

burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

## II. What information collection activity or ICR does this action apply to?

*Title:* Pollution Prevention (P2) Grantee Data Collection in Standard Electronic Format.

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No.2728.01 and OMB Control No. 2070-NEW.

*ICR status:* This ICR is a new information collection activity. Under the PRA, 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, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as with the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* This ICR presents EPA's estimates for the burden and costs associated with the information collection activities related to pollution prevention grant programs and the collection of activity and results data from the grantees via a standard electronic format.

Pollution prevention (P2) means reducing or eliminating pollutants from entering any waste stream or otherwise being released into the environment prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal. EPA's P2 program operates three grant programs and is developing two new grant programs. The three existing programs are: The Pollution Prevention State Tribal Assistance Grants (P2 STAG); the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Pollution Prevention Grants (P2 BIL); and the Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) Grants. The P2 STAG and SRA grants are funded through recurring appropriations and require grantees to provide matching funds. The P2 BIL grants, which are funded through the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), are also STAG but do not require grantees to provide matching funds. The two new grant programs under development are: The Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice Through Safer/Sustainable Products (P2 EJ Products); and the Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice in Communities (P2 EJ Facilities). The P2 EJ Products and P2 EJ Facilities grants will also be supported by BIL funding and, as such, do not require grantee matching funds.

EPA's goal in developing a standard electronic format is to provide a consistent manner of data collection from grant-funded projects so that ultimately the information collected can be inputted into a database which is searchable and sharable. To date, EPA has developed two templates in MS Excel format. The templates include two forms for two types of P2 and SRA projects: one for projects providing direct technical assistance to businesses (EPA Form 9600-047 (Template #1)) and one for projects supporting recognition and leadership programs or providing P2 technical assistance to broad audiences, including webinars, roundtables, tool development, research and demonstration projects (EPA Form 9600-048 (Template #2)). The completed templates will be collected annually by Regional grant administrators, who will be responsible for reviewing the data prior to database upload. EPA is in the process of completing similar templates for the two new grant programs and anticipates the reporting burden will be similar to the two existing grant programs.

The ICR, which is available in the docket along with other related materials, provides a detailed explanation of the collection activities and the burden estimate that is only briefly summarized here.

*Burden statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 14 to 20 per response. Burden is defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this ICR may include entities identified by the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code 99200, *i.e.*, State Governmental entities.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory for grant recipients.

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 275 (total).

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 1 (per year).

*Estimated total annual estimated burden hours:* 5,123 hours (per year).

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$431,778 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

## III. What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

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 pursuant to 5 CFR

1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** document pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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*Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0765; FRL-10670-01-ORD]

### Request for Public Nominations of Experts To Serve on a Review Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking nominations for technical experts to serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) on a review panel under the authority of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), a federal advisory committee to the Office of Research and Development (ORD). Selected experts will review ORD's draft documents detailing scientific studies supporting the development of transcriptomic-based toxicity values and their implementation as a new EPA Transcriptomic Assessment Product (ETAP). The ETAP is a proposed ORD assessment product that utilizes a standardized short-term *in vivo* study design and data analysis procedures to develop transcriptomic-based toxicity values for data poor chemicals. The review will take place between April and July 2023. Submission of nominations should be made via the BOSC website at: <https://www.epa.gov/bosc>.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by March 3, 2023, per instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public needing additional information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Mr. Tom Tracy, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Mail Code B343-01, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research

Triangle Park, NC 27711; via phone/voice mail at: (919) 541-4334; or via email at: [tracy.tom@epa.gov](mailto:tracy.tom@epa.gov). General information concerning the BOSC can be found at the following website: <https://www.epa.gov/bosc>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The BOSC is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee established by the EPA to provide independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations about ORD. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the BOSC conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations.

The BOSC is comprised of an Executive Committee and two supporting subcommittee(s): Social and Community Science, and Climate Change. Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-office-research-and-development-ord> to learn more about ORD's research programs.

Members of the BOSC constitute a distinguished body of non-EPA scientists, engineers, and economists who are experts in their respective fields. The chartered BOSC provides scientific advice to the EPA Administrator on a variety of EPA science and research topics. All the work of BOSC standing committees and ad-hoc panels is conducted under the auspices of the chartered BOSC. The chartered BOSC members review all BOSC standing committee and ad-hoc panel draft reports and determine whether each meets the BOSC's criteria and high-quality standards required to deliver them to the EPA Administrator.

The BOSC will evaluate the Office of Research and Development (ORD)'s draft scientific studies supporting the development of transcriptomic-based toxicity values and their use as a new EPA Transcriptomic Assessment Product (ETAP). Draft documents will be provided in the BOSC docket prior to the meeting for an in-depth evaluation of:

- Literature review and scientific studies supporting the development of transcriptomic points-of-departure from short-term *in vivo* studies;
- Derivation of transcriptomic toxicity values for chronic toxicity; and
- Incorporation of transcriptomic toxicity values into a new standardized assessment product that is intended for data poor chemicals.
- Example application of the ETAP to a data poor per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS).

The review of the draft documents detailing underlying scientific studies

and implementation of ETAP by the BOSC is being performed in close coordination with a separate BOSC review of a value-of-information (VOI) analysis comparing the ETAP with traditional human health assessment practices. The VOI analysis is intended to evaluate the public health and economic trade-offs associated with the timeliness, uncertainty, and costs of the different toxicity evaluation and assessment approaches.

##### Expertise Sought

The EPA invites nominations of individuals to serve as SGEs with expertise or extensive experience in the following scientific disciplines and topic areas as they relate to human health and the environment:

- Human health chemical risk assessment
- Toxicology
- Biostatistics
- Transcriptomics, including dose response modeling of transcriptomic data
- Systematic evidence mapping

##### Selection Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of several criteria including: (a) demonstrated scientific and/or technical credentials and disciplinary expertise, knowledge, and experience in relevant fields; (b) availability to serve and willingness to commit time to the committee (approximately one to three meetings both by teleconferences and possibly face-to-face meetings); (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality; (e) demonstrated ability to work constructively and effectively on committees; and (f) background and experiences that would contribute to the diversity of viewpoints on the Executive Committee or Subcommittee, *e.g.*, workforce sector, geographical location, social, cultural, and educational backgrounds, and professional affiliations.

##### Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to be considered for appointment to the advisory committee. Nominations should be submitted via the BOSC website at: <https://www.epa.gov/bosc>. Nominations should be submitted no later than March 3, 2023. To receive full consideration, nominations should include all the information requested. EPA's nomination form requests: contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the

disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's curriculum vita and/or resume; and additional information that would be useful for considering the nomination such as background and qualifications (*e.g.*, current position, educational background, expertise, research areas), experience relevant to one or more of ORD's research programs, service on other advisory committees and professional societies, and availability to participate as an SGE. Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the BOSC website, should contact Mr. Tom Tracy, as indicated above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

**Mary Ross,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2021

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Draft Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2021 is available for public review. EPA requests recommendations for improving the overall quality of the inventory report to be finalized in April 2023, as well as subsequent inventory reports.

**DATES:** To ensure your comments are considered for the final version of the document, please submit your comments by March 17, 2023. However, comments received after that date will still be welcomed and considered for the next edition of this report.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0001, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI). Comments can also be submitted in hardcopy to GHG Inventory at: Environmental Protection Agency, Climate Change Division