

and tribal governments that are currently operating and maintaining established ambient air quality networks.

**Title:** Implementation of Ambient Air Protocol Gas Verification Participation Survey

**ICR numbers:** EPA ICR No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0050, 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:** This ICR includes ambient air monitoring data reporting and recordkeeping activities associated with the 40 CFR part 58 Appendix A, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance Quality Assurance Regulations. These data and information are collected by state, local, and tribal air quality management agencies and reported to the EPA.

The EPA Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program's quality assurance requirements in 40 CFR part 58, Appendix A, require: "2.6 Gaseous and Flow Rate Audit Standards. Gaseous pollutant concentration standards (permeation devices or cylinders of compressed gas) used to obtain test concentrations for CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO, and NO<sub>2</sub> must be traceable to either a National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Traceable Reference Material (NTRM), NIST Standard Reference Materials (SRM), and Netherlands Measurement Institute (NMI) Primary Reference Materials (valid as covered by Joint Declaration of Equivalence) or a NIST-certified Gas Manufacturer's Internal Standard (GMIS), certified in accordance with one of the procedures given in reference 4 of this appendix. Vendors advertising certification with the procedures provided in reference 4 of this appendix and distributing gases as "EPA Protocol Gas" must participate in the EPA Protocol Gas Verification Program or not use "EPA" in any form of advertising."

These requirements give assurance to end users that all specialty gas producers selling EPA Protocol Gases

are participants in a program that provides an independent assessment of the accuracy of their gases' certified concentrations. In 2010, EPA will develop an Ambient Air Protocol Gas Verification Program (AA-PGVP) that will help to ensure that producers selling EPA Protocol Gases participate in the AA-PGVP and will provide end users with information about participating producers and verification results.

Each year, EPA will attempt to compare gas cylinders from every specialty gas producer being used by ambient air monitoring organizations. EPA Regions 2 and 7 have agreed to provide analytical services for verification of 40 cylinders/lab or 80 cylinders total/year. Cylinders will be verified at a pre-determined time each quarter.

In order to make the appropriate selection, EPA needs to know what specialty gas producers are being used by the monitoring organizations. Therefore, EPA needs to survey each primary quality assurance organization every year to collect information on specialty gas producers being used and whether the monitoring organization would like to participate in the verification for the upcoming calendar year.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes 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 annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response with a cost of \$21.71 per year. The total number of respondents is assumed to be 211.

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

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 211.

*Frequency of response:* Annual.

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 1.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 70.3.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$4582.00.

#### **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: February 19, 2010.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OECA-2009-0425; FRL-9121-3]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Portland Cement (40 CFR Part 63, Subpart LLL), EPA ICR Number 1801.08, OMB Control Number 2060-0416**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (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 to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR which is abstracted below describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before April 1, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-OECA-2009-0425, to (1) EPA online

using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or by e-mail to [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, mail code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Schaefer, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Sector Policies and Programs Division (D243-05), Measurement Policy Group, Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-0296; fax number: (919) 541-3207; e-mail address: [schaefer.john@epa.gov](mailto:schaefer.john@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 July 8, 2009 (74 FR 32581), 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 number EPA-HQ-OECA-2009-0425, which is available for public viewing online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, in person viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center 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 Enforcement and Compliance Docket is (202) 566-1752.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <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 <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 <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Title:* NESHAP for Portland Cement (Renewal).

*ICR Numbers:* EPA ICR Number 1801.08, OMB Control Number 2060-0416.

*ICR Status:* This ICR is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2010. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. 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, and 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 affected entities are subject to the General Provisions of the NESHAP at 40 CFR part 63, subpart A, and any changes, or additions to the Provisions specified at 40 CFR part 63, subpart LLL. Owners or operators of the affected facilities must submit a one-time-only report of any physical or operational changes, initial performance tests, and periodic reports and results. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. Reports, at a minimum, are required semiannually.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 69.56 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.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Portland cement plants.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 94.

*Frequency of Response:* Initially, occasionally, semiannually and annually.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 28,242.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$4,975,387, which includes \$2,656,095 in labor costs, \$1,439,200 in annual capital/startup costs, and \$880,092 in operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* The increase in burden hours and dollars from the most recently approved ICR renewal (EPA ICR number 1801.07) is due to a 2006 program change in the regulation requiring additional performance testing, monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements. These amendments would affect any new, modified, or reconstructed sources after December 2, 2005.

There was a decrease in number of responses currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. This decrease is due to the correction of transpose error in the currently approved burden estimates in ICRAS. Further, the number of responses also decreased due to a decrease in the number of estimated portland cement plants affected by ICR since the last renewal.

The increase in capital/start-up and O&M costs is also due to a 2006 program change in the regulation requiring new monitoring equipment. The THC monitors are a new requirement for new sources since the last ICR renewal. Further, the change in labor costs for industry and EPA is due to the use of more current labor rates.

Dated: February 23, 2010.

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*Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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