

applications. This ICR identifies the types of activities regulated and calculates the burden and associated costs of the revisions to be included in the first final rule, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES): Specific Provisions Affecting Applications and Program Updates (RIN 2040-AF25), and corresponding updated NPDES permit application forms.

*Form numbers:* OMB. No. 2040-0004; OMB. No. 2040-0086; OMB. No. 2040-0188; OMB. No. 2040-0211; OMB. No. 2040-0250; OMB. No. 2040-0284; OMB. No. 1004-0189; OMB. No. 0596-0082.

*Respondents/affected entities:* The respondents affected by this collection activity include: The EPA; authorized state, territorial, and tribal programs; and the regulated community.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* The collection is required pursuant to CWA section 402, as implemented by the revisions to 40 CFR parts 122, 124, and 125. Compliance with the updated application requirements and corresponding updated application forms is mandatory. The opportunity for NPDES permitting authorities to provide public notice of NPDES permit actions using the internet in lieu of the newspaper is voluntary.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 20,663 applicants/permittees; 20,019 state, territory, and tribal governments; 644 by the EPA (total: 41,326).

*Frequency of response:* The burden would be realized once within a five-year period, with the assumption that each permit would be reapplied for and renewed once every five years.

*Total estimated burden:* A reduction of 19,305 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b)

*Total estimated cost:* A savings of \$2,524,064 (per year), includes a savings of \$1,419,673 annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

*Changes in estimates:* There is an overall decrease of 19,305 hours in the total estimated respondent burden. This decrease is due to: Estimated burden reduction to both permittees and permitting authorities resulting from revised application forms that are easier to follow and redesigned to reduce confusion and support completion; permitting authorities exercising the option to publicly notice permitting decisions through public websites rather than through publication in newspapers, and; additional minor reductions in burden associated with permitting authority review of applications submitted by POTWs with pretreatment programs and applications submitted by permittees indicating the use of cooling water. These changes are

due to changes in program requirements, as well as updated and improved NPDES permit application forms.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9983-28-OAR]

### Request for Nominations for the 2019 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program

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

**ACTION:** Request for nominations for Clean Air Excellence Awards.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the competition for the 2019 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program. EPA established the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program in February 2000 to recognize outstanding and innovative efforts that support progress in achieving clean air.

**DATES:** All submissions of entries for the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program must be postmarked by November 2, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Additional information on this awards program, including the entry form, can be found on EPA's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) website: <http://epa.gov/air/cleanairawards/index.html>. Any member of the public who wants further information may contact Ms. Catrice Jefferson, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA by telephone at (202) 564-1668 or by email at [jefferson.catrice@epa.gov](mailto:jefferson.catrice@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Awards Project Notice, Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7403(a)(1) and (2) and sections 103(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), notice is hereby given that the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces the opening of competition for the 2019 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program (CAEAP). The intent of the program is to recognize and honor outstanding, innovative efforts that help to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The CAEAP is open to both public and private entities. Entries are limited to efforts related to air quality in the United States. There are five general award categories: (1) Clean Air Technology; (2) Community Action; (3) Education/Outreach; (4) State/Tribal/Local Air Quality Policy Innovations;

and (5) Transportation Efficiency Innovations. There are also two special awards categories: (1) Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award; and (2) Gregg Cooke Visionary Program Award. Awards are given periodically and are for recognition only.

*Entry Requirements:* All applicants are asked to submit their entry on a CAEAP entry form, contained in the CAEAP Entry Package, which may be obtained from the CAAAC website at <http://epa.gov/air/cleanairawards/entry.html>. Applicants can also contact Ms. Catrice Jefferson, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA by telephone at (202) 564-1668 or by email at [jefferson.catrice@epa.gov](mailto:jefferson.catrice@epa.gov). The entry form is a simple, four-part form asking for general information on the applicant; a narrative description of the project; three (3) independent references for the proposed entry; and your knowledge of EPA awards programs and resources. Applicants should also submit additional support documentation as necessary. Specific directions and information on filing an entry form are included in the Entry Package.

*Judging and Award Criteria:* EPA staff will use a screening process, with input from outside subject experts, as needed. Members of the CAAAC will provide advice to EPA on the entries. The EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation will make the final award decisions. Entries will be judged using both general criteria and criteria specific to each individual category. These criteria are listed in the 2019 Entry Package.

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**Catrice Jefferson,**  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Alternate Energy Resources, Inc. Superfund Site; Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia; Notice of Settlement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of settlement.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has entered into a settlement with the Whitaker Oil Company concerning