

listed above. In considering extraordinary circumstances, EPA will consider whether the proposed action has the potential to result in significant effects as described in DOE's extraordinary circumstances listed at 10 CFR 1021.410(b)(2). DOE defines extraordinary circumstances as unique situations presented by specific proposals, including, but not limited to, scientific controversy about the environmental effects of the proposal; uncertain effects or effects involving unique or unknown risks; and unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources. In addition, EPA will consider its list of extraordinary circumstances as described at 40 CFR 6.204(b).

#### IV. Consultation With DOE and Determination of Appropriateness

EPA and DOE consulted on the appropriateness of EPA's adoption of the CE in November 2023. EPA and DOE's consultation included a review of DOE's experience developing and applying the CE, as well as the types of actions for which EPA plans to utilize the CE. These EPA actions are very similar to the type of projects for which DOE has applied the CE and therefore the impacts of EPA projects will be very similar to the impacts of DOE projects, which are not significant, absent extraordinary circumstances. Therefore, EPA has determined that its proposed use of the methane gas recovery and utilization systems CE as described in this notice is appropriate.

#### V. Notice to the Public and Documentation of Adoption

This notice serves to identify to the public and document EPA's adoption of DOE's CE B5.21 for Methane Gas Recovery and Utilization Systems. This notice identifies the types of actions to which EPA will apply the CE, as well as the considerations that EPA will use in determining whether an action is within the scope of the CE.

Dated: February 14, 2024.

##### Timothy Hamlin,

Director, Land, Chemicals, and Redevelopment Division, EPA Region 10.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2024-0072; FRL-11749-01-OEJECR]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Environmental Justice CPS and G2G Programs: Post-Award Reporting and Public Outreach Information Collections

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), Environmental Justice CPS and G2G Programs: Post-Award Reporting and Public Outreach Information Collections (EPA ICR Number 2807.01, OMB Control Number 2035-NEW) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a request for approval of a new collection. This notice allows for 60 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 22, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2024-XXXX, to EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [Docket\\_OMS@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_OMS@epa.gov), 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aarti Iyer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; email address: [iyer.aarti@epa.gov](mailto:iyer.aarti@epa.gov); phone: 202-564-0214.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a request for approval of a new collection. 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.

This notice allows 60 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](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>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate forms of information technology. 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. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) makes competitive financial assistance awards to support projects that tackle environmental and public health challenges across the country. This is accomplished by working directly with community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs) and state, local, territorial, and tribal governments that have strong ties to the communities in which they are working. To help get resources and funding to underserved and overburdened communities EPA offers the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving (EJCPS) and Environmental Justice Government to Government (EJG2G) cooperative agreement programs, which are designed to address multi-statute environmental and/or public health issues. The EJCPS and EJG2G grantees will operate in cooperative agreements with EPA in their efforts to collaborate

and partner with other stakeholders to develop solutions that will significantly address environmental and/or public health issue(s) in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks. With this Information Collection Request (ICR), EPA seeks authorization to collect information to track progress made by the EJCPs and EJG2G grantees and their partnerships. Collection of this information enables EPA to assess and manage these two programs, which ensures responsible stewardship of public funds; rigorous evidence-based learning and improvement; and transparent accountability to the American public. This ICR also requests authorization for the grantees to collect input and insights from communities who seek to benefit from project services, as well as stakeholders who have valuable experience and expertise in community engagement and empowerment. These information collections will enable the grantees to document local priorities, needs, and norms to ensure that they develop useful and relevant projects and training services. Furthermore, feedback about these services will enable the grantees to conduct self-assessments to identify best practices and areas for improvement.

*Form numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Recipients of financial assistance awards from the EJCPs and EJG2G programs; stakeholders; community members.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory for grant recipients as per reporting requirements included in EPA regulations 2 CFR parts 200 and 1500, and voluntary for public outreach information collections via surveys and focus groups.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 186 grantees and approximately 7,000 members of the public.

*Frequency of response:* One work plan, two semi-annual progress reports per year the grant is active; one final report. Variable numbers of surveys and focus groups per year.

*Total estimated burden:* 24,699 hours per year.

*Total estimated cost:* \$835,759 per year.

*Changes in the estimates:* This is a new collection; therefore there is no change in burden.

**Jacob Burney,**

*Director, Grants Management Division, Office of Community Support, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OLEM-2024-0045; FRL-11716-01-OLEM]

### Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System ("e-Manifest") Advisory Board: Request for Public Input for Charge Questions to the Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites the public to provide input for potential charge questions which the Agency could consider when consulting the e-Manifest Advisory Board ("Advisory Board") regarding the operations of EPA's hazardous waste electronic manifest system ("e-Manifest"). Relevant topics could include matters related to the operational activities, functions, policies, and regulations of EPA under the e-Manifest Act. The Advisory Board was established pursuant to the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act, (e-Manifest Act), and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide recommendations to the EPA Administrator on matters related to the e-Manifest program activities, functions, policies, and regulations of the EPA under the e-Manifest Act. EPA consults the Advisory Board at least annually.

**DATES:** Advisory Board charge recommendations comments must be received on or before March 22, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Advisory Board charge question recommendations should be submitted to the public docket under docket No. EPA-HQ-OLEM-2024-0045 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Jenkins, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, email: [jenkins.fred@epa.gov](mailto:jenkins.fred@epa.gov); phone: 202-566-0344.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Advisory Board is established in accordance with the provisions of the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act (e-Manifest Act) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Advisory Board is in the public interest and supports the EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities. The Advisory Board meets annually to discuss, evaluate the effectiveness of, and provide

recommendations about the system to the EPA Administrator. For more information, please visit the Advisory Board website at <https://www.epa.gov/e-manifest/hazardous-waste-electronic-manifest-system-e-manifest-advisory-board>.

To help ensure that the e-Manifest system is meeting the needs of its user community, EPA is inviting the public to suggest potential charges for which the Agency could consider asking the Advisory Board to address during future public meetings of the Advisory Board. A charge includes focused questions on a specific topic upon which the Agency could seek to obtain advice or recommendations from the Advisory Board. Relevant topics could include matters related to the operational activities, functions, policies, and regulations of EPA under the e-Manifest Act.

While EPA is soliciting public input on potential future charge questions for the Advisory Board, EPA notes the Agency has sole discretion in determining charge questions ultimately posed to the Advisory Board. EPA also notes that the Advisory Board only provides advice and recommendations to EPA, and EPA in turn considers such advice when making decisions pertaining to the e-Manifest system.

Dated: February 14, 2024.

**Carolyn Hoskinson,**

*Director, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-11753-01-ORD]

### EPA Board of Scientific Counselors; Notice of Charter Renewal

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

**ACTION:** Notice of charter renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the EPA Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) is in the public interest and is necessary in connection with the performance of EPA's duties. Accordingly, the BOSC will be renewed for an additional two-year period. The purpose of the BOSC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator regarding the Office of Research and Development's National Research Programs.