

transmission system, such as the development of inter-regional transmission facilities, the integration of large amounts of location-constrained generation, and the interconnection of distributed energy resources.

The attached agenda provides details on the topics that will be discussed on

the panels at each of the three conferences as well as the topics panelists should be prepared to address.

As provided for in the June 30 notice, those wishing to participate as panelists should submit a request form, as indicated below, describing the topic(s) they wish to address. Those wishing to

attend each conference are also asked to complete the registration form, as indicated below.

A final notice with a list of the panelists for each conference will be issued in advance of the conferences.

Date	Location	Further information
September 3, 2009	Phoenix Airport Marriott, 1101 North 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008.	Entities located within the ColumbiaGrid, Northern Tier Transmission Group, WestConnect, and CAISO footprints, and other entities in the WECC region that are not a part of any of these subregional groups. Staff also requests a representative of WECC's Transmission Expansion Planning Policy Committee attend this technical conference. For further information, see calendar listing, located at: http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=4744&CaIType=%20&CalendarID=116&Date=09/03/2009&View=Listview . Those wishing to participate as a panelist on one of the panels in the attached agenda should submit a request form by close of business on August 13, 2009, located at: https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/trans-09-03-speaker-form.asp . Those that plan to attend the Phoenix conference should submit the registration form, located at: https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/trans-09-03-form.asp
September 10, 2009	Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Atlanta Airport, 1900 Sullivan Road, Atlanta, GA 30337.	Entities located in the states represented in the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) and entities located in the Southwest Power Pool footprint. For further information, see calendar listing, located at: http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=4745&CaIType=%20&CalendarID=116&Date=09/10/2009&View=Listview . Those wishing to participate as a panelist on one of the panels in the attached agenda should submit a request form by close of business on August 20, 2009, located at: https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/trans-09-10-speaker-form.asp Those that plan to attend the Atlanta conference should submit the registration form, located at: https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/trans-09-10-form.asp
September 21, 2009	Marriott Philadelphia Airport, One Arrivals Road, Philadelphia, PA 19153.	Entities located within the Midwest ISO, PJM, New York ISO, and ISO New England footprints, MAPP/MAPP Participants, and adjacent areas. For further information, see calendar listing, located at: http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?ID=4746&CaIType=%20&CalendarID=116&Date=09/21/2009&View=Listview . Those wishing to participate as a panelist on one of the panels in the attached agenda should submit a request form by close of business on August 31, 2009, located at: https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/trans-09-21-speaker-form.asp . Those that plan to attend the Philadelphia conference should submit the registration form, located at: https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/trans-09-21-form.asp

In the event a transmission provider is uncertain as to which technical conference is the appropriate forum for discussion of its planning process, such transmission providers should contact Commission staff in advance to discuss the matter. Lastly, a comment date will be set at a later date allowing for the filing of post-conference comments.

For further information about these conferences, please contact:

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Office of Energy Market Regulation,
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Commission, 888 First Street, NE.,
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0407; FRL-8943-4]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Proposed Collection;
Comment Request; Information
Collection Activities Associated With
EPA's ENERGY STAR Program in the
Commercial and Industrial Sectors;
EPA ICR No. 1772, OMB Control No.
2060-0347**

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 February 28, 2010. 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 October 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0407, by one of the following methods:

- www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov.
- Fax: 202-566-9744.
- Mail: Air and Radiation Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.
- Hand Delivery: Air and Radiation Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA 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-OAR-2006-0407. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at 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 www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The 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 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:

Mary Susan Bailey, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, Mailcode: 6202J, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-343-9014; fax number: 202-343-2204; e-mail address: bailey.marysusan@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-OAR-2006-0407, which is available for online viewing at www.regulations.gov, or in person viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West Building, 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 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: Entities affected by this action are participants in EPA's ENERGY STAR Program in the Commercial and Industrial Sectors.

Title: Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's ENERGY STAR Program in the Commercial and Industrial Sectors.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1772, OMB Control No. 2060-0347.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on February 28, 2010. 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: ENERGY STAR is a voluntary program helping businesses and organizations as well as individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. The program focuses on reducing utility-generated emissions by reducing the demand for energy. In 1991, EPA launched the Green Lights program to encourage corporations, State and local governments, colleges and universities, and other organizations to adopt energy-efficient lighting as a profitable means of preventing pollution and improving lighting quality. Since then, EPA has rolled Green Lights into ENERGY STAR and expanded ENERGY STAR to encompass organization-wide energy performance improvement, such as building technology upgrades, product purchasing initiatives, and employee training. At the same time, EPA has streamlined the reporting procedures of ENERGY STAR and focused on providing incentives for improvements (e.g., ENERGY STAR Awards Program). EPA provides tools and other resources over the web to help the public overcome the barriers to evaluating their energy performance and investing in profitable improvements. EPA regularly evaluates its reporting procedures and tools to identify ways to minimize the public's burden. For example, EPA has increasingly automated ENERGY STAR's information collections so that organizations can submit information online instead of by mail.

For several reasons, EPA has seen a dramatic increase in the public's participation in ENERGY STAR over the past several years and expects their participation to rise even more in the coming years. President Obama has made energy efficiency an important component of the Federal government's approach to energy management. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Congress and the president allocated approximately \$20 billion to encourage Federal agencies, States, local governments and industry to design, improve and use energy efficient buildings and products. President Obama is currently urging Congress to pass the American Clean Energy and Security Act, which would encourage greater energy efficiency in the nation's buildings and homes.

In addition, a growing number of State and local governments are promoting ENERGY STAR as a way for

the public to respond to rising energy costs and global warming. Participation in ENERGY STAR has also risen dramatically because of the efforts of trade associations, utilities, and third-party providers in promoting the program to the public. These organizations voluntarily transmit ENERGY STAR messages and promote the use of ENERGY STAR tools and strategies in an effort to help companies reduce their energy consumption and find more environmentally friendly ways to conduct business.

To join ENERGY STAR, organizations are asked to complete a Partnership Letter or Agreement that establishes their commitment to protect the environment. Partners agree to undertake efforts such as measuring and tracking the energy performance of their facilities where possible by using tools such as those offered by ENERGY STAR, spreading the word about the importance of energy efficiency to staff and the community, supporting the ENERGY STAR Challenge, and highlighting achievements with recognition offered through ENERGY STAR.

Partners also may be asked to periodically submit information to EPA as needed to assist in program implementation. For example, EPA maintains the Most Active Service and Product Providers Directory to provide the public with easy access to energy efficiency services that can help companies lower operating costs and increase their bottom line. Businesses wishing to appear in this directory are asked to submit a completed application that demonstrates that they have met specified requirements.

Partnership in ENERGY STAR is voluntary and can be terminated by Partners or EPA at any time. EPA does not expect organizations to join the program unless their participation is cost-effective and otherwise beneficial for them.

In addition, Partners and any other interested party can help EPA promote energy-efficient technologies by evaluating the efficiency of their buildings using EPA's on-line tools (e.g., Portfolio Manager) and applying for recognition.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information will vary depending on the type of participant, the specific collection activity, and other factors. The annual burden for joining ENERGY STAR and conducting related activities is estimated to range from about 2 to 7 hours per respondent. This includes time for preparing and submitting the Partnership Letter or

Agreement and other information as requested. The burden for applying for an ENERGY STAR is estimated to range from about 5.5 to 10.5 hours per respondent. This includes time for reading the instructions of the benchmarking tool if needed, gathering and entering information on building characteristics and energy use into the tool, and preparing/submitted the ENERGY STAR application materials to EPA. The burden for applying for an ENERGY STAR Award is estimated to range from 2 to 26.5 hours per respondent. This includes time for preparing and submitting the awards application materials to EPA.

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 annual number of potential respondents: 6,000.

Frequency of response: One-time, annually, and/or periodically, depending on the type of respondent and collection.

Estimated total annual respondent burden hours: 54,500.

Estimated total annual respondent costs: \$5,436,710, including \$3,574,491 in labor costs and \$1,862,219 in O&M costs. There are no capital/start-up costs to respondents.

Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

The burden estimates presented in this document are from the last approval. EPA is currently evaluating and updating these estimates as part of the ICR renewal process. EPA will discuss its updated estimates, as well as changes from the last approval, in the next **Federal Register** notice to be issued for this renewal.

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 320.5(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: August 5, 2009.

Kathleen Hogan,

Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC); Request for Nominations for 2009 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for nominations for Clean Air Excellence Awards.

SUMMARY: EPA established the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program in February, 2000. This is an annual awards program to recognize outstanding and innovative efforts that support progress in achieving clean air. This notice announces the competition for the Year 2009 program.

DATES: All submissions of entries for the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program must be postmarked by September 25, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Concerning the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program please use the CAAAC Web site and click on awards program or contact Mr. Pat Childers, U.S. EPA at 202-564-1082 or 202-564-1352 (Fax), mailing address: Office of Air and Radiation (6102A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Awards Program Notice: Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7403(a)(1) and (2) and sections 103(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), notice is hereby given that the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces the opening of competition

for the Year 2009 "Clean Air Excellence Awards Program" (CAEAP). The intent of the program is to recognize and honor outstanding, innovative efforts that help to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The CAEAP is open to both public and private entities. Entries are limited to the United States. There are five general award categories: (1) Clean Air Technology; (2) Community Action; (3) Education/Outreach; (4) Regulatory/Policy Innovations; (5) Transportation Efficiency Innovations; and two special awards categories: (1) Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award; and (2) Gregg Cooke Visionary Program Award. Awards are given on an annual basis and are for recognition only.

Entry Requirements: All applicants are asked to submit their entry on a CAEAP entry form, contained in the CAEAP Entry Package, which may be obtained from the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/oar/caaac> by clicking on Awards Program or by contacting Mr. Pat Childers, U.S. EPA at 202-564-1082 or 202-564-1352 Fax, mailing address: Office of Air and Radiation (6102A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. The entry form is a simple, three-part form asking for general information on the applicant and the proposed entry; asking for a description of why the entry is deserving of an award; and requiring information from three (3) independent references for the proposed entry. Applicants should also submit the entry form electronically (cd preferred) and additional supporting documentation as necessary. Specific directions and information on filing an entry form are included in the Entry Package.

Judging and Award Criteria: Judging will be accomplished through a screening process conducted by EPA staff, with input from outside subject experts, as needed. Members of the CAAAC will provide advice to EPA on the entries. The final award decisions will be made by the EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. Entries will be judged using both general criteria and criteria specific to each individual category. There are four (4) general criteria: (1) The entry directly or indirectly (*i.e.*, by encouraging actions) reduces emissions of criteria pollutants or hazardous/toxic air pollutants; (2) The entry demonstrates innovation and uniqueness; (3) The entry provides a model for others to follow (*i.e.*, it is replicable); and (4) The positive outcomes from the entry are continuing/sustainable. Although not required to win an award, the following general

criteria will also be considered in the judging process: (1) The entry has positive effects on other environmental media in addition to air; (2) The entry demonstrates effective collaboration and partnerships; and (3) The individual or organization submitting the entry has effectively measured/evaluated the outcomes of the project, program, technology, *etc.* As previously mentioned, additional criteria will be used for each individual award category. These criteria are listed in the 2009 Entry Package.

Dated: August 5, 2009.

Patrick Childers,

Designated Federal Official for Clean Air Act Advisory Committee.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8942-9]

Notice of a Regional Project Waiver of Section 1605 (Buy American requirement) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to the Hooksett, New Hampshire Sewer Commission

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA is hereby granting a waiver of the Buy America requirements of ARRA Section 1605 under the authority of Section 1605(b)(2) [manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality] to the Hooksett, New Hampshire Sewer Commission ("HSC") for the purchase of a foreign manufactured polyethylene Biofilm chip media. HSC's proposed upgrade of its wastewater treatment facility upgrade will utilize an Integrated Fixed Film Activated Sludge (IFAS) process, in which the AnoxKaldnes™ Biochip-M IFAS media manufactured in Germany by Kruger, Inc. will meet the HSC's design specifications. This is a project specific waiver and only applies to the use of the identified product for the ARRA funded project being proposed. Any other ARRA project that may wish to use the same product must apply for a separate waiver based on project specific circumstance. The Acting Regional Administrator is making this determination based on the review and recommendations of the Municipal Assistance Unit. The HSC through its design engineer has provided sufficient