

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>.

**Abstract:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awards billions of dollars in funding for grants and other assistance agreements, with recipients ranging from small non-profit organizations to large state governments. With this Information Collection Request (ICR), EPA seeks authorization to collect information to track progress by the Agency's assistance programs. Collection of this information from award recipients enables EPA to assess and manage its assistance programs, which in turn ensures responsible stewardship of public funds; rigorous evidence-based learning and improvement; and transparent accountability to the American public. The information requested under this ICR will be collected via performance report forms, including work plans, interim reports, and final reports.

**Form Numbers:** None.

**Respondents/affected entities:** Recipients of financial assistance awards from EPA.

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Mandatory for grant recipients as per reporting requirements included in EPA regulations 2 CFR parts 200 and 1500.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 3,145 (per year).

**Frequency of response:** Varies.

**Total estimated burden:** 84,048 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

**Total estimated cost:** \$6,820,967 (per year), there are no annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

**Changes in the Estimates:** This is a new collection, and so does not involve any program changes or burden adjustments.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OEI-2006-0037; FRL-12272-01-OMS]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Exchange Network Grants Progress Reports (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), Exchange Network Grants Progress Reports (Renewal) (EPA ICR Number 2207.09, OMB Control Number 2025-0006) 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 proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through 11/30/2024. This notice allows for 60 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 21, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number [EPA-HQ-OEI-2006-0037 to EPA, online using [www.regulations.gov](http://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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin McGown, Information Engagement Division, Data Interoperability Partnership Branch, 2823 T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-2142; email address: [mcgown.erin@epa.gov](mailto:mcgown.erin@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through November 30, 2024. 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 Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Mission Support provides funding via grants to EPA's Exchange Network partners (states, territories, and federally recognized Indian tribes) to support the development of the Exchange Network (EN). The EN facilitates the sharing of environmental data, especially through shared and reusable services; streamlines data collection and exchanges to improve timeliness for decision making; increases the quality and access to environmental data; reduces burden and costs for co-regulators and the regulated community; supports better decisions on environmental and health issues; and increases capacity for environmental data management for tribes and US territories. As part of the terms and conditions of the EN grant program, recipients are required to submit the following forms: (i) Semi-Annual

Progress Reports (EPA Form 5300–26) twice annually throughout the lifetime of the project, Final Progress Report (EPA Form 5300–26) within 120 calendar days after the period of performance end date, and the IT Component and Project Registration Form, at the time of grant close-out. The information gathered on items (i) and (ii) help EPA to ensure that projects are on schedule to meet identified project goals and produce high quality environmental outputs. The registration form (item iii) provides a detailed summary of the completed project and any developed/reused IT components; this information is made available to future applicants to inform the development of their proposed projects, promote the reuse of technologies, and connect to potential project partners and mentors.

*Form Numbers:* EPA Form 5300–26.

*Respondents/affected entities:*

Employees of state, tribal, or territorial environmental government offices.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:*

Required to obtain or retain a benefit (2 CFR part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards).

*Estimated number of respondents:*

223 (149 semi-annually for the semi-annual progress report form; 38 annually for the IT Component and Project Registration Form, and 38 annually for the Final Progress Report Form).

*Frequency of response:* EPA assumes that each grant recipient will submit two Semi-Annual Progress Report Forms each year the grant is active. In addition, the grantees will submit the Final Progress Report to RENC no later than 120 days after the grant performance period end date. At this time, the IT Component and Project Registration Form will likewise be submitted.

*Total estimated burden:* The sum total respondent burden hours are 493. Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

The Semi-Annual Progress Report Form has 1.2 estimated hours per Form and is completed twice a year by an estimated 149 respondents. Therefore, the total annual respondent burden hours for this form are 357.6. The IT Component and Project Registration Form has 2 estimated hours per Form and EPA estimates that 38 will be completed annually. Therefore, the total annual respondent burden hours for this form are 76. The Final Progress Report Form has 1.65 estimated hours per Form and EPA estimates that 38 will be completed annually. Therefore, the total

annual respondent burden hours for this form are 59.4.

*Total estimated cost:* \$29,530.70 (per year), which includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is a slight decrease of 15 (493 hours in 2024 vs 508 hours in 2021) hours in the total estimated respondent burden as compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. The number of open active grants each year was estimated at 149, which matches the 2021 estimate, as the number of new assistance agreements has remained consistent since 2021. Estimates for the Final Progress Reporting Form is also very similar to the 2021 estimate, with only a slight increase in the number of expected closed-out grants (from 36 in 2021 to 38 in 2024). This slight increase reflects an expectation for more EN assistance agreements to close out in the upcoming years, as projects which were initially delayed due to workplace changes associated with COVID–19 are now being completed. The slight decrease in burden hours for respondents can be attributed primarily to the retiring of the Quality Assurance Reporting Form, which was previously required within 90 days of each new assistance agreement. There was a new form added for this ICR, which was not present in the 2021 version. The IT Component and Project Registration Form is a fillable PDF form, that is submitted by the grantee to their Regional Exchange Network Coordinator (RENC) at the time of grant close-out. As this form is due at the time of grant close-out, the estimated number matches the estimated number of Final Progress Reports (38). This new form is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, which is a decrease of 0.6 compared to the retired Quality Assurance Reporting Form.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060–1162; FR ID 245721]

### Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before November 18, 2024. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418–2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060–1162.

*Title:* Closed Captioning of Video Programming Delivered Using Internet Protocol, and Apparatus Closed Caption Requirements.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Individuals or Household, Businesses or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, State, local, or tribal government, Federal Government.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 1,772 respondents; 124,154 responses.