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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>.

*Abstract:* Continuous Release Reporting Requirements (CRRR) under Section 103(a) of CERCLA, as amended, requires the person in charge of a vessel or facility immediately to notify the National 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). If the source and chemical composition of the continuous release do 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 is also required. The person in charge must notify the NRC and EPA Region of a change in the source or composition of the release, and under section 103(a) of CERCLA, a significant increase must be reported immediately to the NRC. Finally, any change in information submitted in support of a continuous release notification must be reported to the EPA Region. Section 103(f)(2) of CERCLA provides facilities relief from per-occurrence notification release requirements if the subject release is continuous and stable in quantity and rate.

CRR allows the Federal government to determine whether a Federal response action is required to control or mitigate any potential adverse effects to public health, welfare or the environment. The release information is also available to EPA program offices and other Federal agencies who 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 local emergency response planning. The public, which

has access to release information through the Freedom of Information Act, may request release information on what types of releases are occurring in different localities and what actions, if any, are being taken to protect public health, welfare and the environment.

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

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are not defined. The use and release of hazardous substances are pervasive throughout industry. EPA expects many 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 reduced reporting for continuous releases.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 4,192.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

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

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

*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 includes the requirements under EPCRA section 304, which were inadvertently omitted in the previous renewal.

**Courtney Kerwin,**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OARM-2018-0229; FRL-9985-08-OEI]

**Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Monthly Progress Reports (Renewal)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Monthly Progress Reports (EPA ICR Number 1039.15, OMB Control Number 2030-0005) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through December 31, 2018. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on June 13, 2018, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. 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:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before December 27, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OARM-2018-0229, to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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*Abstract:* Appropriate Government surveillance of contractor performance is required to give reasonable assurance that efficient methods and effective cost controls are being used for various cost-reimbursable and fixed-rate contracts. Per 48 CFR 1552.211 regulations, on a monthly basis the Agency requires contractors to provide the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) with a report detailing: (a) What was accomplished on the contract for that period; (b) expenditures for the same period of time; and (c) what is expected to be accomplished on the contract for the next month. Responses to the information collection are mandatory for contractors and are required for the contractors to receive monthly payments.

*Form numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Private sector.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory per 48 CFR 1552.211.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 337 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Monthly.

*Total estimated burden:* 97,056 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$9,074,736 (per year), includes \$50,550 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the estimates:* There is an increase of 19,650 hours (97,056-77,406) in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB because there are approximately 337 contracts and orders requiring response in 2018 instead of only 266 in 2014. This figure has increased to 337 due in part to shorter-value and shorter-length contracts being awarded due to budget

uncertainty; e.g., continuing funding resolutions, sequestration budget cuts.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-SFUND-2005-0007, FRL-9987-04-OLEM]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; EPA Worker Protection Standards for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (Renewal); EPA ICR Number 1426.12, OMB Control Number 2050-0105**

**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 a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2019. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 28, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-SFUND-2005-0007 by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [superfund.docket@epa.gov](mailto:superfund.docket@epa.gov).
- *Mail:* EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sella M. Burchette, U.S. Environmental Response Team, MS 101, Building 205, Edison, NJ 08837, telephone number: 732-321-6726; fax number: 732-321-

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Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits 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:* Section 126(f) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) requires EPA to set worker protection standards for State and local employees engaged in hazardous waste operations and emergency response in the 27 States that do not have Occupational Safety and Health Administration approved State plans. The EPA coverage, as cited in 40 CFR 311, required to be identical to the OSHA standards, extends to three categories of employees: Those engaged in clean-ups at uncontrolled hazardous waste sites, including corrective actions at Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) facilities regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); employees working on routine hazardous waste operations at RCRA TSD facilities, and employees