

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD**Information Collection Request 30-Day Notice**

AGENCY: Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB).

ACTION: 30-Day notice of submission of information collection request (ICR) approval and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection request (ICR) renewal described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The Chemical Safety Board (CSB) is soliciting public comments on this proposed collection renewal. The CSB on its own made additional changes to the survey instructions and survey questions. Additionally, the agency reviewed time considerations for completing the survey and increased the time to complete the survey. Previously, the CSB included information regarding interviews. This information collection request is only for the survey; the information regarding the interviews has been eliminated because the interviews do not fall under the PRA. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments should be sent no later than 5 p.m. EST on Friday, December 8, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions within 30 days of publication of this notice: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Chemical Safety Board Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395-5806 OR, Email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

Additionally, written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection may be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. To find this particular information collection request, select "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or use the search function.

Requests for information, including copies of the information collection proposed and supporting

documentation, should be directed to: Chris Lyon, Acting General Counsel, U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, at reactives@csb.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Lyon, Acting General Counsel, U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20006; reactives@csb.gov; or 202-261-7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CSB Reactive Hazard Study Survey of Industry Practices.

Type of Request: Approval.

Abstract: The enabling statute of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) provides that the CSB is "authorized to conduct research and studies with respect to the potential for accidental releases, whether or not an accidental release has occurred, where there is evidence which indicates the presence of a potential hazard or hazards." 42 U.S.C. 7412(r)(6)(F).

In August 2000, the CSB initiated a review of reactive hazards nationwide. The purpose of the investigation was to develop recommendations to reduce the number and severity of such incidents. The CSB published Hazard Investigation: Improving Reactive Hazard Management on September 17, 2002. The CSB issued a total of 24 recommendations to 15 organizations. One recommendation and one superseded recommendation remain.

This information collection request will assist the CSB in updating its 2002 study, "Hazard Investigation: Improving Reactive Hazard Management." On behalf of the CSB, the Federal Research Division (FRD) within the Library of Congress is conducting the study to compile current research, data, and company safety policies concerning reactive chemical incidents.

For this study, FRD on behalf of CSB intends on collecting survey data from 24 randomly selected small/medium and large companies that use reactive chemicals.

Type of Respondents: All the respondents will be private sector businesses that use reactive chemicals that voluntarily submit to the survey.

Estimate Annual Number of Respondents: 24. This represents the maximum number of respondents.

Frequency of Use: Once. This survey is part of a study.

Small Businesses or Organizations Affected: None. Although the CSB is contacting small businesses, this survey is voluntary. Additionally, the CSB

anticipates a total of 15 companies will respond.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 24. This represents the maximum number of possible responses.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response: 6 hours. The survey should take a representative from each of the companies randomly selected four to eight hours to complete. The estimated financial burden for one process safety manager to take this survey is \$375.57. For 15 surveys (the anticipated amount of responses), the total cost of process safety managers' time is estimated to be \$5,633.55.¹

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 90 hours. This represents the total average burden (6 hours per 15 responses).

Need for and Use of Information: This research is vital because safely conducting chemical reactions is essential for the chemical manufacturing industry. Chemical reactive hazards can rapidly release large quantities of heat, energy, and gaseous byproducts. Uncontrolled reactions have led to serious explosions, fires, and toxic emissions. The impacts may be severe in terms of death and injury to people, damage to physical property, and effects on the environment and surrounding communities. Since the publication of the 2002 report, incidents caused by uncontrolled chemical reactions have persisted. This fact suggests the need to continue to evaluate existing standards and improve the management of reactive hazards in response to changes within the chemical manufacturing industry over the past two decades.

Researchers will use quantitative and qualitative mixed methods to analyze the collected industry information. The analysis will identify trends and present insights which will enhance the CSB's capacity to respond to future reactive chemical incidents and to inform industry stakeholders of the best practices in process safety protocols.

Comment is Invited: Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have

¹ The burden is calculated by taking the 6-hour time burden for a process safety manager multiplied by the number of surveys; an average Process Safety Manager makes \$100,154 per year as of September 15, 2022, which in terms of hourly compensation is \$48.15. \$48.15 hourly pay * 1.3 (benefits) * 6 hours to complete * 15 surveys = 5,633.55. See "Process Safety Manager Salaries," Glassdoor, Updated September 15, 2022, https://www.glassdoor.com/Salaries/process-safety-manager-salary-SRCH_KOO,22.htm.

practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden 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 to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. To view the draft protocol, please see: https://www.csb.gov/assets/1/6/csb_survey_draft_2023.11.02.pdf.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. As of the time of this notice, the CSB has not received any comments. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission request toward Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: November 3, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Census Bureau (Director) is seeking nominations for the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations (NAC or Committee). The purpose of the NAC is to provide advice to the Director on the full range of economic, housing, demographic, socioeconomic, linguistic, technological, methodological, geographic, behavioral and operational variables affecting the cost, accuracy and implementation of Census Bureau programs and surveys, including the decennial census. The Director has determined that the work of the NAC is in the public interest and relevant to the duties of the Census Bureau. Therefore, the Director is seeking nominations to fill vacancies on the NAC. Additional information concerning the NAC can be found by visiting the NAC's website at:

<https://www.census.gov/about/cac/nac.html>.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Nominations must contain a completed resumé. The Census Bureau will retain nominations received after the deadline for consideration should additional vacancies occur.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations via email to the address listed below, census.national.advisory.committee@census.gov (subject line 2024 NAC Nominations").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shana Banks, Chief, Advisory Committee Branch, Office of Program, Performance and Stakeholder Integration (PPSI), Census Bureau, by telephone at 301-763-3815 or by email at Shana.J.Banks@census.gov. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., eastern standard time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (FACA), 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) app, the Director of the Census Bureau is seeking nominations for the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations (NAC). The NAC will operate under the provisions of FACA and will report to the Director of the Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau's National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations will advise the Director of the Census Bureau on the full range of Census Bureau programs and activities. The Committee will provide race, ethnic, and other population expertise from the following disciplines: economic, housing, demographic, socioeconomic, linguistic, technological, methodological, geographic, and behavioral and operational variables affecting the cost, accuracy, and implementation of Census Bureau programs and surveys, including the decennial census.

Objectives and Duties

1. The NAC advises the Director of the Census Bureau (the Director) on the full range of economic, housing, demographic, socioeconomic, linguistic, technological, methodological, geographic, behavioral, and operational variables affecting the cost, accuracy, and implementation of Census Bureau programs and surveys, including the decennial census.

2. The NAC advises the Census Bureau on the identification of new strategies for improved census operations, and survey and data collection methods, including identifying cost efficient ways to increase census participation.

3. The NAC addresses census policies, research and methodology, tests, operations, communications/messaging, and other activities to ascertain needs and best practices to improve censuses, surveys, operations, and programs.

4. The NAC reviews and provides formal recommendations and feedback on working papers, reports, and other documents related to the design and implementation of Census Bureau programs and surveys.

5. The NAC utilizes Regional Office participation to identify regional, local, Tribal, and grassroots issues, and trends and perspectives related to Census Bureau surveys and programs.

6. The NAC, in providing insight, perspectives, and expertise on the full spectrum of Census Bureau surveys and programs to assist the Census Bureau in: developing appropriate research and methodologies, operations, communications, and strategies to reduce program/survey costs; improving coverage and operational efficiency; improving the quality of data collected; protecting the public's and business units' privacy; enhancing public participation and awareness of Census Bureau programs and surveys; improving the dissemination of data products; and the use of administrative records and third party data in the decennial census.

7. In providing insight, perspectives, and expertise on the full spectrum of Census Bureau surveys and programs, the NAC examines such areas as hidden households, language barriers, students and youth, aging populations, American Indian and Alaska Native tribal considerations, new immigrant populations, populations affected by natural disasters, highly mobile and migrant populations, complex households, poverty, race/ethnic distribution, privacy and confidentiality, rural populations and businesses, individuals and households with limited access to information and communications technologies, the dynamic nature of new businesses, minority ownership of businesses, as well as other concerns impacting Census Bureau survey design and implementation.

8. The NAC functions solely as an advisory body and shall fully comply with the provisions of FACA.