

Response Center (NRC) of a hazardous substance release into the environment if the amount of the release equals or exceeds the substance's reportable quantity (RQ). The RQ of every hazardous substance can be found in Table 302.4 of 40 CFR 302.4.

Reporting under the Emergency Planning Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) section 304 is closely tied to reporting under CERCLA section 103. Under the provisions of EPCRA section 304, all releases of CERCLA hazardous substances that must be reported under CERCLA section 103(a), as well as EPCRA EHSs, must also be reported to State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs) and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) if the releases have a potential for off-site exposure. Releases of other EHSs, that are not CERCLA hazardous substances must be reported to SERCs and LEPCs if they occur in a manner that would require notification under CERCLA section 103(a). Similarly, releases exempt from reporting under CERCLA section 103(a), such as federally permitted releases, or releases subject to reduced reporting requirements under CERCLA section 103(f)(2), are not subject to immediate notification under EPCRA section 304.

The previous ICR inadvertently omitted collection activities and the burden and cost analysis under EPCRA, and are now being accounted for in this ICR renewal.

The continuous release reporting regulations (CRRR) is codified in 40 CFR 302.8 and 355.32 for CERCLA and EPCRA, respectively.

Section 103(f)(2) of CERCLA provides facilities relief from this per-occurrence notification requirement if the hazardous substance release at or above the RQ is continuous and stable in quantity and rate. To ensure that government authorities receive timely and sufficient information to evaluate potentially dangerous hazardous substance releases reported under CERCLA section 103 and EPCRA Section 304, the Continuous Release Reporting Requirements (CRRR), requires reporting a release as a continuous release. The regulations require facilities to make an initial telephone call to the NRC, the SERC, and the LEPC, an initial written report to the EPA Region, the SERC, and the LEPC, and, if the source and chemical composition of the continuous release does not change and the level of the continuous release does not significantly increase, a follow-up written report to the EPA Region one year after submission of the initial written report. If the source or chemical composition of the previously reported

continuous release changes, notifying the NRC, the EPA Region, the SERC, and the LEPC of a change in the source or composition of the release is required. Further, a significant increase in the level of the previously reported continuous release must be reported immediately to the NRC, the SERC, and the LEPC according to section 103(a) of CERCLA and EPCRA section 304. Finally, any change in information submitted in support of a continuous release notification must be reported to the EPA Region.

The reporting of a hazardous substance release that is equal to or above the substance's RQ allows the Federal government to determine whether a Federal response action is required to control or mitigate any potential adverse effects to public health or welfare or the environment.

The continuous release of hazardous substance information collected under CERCLA section 103(f)(2) is also available to EPA program offices and other Federal agencies who use the information to evaluate the potential need for additional regulations, new permitting requirements for specific substances or sources, or improved emergency response planning. State and local government authorities and facilities subject to the CRRR use release information for purposes of local emergency response planning. Members of the public, who have access to release information through the Freedom of Information Act, may request release information for purposes of maintaining an awareness of what types of releases are occurring in different localities and what actions, if any, are being taken to protect public health and welfare and the environment. 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 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

*Form numbers:* EPA Form 6100-10, Continuous Release Reporting Form.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are not defined. The usage and release of hazardous substances are pervasive throughout industry. EPA expects a number of different industrial categories to report hazardous substance releases under the provisions of the CRRR. No one industry sector or group of sectors is disproportionately affected by the information collection burden.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory if respondents want to obtain reduced reporting for continuous releases. See the abstract for details.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 4,192.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Total estimated burden:* 334,472 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$19,797,899 (per year), includes \$243,200 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in estimates:* There is an increase of 8,890 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase in burden results primarily from use of data on the actual number of continuous release reports from several regions and applying a growth rate consistent with prior years reporting. The average annual percent increase in facilities in the previous ICR was approximately 7.5%. The same percent increase was assumed for this ICR. The unit burden hours per respondent information collection activity remains the same as the previous ICR. In addition, this ICR takes into account the requirements under EPCRA section 304, which were inadvertently omitted last renewal.

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**Kimberly Jennings,**

*Acting Director, Office of Emergency Management.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-9978-58-ORD]

### **EPA Board of Scientific Counselors; Notice of Charter Renewal**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Charter Renewal.

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the EPA Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) is in the public interest and is necessary in connection with the performance of EPA's duties. Accordingly, the BOSC will be renewed for an additional two-year period. The purpose of BOSC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator regarding science and engineering research, programs and plans, laboratories, and research management practices. Inquiries may be directed to Tom Tracy, U.S. EPA, (Mail Code 8104R), 1200 Pennsylvania

Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-6518, or [tracy.tom@epa.gov](mailto:tracy.tom@epa.gov).

Dated: April 5, 2018.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9978-54-OW]

### Extension of the Application Deadline Date for Credit Assistance Under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extends the deadline to submit a letter of interest (LOI) from prospective borrowers seeking credit assistance from EPA. EPA takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of LOIs by prospective borrowers.

**DATES:** Deadline for Submittal of Letter of Interest: 12:00 p.m. (noon) EDT on July 31, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Prospective borrowers should submit all LOIs electronically via email at: [wifia@epa.gov](mailto:wifia@epa.gov) or via EPA's SharePoint site. To be granted access to the SharePoint site, prospective borrowers should contact [wifia@epa.gov](mailto:wifia@epa.gov) and request a link to the SharePoint site, where they can securely upload their LOIs. Requests to upload documents should be made no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) EDT on July 27, 2018.

EPA will notify prospective borrowers that their letter of interest has been received via a confirmation email.

Prospective borrowers can access additional information, including the WIFIA program handbook and application materials, on the WIFIA website: <https://www.epa.gov/wifia/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 12, 2018 EPA published in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 15828) a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit letters of interest (LOIs) from prospective borrowers seeking credit assistance from EPA. The deadline in the NOFA for submitting a LOI was July 6, 2018. EPA is extending this deadline to provide additional time for the preparation and submission of LOIs by prospective borrowers.

All information in the NOFA published on April 12, 2018 (83 FR 15828), remains the same, except for the deadline date, which has been changed to 12:00 p.m. (noon) EDT on July 31, 2018, and the deadline to request a link to EPA's SharePoint site to upload documents, which has been changed to 12:00 p.m. (noon) EDT on July 27, 2018.

EPA will host a question and answer webinar about submitting a LOI on May 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. EDT. EPA will also host a webinar providing an overview of the WIFIA program and the current LOI submittal round on June 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Registration directions can be found on the WIFIA program website: [www.epa.gov/wifia](http://www.epa.gov/wifia).

Prospective borrowers with questions about the program or interest in meeting with WIFIA program staff may send a request to [wifia@epa.gov](mailto:wifia@epa.gov). EPA will meet with all prospective borrowers interested in discussing the program, but only prior to submission of a LOI.

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 3901-3914; 40 CFR part 35.

Dated: May 15, 2018.

**Andrew D. Sawyers,**

*Director, Office of Wastewater Management.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0031 and EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0139; FRL-9976-24]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of Several Currently Approved Collections (EPA ICR Nos. 2491.04 and 2475.03); Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit requests to renew several currently approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ICRs are identified in this document by their corresponding titles, EPA ICR numbers, OMB Control numbers, and related docket identification (ID) numbers. Before submitting these ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection activities that are summarized in this document. The ICRs and accompanying material are available for public review

and comment in the relevant dockets identified in this document for the ICR.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 30, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by the ID number for the corresponding ICR as identified in this document, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ryne Yarger, Field and External Affairs Division (7506P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 605-1193; email address: [yarger.ryne@epa.gov](mailto:yarger.ryne@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. What information is EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. 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.

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. 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