

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-RCRA-2010-0832, FRL-9269-6]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under EPA's WasteWise Program****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 June 30, 2011. 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 April 25, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2010-0832, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [rcra-docket@epa.gov](mailto:rcra-docket@epa.gov).

- *Fax:* 202-566-9744.

- *Mail:* RCRA Docket (28221T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery:* 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 3334, Washington, DC 20460. 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-RCRA-2010-0832. 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:**

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**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-RCRA-2010-0832, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the RCRA 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 RCRA Docket is (202) 566-0270.

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:** Entities potentially affected by this action are businesses, not-for-profit, and State, Local, or Tribal governments.

*Title:* Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under EPA's WasteWise Program

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 1698.08, OMB Control No. 2050-0139

*ICR status:* This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2011. 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's voluntary WasteWise program encourages businesses and other organizations to reduce solid waste through waste prevention, recycling, and the purchase or manufacture of recycled-content products. WasteWise participants include partners, who commit to implementing waste reduction activities tailored to their specific needs, and endorsers who promote WasteWise and recruit organizations to join the program.

WasteWise requires partners to register for membership in the program. Previously, WasteWise used paper forms that we estimate took 40 hours for partners and 10 hours for endorsers to complete. In 2009, WasteWise implemented a Web-based data management and reporting system for the collection and reporting of data. Under the new Web-based system, partners and endorsers enter their data, on-line.

The *Partner Registration Form* identifies an organization and its facilities registering to participate in WasteWise, and requires the signature of a senior official that can commit the organization to the program. (This form completed on-line and is submitted electronically.) Within two months of registering, each partner is required to submit baseline data on existing waste reduction programs to EPA via an *Annual Assessment Form*. (This is an on-line form that is completed and submitted electronically.) Partners are also encouraged to set waste reduction goals for the upcoming year. On an annual basis, partners are required to report, via the *Annual Assessment Form*, on the accomplishments of their waste prevention and recycling activities. Partners report the amount of

waste prevented and recycled, amount of recycled-content materials purchased, and (where appropriate) the amount of recovered materials used in the manufacture of new products. They also provide WasteWise with information on total waste prevention revenue, total recycling revenue, total avoided purchasing costs due to waste prevention, and total avoided disposal costs due to recycling and waste prevention. Additionally, they are encouraged to submit new waste reduction goals.

Endorsers, which are typically trade associations or State/local governments, submit an *Endorser Registration Form* upon registering for the program. (This is an on-line form that is completed and is submitted electronically.) The *Endorser Registration Form* identifies the organization, the principal contact, and the activities to which the *Endorser* commits. EPA plans to expand the information requested of *Endorsers* by requiring them to submit a summary of their *endorser* activities annually. All registration and reporting information will be submitted electronically using the existing on-line, Web-based data management and reporting system.

EPA's WasteWise program uses the submitted information to (1) identify and recognize outstanding waste reduction achievements by individual organizations, (2) compile results that indicate overall accomplishments of WasteWise members, (3) identify cost-effective waste reduction strategies to share with other organizations, (4) identify topics on which to develop technical assistance materials and other information, and (5) further encourage the growth of industry-specific sustainable practices.

*Burden Statement:* The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response for the *Partner Registration Form*, 48 hours per response for the *Annual Assessment Form*, 4 hours per response for the *Endorser Registration Form*, and 3 hours per response for the *Endorser Annual Assessment Form*. This results in an estimated annual partner respondent burden of 51 hours for new partners, 48 hours for established partners, 7 hours for new endorsers, and 3 hours for established endorsers. The estimated number of respondents is 1,051 in Year 1; 1,138 in Year 2; and 1,225 in Year 3. Estimated total annual burden on all respondents is 28,899 hours in Year 1; 32,572 hours in Year 2; and 35,773 hours in Year 3.

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:* 1,875.

*Frequency of response:* Annual.

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

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 70,950.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$0. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$0 and an estimated cost of \$0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

#### **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: January 31, 2011.

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