

Form Numbers: To be determined.

Respondents/affected entities: The primary recipients of EPA assistance agreements are State and local governments, Indian Tribes, educational institutions, and not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents' obligation to respond: Required to obtain an assistance agreement (40 CFR part 30, 40 CFR part 31, and 40 CFR part 33 for awards made prior to December 26, 2014, and 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500, and 40 CFR part 33 for awards made after December 26, 2014).

Estimated number of respondents: 3,048 (total).

Frequency of response: On occasion, quarterly, and annually.

Total estimated burden: 94,606 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$6,054,791 (per year), which includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the estimates: Estimated total respondent burden is likely to increase compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB due to an increase in the number of the estimated respondent universe.

Rachel Lentz,

Acting Director, National Policy, Training and Compliance Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R08-OW-2019-0404; FRL-11434-01-OMS]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Filter Adoption Survey (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Filter Adoption Survey (EPA ICR Number 2615.02, OMB Control Number 2008-0003) 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 September 30, 2023. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on February 17, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before October 30, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-R08-OW-2019-0404, to EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. 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.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Parker, Supervisor, Drinking Water Section A, Water Division, 8WD-DWA, Environmental Protection Agency Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver Colorado 80202-1129; telephone number 303-312-6664; email address: parker.robert@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through September 30, 2023. 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.

Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on February 17, 2023 during a 60-day comment period (88 FR 10325). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. 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 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: Denver Water is a public water system that must comply with applicable requirements of the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). On September 6,

2019, Denver Water submitted a request to EPA Region 8 for a variance from the optimal corrosion control treatment requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act's LCR. The request proposed a multi-pronged approach to remove lead at least as efficiently as the use of orthophosphate (the designated optimal corrosion control treatment) by employing pH and alkalinity adjustments to reduce corrosivity of the water, accelerated lead service line removal, and a filter program in which Denver Water would distribute pitcher filters to consumers that have a known, suspected, or possible lead service line. Under section 1415(a)(3) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, on December 16, 2019, the U.S. EPA granted Denver Water a variance (2019 Variance) from the definition of "optimal corrosion control treatment" in 40 CFR 141.2. The 2019 Variance contained requirements to determine the efficacy of the filter program and a survey program was established to produce information to support that determination. That collection was approved under EPA ICR #2615.01.

On November 30, 2022, EPA issued a new variance to replace the expiring 2019 variance. Denver Water, EPA and CDPHE agreed that beginning in 2025, a survey conducted every two years (rather than annually) would be sufficient to determine the efficacy of the filter program. EPA will use the 2025 survey results that Denver Water collects to determine the consumer filter adoption rate and to confirm that customers are using and maintaining the filters per manufacturer's instructions. Every second year, the filter adoption survey will be sent by Denver Water via postal mail to approximately 20,000 of an estimated 119,250 individual homes that have received a pitcher filter through Denver Water's filter distribution program. Surveys will be sent via direct mail and will include an online completion option. Direct mailings will be sent with a unique QR code to track which addresses responses have been received from. Surveys will be sent out in both English and Spanish.

Furthermore, Denver Water must collect samples from filters in at least 50 locations in use by customers enrolled in the filter program who are also enrolled in Denver Water's LCR compliance tap sampling program. During the LCR compliance tap sampling visit, Denver Water will collect additional information on whether the filter is properly used and maintained, including but not limited to: whether the filter cartridge is properly installed and changed on time; whether the filter is being used for

drinking, cooking, or infant formula; and whether the filter is being used per manufacturer's instructions.

Form Numbers: 6700–009.

Respondents/affected entities:

Households served by Denver Water that have a known, suspected, or possible lead service line or a galvanized line in need of replacing (per the 2022 Variance), and who have been distributed a pitcher filter through the filter distribution program.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Voluntary.

Estimated number of respondents: 2,000 (total).

Frequency of response: Once in 2025, then biennially.

Total estimated burden: 323 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$22,111 (per year), which includes \$667 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is decrease of 947.34 hours per year in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is a result of Denver Water reducing their estimates of per survey burden as well as the fact that only one survey will be conducted in this three-year period versus three in the period covered by the previous ICR.

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Director, Regulatory Support Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2023–0463; FRL–11396–01–OCSPP]

Metamitron; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received specific exemption requests from the Colorado and Nebraska Departments of Agriculture to use the pesticide metamitron (CAS No. 41394–05–2) to treat up to 69,596 acres of sugar beets to control the invasive weed, Palmer amaranth. The applicants propose the use of a new chemical which has not been registered by EPA. EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemptions, in accordance

with the regulation at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 166.24(a)(1).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 13, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2023–0463, through the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Smith, Director, Registration Division (7505T), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001; main telephone number: (202) 566–2875; email address: RDPRNotices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through <https://www.regulations.gov> or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD–ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD–ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD–ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not

contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low-income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the EPA Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the EPA Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. The Colorado and Nebraska Departments of Agriculture have requested the EPA Administrator to issue specific exemptions for the use of metamitron on sugar beets to control Palmer amaranth. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of the requests.

As part of this request, the applicants assert that emergency conditions exist due to insufficient means to control Palmer amaranth in sugar beets, and the use of metamitron will help avert significant economic losses.

The Applicants propose to apply a total of 64 fluid ounces per acre of the unregistered product, Goltix 700 SC (containing 58.3% metamitron, equivalent to 5.84 lbs. of metamitron per gallon of product) on up to 22,468 acres of sugar beets in Colorado, and 47,128 acres in Nebraska (total of 69,596 acres) from April 1 to May 31, 2024, using a potential product maximum of 11,234 gallons in Colorado and 23,564 gallons in Nebraska (total of 34,798 gallons of Goltix 700 SC, equivalent to 203,221 lbs. of metamitron).