

The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Those wishing to speak should register to do so beginning at 3:45 p.m. on December 12th.

Those not able to attend the meeting or who have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to Karen Gibson, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, email to [seab@hq.doe.gov](mailto:seab@hq.doe.gov).

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available on the SEAB Web site or by contacting Ms. Gibson. She may be reached at the postal address or email address above, or by visiting SEAB's Web site at [www.energy.gov/seab](http://www.energy.gov/seab).

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy has submitted to the OMB for clearance, a proposal to amend an information collection request by adding an additional collection to an ICR that already includes two previously approved collections. The two previously approved collections address DOE's Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV) Scorecard, and the National Clean Fleets Partnership. DOE is not proposing to expand the scope of these information collection efforts. The proposed new collection is entitled "Ride and Drive Surveys for PEV Showcases". DOE's Clean Cities initiative has developed a three-part voluntary ride-and-drive survey to assist its coalitions and stakeholders in assessing the level of interest, understanding, and acceptance of PEVs and alternative fuel vehicles (AFV) by the purchasing public. The principal objective of the Survey is to provide DOE and stakeholders with an objective assessment and estimate of how ready the purchasing public is for

PEVs, and to help DOE's Clean Cities coalitions prepare for the successful deployment of these vehicles. DOE intends the surveys to be completed by individuals who are participating in one of many ride-and-drive events.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 21, 2016. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to:

Desk Officer for the Department of Energy, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

And to

Mr. Dennis Smith, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-3V), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, or by fax at 202-586-1600, or by email at [cleancitiesinfo@ee.doe.gov](mailto:cleancitiesinfo@ee.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dennis Smith at the address listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The amended information collection request contains (1) OMB No. 1910-5171; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Clean Cities Vehicle Programs; (3) Type of Review: Amended collection; (4) Purpose: As part of DOE's Office of Vehicle Technologies 2016 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) awards, DOE is awarding entities funding to run PEV showcases where drivers can experience driving a variety of PEVs and learn about charging electric vehicles. These awards are 50 percent cost share awards, meaning that recipients of an award under this FOA must supply 50 percent of the funds to complete each awarded project. Projects undertaken pursuant to this FOA are expected to include a survey component related to potential vehicle driver behavior. Thus, the DOE Clean Cities program has developed an initiative, the Ride and Drive Surveys for PEV Showcases, that includes a three-part voluntary ride-and-drive survey to assist its coalitions and stakeholders in assessing the level of interest, understanding, and acceptance of AFVs by the purchasing public. The principal objective of the Surveys is to provide DOE and stakeholders with an objective assessment and estimate of how ready the purchasing public is for PEVs, and

to help DOE's Clean Cities coalitions prepare for the successful deployment of these vehicles.

For the Ride and Drive Surveys for PEV Showcases collection, the effort will target public citizens who are participating in one of many Ride-and-Drive events. There are three phases to the Survey: (1) Pre Ride-and-Drive; (2) post Ride-and-Drive; and (3) a few months/some time later to discern if the respondent followed through with acquisition of a PEV or another AFV. Respondents would provide answers in the first two phases through a user-friendly paper survey and on-line survey, and in the third phase they would answer questions via an electronic interface, although a paper survey may be used for those lacking access to an electronic device or computer.

The Surveys' effort will rely on responses to questions the respondent chooses to answer. The multiple-choice questions will address the following topic areas: (1) Demographics; (2) Current vehicle background; (3) How they learned about ride and drive event; (3) Perceptions of PEVs before and after driving; (4) Post-drive vehicle experience; (5) Purchase expectations; (6) Follow-up survey on purchases; (7) Purchase information; (8) Barriers; and (9) Future intentions.

DOE expects a total respondent population for the amended collection (which would include the three collections) of approximately 16,250 respondents (an increase of 15,000 over the number of respondents for the two currently approved collections). Selecting the multiple choice answers in completing the three components of the Survey is expected to take 30 minutes, leading to a total burden of approximately 28,250 hours (an increase 2,500 hours above the total burden in hours for the two currently approved collections).

(5) *Type of Respondents:* Public; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents for all three information collections:* 16,250; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 16,300; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 28,250 (25,625 for PEV Scorecard, 125 for Clean Fleets Partnership, and 2,500 for the Ride and Drive Surveys for PEV Showcases); and (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* There is no cost associated with reporting and recordkeeping.

**Statutory Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 13233; 42 U.S.C. 13252 (a)-(b); 42 U.S.C. 13255.

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**Michael Berube,**

*Director, Vehicle Technologies Office, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9955-42-Region 9]

### Section 9 Lease Site, Coconino County, AZ; Notice of Proposed CERCLA Settlement Agreement for Recovery of Past Response Costs

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement with two parties for recovery of response costs concerning the Section 9 Lease Site in Coconino County, Arizona. The settlement is entered into pursuant to Section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1), and it requires the settling parties to pay \$230,000 to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling parties for certain costs pursuant to Sections 106 or 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 or 9607(a). For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

**DATES:** Pursuant to Section 122(i) of CERCLA, EPA will receive written comments relating to this proposed settlement for thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Joshua Wirtschafter, EPA Region

IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, ORC-3, San Francisco, CA 94105, telephone number 415-972-3912. Comments should reference the Section 9 Lease Site, Coconino County, Arizona, and should be addressed to Joshua Wirtschafter at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joshua Wirtschafter, Assistant Regional Counsel (ORC-3), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; phone: (415) 972-3912; fax: (415) 947-3570; email: [wirtschafter.joshua@epa.gov](mailto:wirtschafter.joshua@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Parties to the Proposed Settlement:* Babbitt Ranches, LLC and C.O. Bar, Inc.

Dated: November 4, 2016.

**Enrique Manzanilla,**

*Director, Superfund Division, U.S. EPA, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OGC-2016-0643; FRL 9955-41-OGC]

### Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("CAA" or the "Act"), notice is hereby given of a proposed consent decree to address a lawsuit filed by Donald van der Vaart, in his official capacity as Secretary of North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality ("NCDEQ"), and by NCDEQ (collectively "Plaintiffs") in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina: *Donald van der Vaart, et al. v. McCarthy, et al.*, No. 4:16-cv-01946-SBA (E.D. N.C.). On June 24, 2016, Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint alleging that Gina McCarthy, in her official capacity as Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") failed to perform duties mandated by CAA to take final action to approve or disapprove the December 9, 2013 Petition submitted by several states within the Ozone Transport Region ("OTR") requesting EPA to expand the OTR to include North Carolina, among other states. The proposed consent decree would establish deadlines for EPA to take certain specified actions with respect to

the December 9, 2013 Petition related to North Carolina.

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by December 21, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OGC-2016-0643, online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). For comments submitted at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA generally will not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Alexander Bond, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-3822; fax number: (202) 564-5603; email address: [Bond.Alexander@epa.gov](mailto:Bond.Alexander@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree

On June 24, 2016, Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint alleging that EPA failed to perform duties mandated by CAA to take final action to approve or disapprove the December 9, 2013 Petition submitted by several states within the OTR requesting EPA to expand the OTR pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7506a(a) to include North Carolina and several other states. Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, EPA must sign a notice for public comment that proposes certain actions regarding the December 9, 2013 Petition as to the State of North Carolina, no later than January 18, 2017, and must sign a final