

exempts this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

*Paperwork Reduction Act.* EPA has reviewed the requirements imposed on regulated facilities in the Geotechnical General Permit and finds them consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act.* Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq., a federal agency must prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis “for any proposed rule” for which the agency “is required by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), or any other law, to publish general notice of proposed rulemaking.” The RFA exempts from this requirement any rule that the issuing agency certifies “will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.” EPA has concluded that NPDES general permits are permits, not rulemakings, under the APA and thus not subject to APA rulemaking requirements or the FRA. Notwithstanding that general permits are not subject to the RFA, EPA has determined that the Geotechnical General Permit will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. This determination is based on the fact that the regulated companies are not classified as small businesses under the Small Business Administration regulations established at 49 FR 5023 et seq. (February 9, 1984). These facilities are classified as Major Group 13—Oil and Gas Extraction SIC 1311 Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas.

**Authority:** This action is taken under the authority of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1342. I hereby provide notice that the public comment period for the draft Geotechnical General Permit is extended until February 19, 2014, in accordance with 40 CFR 124.10 and 124.13.

Dated: January 16, 2014.

**Daniel D. Opalski,**

*Director, Office of Water and Watersheds, Region 10.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by *February 26, 2014*.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395-5806 or Email: *OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov*.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>.
2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to *Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov*.

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term “collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Imposition of Cost Sharing Charges Under Medicaid and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* The purpose of this collection is to ensure that states impose nominal cost sharing charges upon categorically and medically needy individuals as allowed by law and implementing regulations. States must identify in their state plan the service for which the charge is made, the amount of the charge, the basis for determining the charge, the basis for determining whether an individual is unable to pay the charge and the way in which the individual will be identified to providers, and the procedures for implementing and enforcing the exclusions from cost sharing. The template has been revised and is being released for this 30-day comment period before it is submitted to OMB for review/approval under CMS-10398 (OCN: 0938-1148). While CMS seeks to roll the template under CMS-10398, it also seeks to discontinue CMS-R-53 to avoid duplicating requirements and burden; *Form Number:* CMS-R-53 (OCN: 0938-0429); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 51; *Total Annual Responses:* 2; *Total Annual Hours:* 20 (For policy questions

regarding this collection contact Rebecca Bruno at 415-744-3677).

Dated: January 22, 2014.

**Martique Jones,**

*Deputy Director, Regulations Development Group, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

*Proposed Projects:*

*Title:* ACF Grantee Survey of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

*OMB No.:* 0970-0076.

*Description:* The LIHEAP Grantee Survey is an annual data collection activity, which is sent to grantees of the 50 states and the District of Columbia administering the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The survey is mandatory in order that national estimates of the sources and uses of LIHEAP funds can be calculated in a timely manner; a range can be calculated of State average LIHEAP benefits; and maximum income cutoffs for four-person households can be obtained for estimating the number of low-income households that are income eligible for LIHEAP under the State income standards. The need for the above information is to provide the Administration and Congress with fiscal

estimates in time for hearings about LIHEAP appropriations and program performance. The information also is included in the Departments annual LIHEAP Report to Congress. The survey, along with all other forms required of LIHEAP grantees, will be available electronically through the web-based Online Data Collection (OLDC) system to which all LIHEAP grantees currently have access. By making the survey available through OLDC, it will improve the accuracy and efficiency of grantee submissions by performing certain data validation checks before grantees complete their submission. It will also allow grantees to track the progress of ACF's review of the survey, as well as permit grantees to access archived surveys in the future.

*Respondents:* 50 States and the District of Columbia.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
LIHEAP Grantee Survey .....	51	1	3.50	178.50

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 178.50.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: *infocollection@acf.hhs.gov*. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) 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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

**Robert Sargis,**

*Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

*Proposed Projects:*

*Title:* Application Requirements for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Model Plan and Program Integrity Assessment  
*OMB No.:* 0970-0075

*Description:* States, including the District of Columbia, tribes, tribal organizations, and territories applying for LIHEAP block grant funds must submit an annual application (Model Plan) that meets the LIHEAP statutory and regulatory requirements prior to receiving Federal funds. In prior years, in addition to the Model Plan, each grantee was also required to submit a Program Integrity Assessment

Supplement (PIAS) every year, as part of their application. The proposed new model plan will combine the content of these two forms into one form, eliminating duplicative questions and streamlining the submission process. The proposed new format of the model plan is also a departure from the previously-approved version. The new model plan will become an electronic form, to be submitted through the On-Line Data Collection System (OLDC), which is already being used by all LIHEAP grantees to submit other required LIHEAP forms. The new model plan will also provide grantees the option to respond to many questions by selecting one or more check-box responses, rather than providing a free-form text response. Grantees will still have the ability to enter free form text if none of the provided options are applicable. This new re-formatting will reduce the time grantees will spend on completing the form. It will also provide the Office of Community Services (OCS) with the ability to collect and analyze consistent data across all grantees in a streamlined manner. This will improve the information provided by OCS in the annual LIHEAP Report to Congress and other related reports to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Management and Budget.