Commission has certified the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the ERO.[3]

Reliability Standards that the ERO proposes to the Commission may include Reliability Standards that are proposed to the ERO by a Regional Entity.[4] A Regional Entity is an entity that has been approved by the Commission to enforce Reliability Standards under delegated authority from the ERO.[5] On March 17, 2011, the Commission approved a regional Reliability Standard submitted by the ERO that was developed by the ReliabilityFirst Corporation (RF).[6]

RF promotes bulk electric system reliability in the Eastern Interconnection. RF is the Regional Entity responsible for compliance monitoring and enforcement in the RF region. In addition, RF provides an environment for the development of Reliability Standards and the coordination of the operating and planning activities of its members as set forth in the RF bylaws.

There is one regional Reliability Standard in the RF region. The Commission requests renewal of OMB clearance for that regional Reliability Standard, known as BAL–502–RF–03 (Planning Resource Adequacy Analysis, Assessment and Documentation).

On December 7, 2020, the Commission published a notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comments on this information collection for 60 days. The Commission received no comments in response.

Type of Respondents: Planning coordinators.

Estimate of Annual Burden:[7] The estimated burden and cost[8] are as follows:

FERC–725HH, RF Reliability Standards

Entity	Number of respondents[9]	Annual number of responses per respondent	Annual number of responses	Average burden hours & cost per response ($)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost ($)	Cost per respondent ($)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	(5) ÷ (1) = (6)
Planning Coordinators	2	1	2	16 hrs.; $1,243.52	32 hrs.; $2,487.04	$1,243.52

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 11, 2021.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–ORD–2015–0611; FRL–10020–37–ORD]

Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Sustainable and Health Communities Subcommittee Meeting—March 2021

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of a series of virtual meetings of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Sustainable and Health Communities (SHC) Subcommittee to discuss contaminated sites, including mine waste, solvent vapor intrusion, underground storage tanks, and lead.

DATES:

1. The initial meeting will be held over three days via videoconference:

a. Tuesday, March 30, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT);

b. Wednesday, March 31, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT); and

c. Thursday, April 1, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT).

Attendees must register by March 29, 2021.

2. A BOSC deliberation will be held on April 16, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (EDT).

Attendees must register by April 15, 2021.

3. A final summary teleconference will be held on April 27, 2021, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT).

Attendees must register by April 26, 2021.

Meeting times are subject to change. This series of meetings are open to the public. Comments must be received by March 29, 2021, to be considered by the subcommittee. Requests for the draft agenda or making a presentation at the meeting will be accepted until March 29, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Instructions on how to connect to the videoconference will be provided upon registration at *https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-bosc-sustainable-and-healthy-communities-subcommittee-meeting-tickets-131425620569.*

[3] *North American Electric Reliability Corp.,* 116 FERC ¶ 61,062 (ERO Certification Order), *order on reh'g & compliance,* 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006), *aff'd sub nom. Alcoa, Inc.* v. *FERC,* 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

[4] 16 U.S.C. 824*o*(e)(4).

[5] 16 U.S.C. 824*o*(a)(7) and (e)(4).

[6] *Planning Resource Adequacy Assessment Reliability Standard,* Order No. 747, 134 FERC ¶ 61,212 (2011).

[7] Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.

[8] The hourly cost ($77.72 for salary plus benefits) is the average of mean hourly salaries and benefits for the following occupations:

- Manager (Occupation Code 11–0000): $94.84/hour
- Engineern (Occupation Code 17–2071): $85.71/hour
- File Clerk (Occupation Code 43–4071): $52.60/hour

Salary and benefits data are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics at *https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm* (salaries) and *http://www.bls.gov/news.releases/ecee.nr0.htm* (benefits).

[9] The number of respondents is derived from the NERC Compliance Registry as of October 2, 2020 for the burden associated with the proposed regional Reliability Standard BAL–502–RF–03.

Submit your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2015–0611 by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Note:* comments submitted to the *www.regulations.gov* website are anonymous unless identifying information is included in the body of the comment.
- *Email:* Send comments by electronic mail (email) to: *ORD.Docket@epa.gov,* Attention Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2015–0611.
- *Note:* comments submitted via email are not anonymous. The sender's email will be included in the body of the comment and placed in the public docket which is made available on the internet.

Instructions: All comments received, including any personal information provided, will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at *www.regulations.gov.* Information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute will not be included in the public docket, and should not be submitted through *www.regulations.gov* or email. For additional information about the EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at *http://www.epa.gov/dockets/.*

Public Docket: Publicly available docket materials may be accessed *Online* at *www.regulations.gov.*

Copyrighted materials in the docket are only available via hard copy. The telephone number for the ORD Docket Center is (202) 566–1752.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Tom Tracy, via phone/voicemail at: (202) 564–6518; or via email at: *tracy.tom@epa.gov.*

Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft agenda, attending the meeting, or making a presentation at the meeting should contact Tom Tracy no later than March 29, 2021.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) is a federal advisory committee that provides advice and recommendations to EPA's Office of Research and Development on technical and management issues of its research programs. The meeting agenda and materials will be posted to *https://www.epa.gov/bosc.*

Proposed agenda items for the meeting include, but are not limited to, the following: Contaminated sites, including mine waste, solvent vapor intrusion, underground storage tanks, and lead.

Information on Services Available: For information on translation services, access, or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Tom Tracy at (202) 564–6518 or *tracy.tom@epa.gov.* To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Tom Tracy at least ten days prior to the meeting to give the EPA adequate time to process your request.

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Mary Ross,

Director, Office of Science Advisor, Policy and Engagement.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2016–0093; FRL–10017–83]

Pesticides; Final Guidance for Waiving Acute Dermal Toxicity Tests for Pesticide Technical Chemicals and Supporting Retrospective Analysis; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the final guidance document entitled ''Guidance for Waiving Acute Dermal Toxicity Tests for Pesticide Technical Chemicals & Supporting Retrospective Analysis.'' Guidance documents are issued by the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to inform pesticide registrants and other interested persons about important policies, procedures, and registration related decisions, and serve to provide guidance to pesticide registrants and OPP personnel. This final guidance document provides information to pesticide registrants concerning the Agency's decision to expand the potential for data waivers for acute dermal studies to single technical active ingredients (technical AIs) used to formulate end use products.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tara Flint, Antimicrobial Division (7510P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 347–0398; email address: *flint.tara@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

II. What action is the Agency taking?

A. Authority

This guidance is provided under the authority of FIFRA (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*) and addresses the utility of the acute dermal toxicity study for single technical chemicals in pesticide labelling, such as the signal word and precautionary statements as described in 40 CFR 156.64 and 40 CFR 156.70.

B. Background

EPA's OPP regularly receives acute lethality studies for oral, dermal and inhalation routes along with eye irritation, skin irritation, and skin sensitization—these data are required for both the registration of new and reregistration of existing pesticidal products.

In 2016, OPP published the ''*Guidance for Waiving Acute Dermal Toxicity Tests for Pesticide Formulations & Supporting Retrospective Analysis*'' to support the Agency's goal to reduce unnecessary animal testing. The retrospective analysis supports the conclusion that the dermal acute toxicity study for formulations provides little to no added value in regulatory decision making.

In 2017 Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) released their *Acute Dermal Toxicity Waiver.* This policy includes both end use products and technical active ingredients. Stakeholders have requested that EPA expand its waiver guidance for technical active ingredients to support North American harmonization.

In 2019 EPA Administrator Wheeler directed Agency leadership to prioritize animal testing reduction efforts.

In 2020, the Agency published the draft guidance for public comment on October 8, 2020 (85 FR 63548), and received supportive comments from stakeholders. Therefore, the Agency is