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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:** The requirements covered under this ICR are included in the Tier 3 Final Rule (79 FR 23414, April 28, 2014) and corresponding regulations at 40 CFR subparts H and O. The scope of the recordkeeping and reporting requirements for each party in the gasoline, gasoline additive, oxygenate, certified ethanol denaturant, and blender-grade pentane distribution systems, and therefore the cost to that party, reflects the party's opportunity to create, control or alter the product's sulfur content. As a result, petroleum refiners/importers, gasoline additive producers/importers, oxygenate producers/importers, certified ethanol denaturant producers/importers, and blender-grade pentane producers and importers have more significant requirements, which are necessary both for their own tracking and that of downstream parties, and for EPA enforcement. The Tier 3 program contains recordkeeping and reporting requirements that apply to gasoline additive manufacturers, oxygenate producers/importers, blender-grade pentane producers/importers, and producers/importers of certified ethanol denaturants that are used to produce

denatured fuel ethanol. In large part these requirements are consistent with common business practices.

*Form Numbers:*

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2060-0437	RFG1800	5900-345
2060-0437	RFG1900	5900-346
2060-0437	RFG2600	5900-347

*Respondents/affected entities:* Gasoline Refiners/Importers, Oxygenate Producers, Oxygenate Blenders, Gasoline Additive Manufacturers, Certified Ethanol Denaturant Producers, Butane and Pentane Manufacturers.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 3,953 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Annually, monthly, and on occasion.

*Total estimated burden:* 55,656 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$4,354,200 (per year), includes no annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in Estimates:* There is an increase in responses due to a more comprehensive understanding of the scale of the oxygenate production and importation industry. Despite this growth in responses, total burden hours decreased due to Agency experience in implementing the Tier 3 gasoline sulfur program.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[EPA-HQ-OECA-2014-0102; FRL-9990-82-OEI]**

### Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Oil and Natural Gas Production and Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NSPS for Oil and Natural Gas Production and Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution (EPA ICR

Number 2437.04, OMB Control Number 2060-0673), 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 March 31, 2019. Public comments were previously requested, via the **Federal Register**, on May 30, 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 neither conduct nor 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 April 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OECA-2014-0102, to: (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), or by email to [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@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 [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

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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: [www.epa.gov/dockets](http://www.epa.gov/dockets).

*Abstract:* The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Oil and Natural Gas Production and Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution (40 CFR part 60, subpart OOOO) apply to oil and natural gas facilities that commence construction, modification or reconstruction after August 23, 2011 and on or before September 19, 2015, that are involved in the extraction and production of oil and natural gas, as well as the processing, transmission, and distribution of natural gas. The June 2016 final rule established a new subpart (40 CFR 60, subpart OOOOa) to set new standards for emissions of GHGs and VOCs for affected facilities in the crude oil and natural gas source category that commence construction, modification, or reconstruction after September 18, 2015. These amendments also included revisions to improve implementation of the NSPS subpart OOOO to address issues raised in administrative reconsideration petitions submitted on both the August 16, 2012 NSPS and the September 13, 2013 amendments. These implementation improvements did not change the requirements for operations and equipment covered by the current standards at subpart OOOO. The information collection requirements of the NSPS (40 CFR 60, subpart OOOOa) and associated burden are addressed in EPA ICR Number 2523.02. In general, all NSPS standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports by the owners/operators of the affected facilities. They are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance with 40 CFR part 60, subpart OOOO.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Oil and natural gas production and natural gas transmission and distribution facilities.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR part 60, subpart OOOO).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 532 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Semiannually and annually.

*Total estimated burden:* 69,300 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$9,110,000 (per year), which includes \$1,220,000 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is a decrease in the total estimated

respondent burden and total annual O&M as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. The burden decrease occurred because the standard has been in effect for more than three years and the requirements are different during initial compliance (new facilities) as compared to on-going compliance (existing facilities). Additionally, the adjustment decrease in burden is due to a decrease in the number of sources subject to 40 CFR 60, subpart OOOO. Amendments to Subpart OOOO published on June 3, 2016 (81 FR 35824) established new standards for affected facilities in the crude oil and natural gas source category that commence construction, modification, or reconstruction after September 18, 2015. Facilities with new affected sources that would have previously met the requirements for subpart OOOO must now meet the requirements of 40 CFR 60, subpart OOOOa. The number of existing respondents that are subject to subpart OOOO is assumed to decrease over time as sources are either modified (and therefore subject to Subpart OOOOa) or retired. This ICR reflects the on-going burden and costs for existing facilities.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Availability of the Systematic Review Protocol for the Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI)) Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Assessment

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 45-day public comment period associated with the release of the Systematic Review Protocol for the Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI)) IRIS Assessment. This document communicates the rationale for conducting the assessment of Cr(VI), describes screening criteria to identify relevant literature, outlines the approach for evaluating study quality, and describes the process of evidence synthesis/integration and dose-response methods. The protocol includes the list of studies currently considered in the assessment. EPA is releasing this

protocol for public comment at least 30 days in advance of a public science webinar planned on April 24, 2019.

**DATES:** The 45-day public comment period begins March 15, 2019 and ends April 29, 2019. Comments must be received on or before April 29, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** The Systematic Review Protocol for Cr(VI) will be available via the internet on the IRIS website at [https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/iris2/chemicalLanding.cfm?substance\\_nmbr=144](https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/iris2/chemicalLanding.cfm?substance_nmbr=144) and in the public docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: EPA-HQ-ORD-2014-0313.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the docket, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).

For technical information on the protocol, contact Dr. James Avery, NCEA; telephone: 202-564-1494; or email: [avery.james@epa.gov](mailto:avery.james@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Information on the IRIS Program and Systematic Review Protocols

EPA's IRIS Program is a human health assessment program that evaluates quantitative and qualitative risk information on effects that may result from exposure to chemicals found in the environment. Through the IRIS Program, EPA provides the highest quality science-based human health assessments to support the Agency's regulatory activities and decisions to protect public health.

As part of developing a draft IRIS assessment, EPA presents a methods document, referred to as the protocol, for conducting a chemical-specific systematic review of the available scientific literature. Protocols include strategies for literature searches, criteria for study inclusion or exclusion, considerations for evaluating study methods, information management for extracting data, approaches for synthesis within and across lines of evidence, and methods for derivation of toxicity values. The protocol serves to inform the subsequent development of the draft assessment and is made available to the public. EPA may update the protocol based on the evaluation of the literature and any updates will be posted to the docket and on the IRIS website. In accordance with the most current systematic review practices of the IRIS Program, EPA is releasing the Cr(VI) protocol to provide similar public engagement steps as other IRIS assessments that have started more recently.