meet minimal activity requirements living in Washington, DC; Sacramento (also other cities in San Joaquin Valley—San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno), Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Atlanta, Philadelphia, or St. Louis. The data will be collected through a web-based survey of members from Knowledge Network's web panel.

The N-SAS consists of a series of nine surveys. A screening survey at the beginning and a debriefing survey at the end will provide information on the research participants, their awareness and knowledge of air pollution and the Air Quality Index (AQI), risk perceptions regarding health effects, and reported behaviors on high ozone days. After the screening survey, research participants will be administered a set of seven activity diaries administered on both high and low ozone days to collect information on actual behavior.

The information obtained from N-SAS will be used by EPA to assess hypotheses for the N-SAS research participants regarding:

- Extent of awareness of and knowledge about the AQI;
- The effects of the AQI-based warnings on behavior in eight cities with significant pollution problems;
- The correlation between awareness, knowledge, stated behavior on high pollution days and data on behavior reported in the activity diaries!
- Differences in behavior, awareness and knowledge among different sub-samples of the N-SAS research participants.

In addition to assessing the effectiveness of AQI-based ozone warnings, the data will also be used to supplement the limited data available to develop exposure profiles for older Americans.