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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Docket:* Supporting documents, including the ICR that explains in detail the information collection activities and the related burden and cost estimates that are summarized in this document, are available in the docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the EPA Docket Center, West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is (202) 566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

*ICR status:* This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on November 30, 2015. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

Under PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, 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 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 for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* Section 8(d) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and 40 CFR part 716 require manufacturers and processors of chemicals to submit lists and copies of health and safety studies relating to the health and/or environmental effects of certain chemical substances and mixtures. In order to comply with the reporting requirements of TSCA section 8(d),

respondents must search their records to identify any health and safety studies in their possession, copy and process relevant studies, list studies that are currently in progress, and submit this information to EPA.

EPA uses this information to construct a complete picture of the known effects of the chemicals in question, leading to determinations by EPA of whether additional testing of the chemicals is required. The information enables EPA to base its testing decisions on the most complete information available and to avoid demands for testing that may be duplicative. EPA will use information obtained via this collection to support its investigation of the risks posed by chemicals and, in particular, to support its decisions on whether to require industry to test chemicals under section 4 of TSCA. This information collection request addresses the reporting requirements found in TSCA section 8(d).

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Persons who manufacture, process, or distribute in commerce chemical substances or mixtures, or who propose to do so.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory. (see 40 CFR part 716).

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 119.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Estimated total burden:* 1,605 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Estimated total costs:* \$116,551 (per year), includes no annualized capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

*Changes in the estimates:* There is a net decrease of 6,778 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease reflects in particular EPA's withdrawal of a cadmium reporting rule, the burden for which is included in the currently approved ICR. In addition there was a smaller burden increase resulting from the one-time requirement for respondents to register with EPA's CDX reporting system and to establish electronic signature agreements, plus correcting the estimated number of robust summaries submitted each year. This change is both a program change (in the case of the burden decrease due to the withdrawal of the cadmium rule) and an adjustment (for all other burden changes).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**Courtney Kerwin,**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-9935-23-OAR]

**Acid Rain Program: Notice of Annual Adjustment Factors for Excess Emissions Penalty**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of annual adjustment factors for excess emissions penalty.

**SUMMARY:** The Acid Rain Program under title IV of the Clean Air Act provides for automatic excess emissions penalties in dollars per ton of excess emissions for sources that do not meet their annual Acid Rain emissions limitations. This notice states the dollars per ton excess emissions penalty amounts, which must be adjusted for each compliance year commensurate with changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), for compliance years 2015 and 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert L. Miller, Clean Air Markets Division (6204M), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, at (202) 343-9077 or [miller.robertl@epa.gov](mailto:miller.robertl@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Acid Rain Program under title IV of the Clean Air Act limits annual sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions of fossil fuel-fired utility units. Under the Acid Rain Program, affected sources must hold enough allowances to cover their sulfur dioxide emissions, and certain coal-fired sources must meet an emission limit for nitrogen oxides. Under 40 CFR 77.6, sources that do not meet these requirements must pay a penalty without demand to the Administrator based on the number of excess tons emitted times \$2,000 as adjusted by an annual adjustment factor, which must be published in the **Federal Register**.

The annual adjustment factor for adjusting the penalty for excess emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides under 40 CFR part 77.6(b) for compliance year 2015 is 1.9089. This value is derived using the CPI for 1990 and 2014 (defined respectively at 40 CFR 72.2 as the CPI for August of the year before the specified year for all urban consumers) and results in an automatic penalty of \$3,818 per excess

ton of sulfur dioxide or nitrogen oxides emitted for 2015.

The annual adjustment factor for adjusting the penalty for such excess emissions under 40 CFR 77.6(b) for compliance year 2016 is 1.9126. This value is derived using the CPI for 1990 and 2015 and results in an automatic penalty of \$3,825 per excess ton of sulfur dioxide or nitrogen oxides emitted for 2016.

Dated: October 1, 2015.

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*Director, Clean Air Markets Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0078; FRL-9935-49-OEI]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Landfill Methane Outreach Program (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "Landfill Methane Outreach Program" (EPA ICR No. 1849.07, OMB Control No. 2060-0446) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2016. 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 8, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0078 online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

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personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting 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. 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. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** The Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP), created by EPA as part of the United States' commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, is a voluntary program

designed to encourage and facilitate the development of environmentally and economically sound landfill gas (LFG) energy projects across the United States to reduce methane emissions from landfills. LMOP meets these objectives by educating local governments and communities about the benefits of LFG recovery and use; building partnerships between state agencies, industry, energy service providers, local communities, and other stakeholders interested in developing this valuable resources in their community; and providing tools to evaluate LFG energy potential. LMOP signed voluntary Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with these organizations to enlist their support in promoting cost-effective LFG utilization. The information collection includes completion and submission of the MOU, periodic information updates, and annual completion and submission of basic information on landfill methane projects with which the organizations are involved as an effort to update the LMOP Landfill and Landfill Gas Energy Project Database. The information collection is to be utilized to maintain up-to-date data and information about LMOP Partners and LFG energy projects with which they are involved. The data will also be used by the public to access LFG energy project development opportunities in the United States. In addition, the information collection will assist LMOP in evaluating the reduction of methane emissions from landfills.

**Form Numbers:** 5900-157, 5900-158, 5900-159, 5900-160, 5900-161, and 5900-162.

**Respondents/affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are those private companies and municipalities that own or operate landfills; manufacturers and suppliers of equipment/knowledge to capture and utilize LFG; utility companies; end-users of energy from landfills; developers of LFG energy projects; State agencies; and other LFG energy stakeholders.

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Voluntary.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 1,150.

**Frequency of response:** On occasion.

**Total estimated burden:** 3,632 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

**Total estimated cost:** \$284,885 (per year), includes \$225 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

**Changes in Estimates:** There is a decrease of approximately 1,750 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB due to improved estimates of respondent participation