

requested via the **Federal Register** on March 11, 2024 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, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–ORD–2005–0530, to EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [ord-docket@epa.gov](mailto:ord-docket@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.

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](http://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 W. Vanderpool, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 919–541–7877; fax number: 919–541–4848; email address: [Vanderpool.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Vanderpool.Robert@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through December 31, 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.

Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on March 11, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 17463). 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](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:** To determine compliance with the NAAQS, State air monitoring agencies are required to use, in their air quality monitoring networks, air monitoring methods that have been formally designated by the EPA as either reference or equivalent methods under EPA regulations at 40 CFR part 53. A manufacturer or seller of an air monitoring method (e.g., an air monitoring sampler or analyzer) that seeks to obtain such EPA designation of one of its products must carry out prescribed tests of the method. The test results and other information must then be submitted to the EPA in the form of an application for a reference or equivalent method determination in accordance with 40 CFR part 53. The EPA uses this information, under the provisions of Part 53, to determine whether the particular method should be designated as either a reference or equivalent method. After a method is designated, the applicant must also maintain records of the names and mailing addresses of all ultimate purchasers of all analyzers or samplers sold as designated methods under the method designation. If the method designated is a method for fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and coarse particulate matter (PM<sub>10–2.5</sub>), the applicant must also submit a checklist signed by an ISO-certified auditor to indicate that the samplers or analyzers sold as part of the designated method are manufactured in an ISO 9001-registered facility. Also, an applicant must submit a minor application to seek approval for any proposed modifications to previously designated methods.

**Form Numbers:** None.

**Respondents/affected entities:** Private manufacturers, states.

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Required to obtain the benefit of EPA designation under 40 CFR part 53. Submission of some information that is claimed by the applicant to be confidential business information may be necessary to make a reference or equivalent method determination. The confidentiality of any submitted information identified as confidential business information by the applicant will be protected in full accordance with 40 CFR 53.15 and all applicable provisions of 40 CFR part 2.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 22 (total).

**Frequency of response:** Annual.

**Total estimated burden:** 7,492 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

**Total estimated cost:** \$846,791 (per year), which includes \$172,692 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

**Changes in the Estimates:** There is no change in hours in the total estimated respondent hour burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. Based on a review of historical BLS indices for 2020 and 2024, cost index factors were used to update the estimate 2024 respondent costs for capital/start-up costs and O&M costs.

**Courtney Kerwin,**

*Director, Information Engagement Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPPT–2024–0131; FRL–12261–01–OCSPP]

### Certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Risk Management Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Request for Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is seeking public comment on the manufacture of certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), and perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA), during the fluorination of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and other plastic containers to inform regulations as appropriate under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This request for public comment follows the Agency's grant on July 10, 2024, of a TSCA petition received on April 11, 2024, which requested that EPA address via TSCA the regulation of PFOA, PFNA, and PFDA formed during the fluorination of plastic containers used for a variety of household consumer, pesticide, fuel, automotive, and other industrial products.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 29, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2024–0131, online 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:**

*Technical information:* Thomas Groeneveld, Existing Chemical Risk Management Division (7404M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 566-1188; email address: [groeneveld.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:groeneveld.thomas@epa.gov).

*General information:* The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Executive Summary**

*A. Does this action apply to me?*

This action is directed to the public in general and may be of particular interest to those involved in the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, and disposal of PFAS, including PFOA, PFNA, and PFDA, formed during the fluorination of plastic containers, related industry trade organizations, non-governmental organizations with an interest in human and environmental health, state and local governments, Tribal Nations, and/or those interested in the assessment or management of risks involving chemical substances and mixtures regulated under TSCA. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that this action might apply to. If you need help determining applicability, consult the technical contact listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?*

Under TSCA section 6(a), if EPA determines that the manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce, use, or disposal of a chemical substance or mixture, or that any combination of such activities, presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment, EPA conducts a rulemaking to apply one or more of the TSCA section 6(a) requirements to the extent necessary so that the chemical substance or mixture no longer presents such risk. In proposing and promulgating rules under TSCA section 6(a), EPA considers, among other things, the provisions of TSCA sections 6(c)(2), 6(d), 6(g), and 9. In addition, to the extent that EPA makes a decision based on science, TSCA section 26(h) requires EPA, in carrying out TSCA sections 4,

5, and 6, to use "scientific information, technical procedures, measures, methods, protocols, methodologies, or models, employed in a manner consistent with the best available science," while also taking into account other considerations, including the relevance of information and any uncertainties. TSCA section 26(i) requires that decisions under TSCA sections 4, 5, and 6 be "based on the weight of the scientific evidence." TSCA section 26(k) requires that EPA consider information that is reasonably available in carrying out TSCA sections 4, 5, and 6.

*C. What action is the Agency taking?*

On April 11, 2024, the Center for Environmental Health, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Clean Cape Fear, Clean Water Action, Delaware Riverkeeper and Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water submitted a petition under TSCA section 21 requesting that EPA establish regulations under TSCA section 6 prohibiting the manufacturing, processing, use, distribution in commerce and disposal of PFOA, PFNA and PFDA formed during the fluorination of plastic containers. On July 10, 2024, EPA granted this petition. TSCA section 21(b)(3) requires EPA to "promptly commence an appropriate proceeding" following the grant of a petition.

EPA has identified information necessary to inform the Agency's path forward with respect to regulation of these PFAS formed during the fluorination of plastic containers under TSCA section 6 and is issuing this notice to collect such information. EPA is seeking public comment and information regarding the number, location, and uses of fluorinated containers in the United States, including any uses critical to the national economy, national security, or critical infrastructure (which may include uses in medical devices); alternatives to the fluorination process that generates PFAS including PFOA, PFNA, and PFDA; and measures to address risk from PFOA, PFNA, and PFDA formed during the fluorination of plastic containers. As discussed above, in carrying out section 6 of TSCA, EPA considers the provisions of TSCA sections 6(c)(2), 6(d), and 6(g). The information requested in this notice will inform EPA's considerations of these provisions. For example, information about alternative fluorination processes is necessary for EPA to consider the availability of technically and economically feasible alternatives that

benefit health or the environment, as required under TSCA section 6(c)(2)(C). Similarly, consistent with TSCA section 6(d), EPA is seeking input about the availability of alternatives and the number, location, and uses of fluorinated containers to inform its consideration of compliance dates regulation as appropriate under TSCA. Further, information about the uses of fluorinated containers, alternatives to the fluorination process, and measures to address risk from PFAS formed during the fluorination of plastic containers will inform EPA's consideration of exemptions from regulation and conditions on such exemptions, as outlined in TSCA section 6(g).

*D. What should I consider as I prepare my comments?*

*1. Submitting CBI.*

Do not submit CBI to EPA through <https://www.regulations.gov> or email. If you wish to include CBI in your comment, please follow the applicable instructions at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets#rules> and clearly mark the information that you claim to be CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR parts 2 and 703, as applicable.

*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>.

**II. Request for Comment**

EPA seeks information on the manufacture of PFAS including PFOA, PFNA, and PFDA during the fluorination of HDPE and other plastic containers. Input on the following is of particular interest to EPA:

- Number, location, and uses of fluorinated containers in the United States, including any uses critical to the national economy, national security, or critical infrastructure (which may include uses in medical devices);
- Alternatives to the fluorination process that generates PFAS including PFOA, PFNA, and PFDA; and
- Measures to address risk from PFOA, PFNA, and PFDA formed during the fluorination of plastic containers.

To the extent possible, the Agency asks commenters to please cite and provide any public data related to or that supports comments provided, and to the extent permissible, describe and provide any supporting data that is not publicly available.

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 2605.

Dated: September 24, 2024.

**Michal Freedhoff,**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2010-0572; FRL-12295-01-OMS]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Chemical-Specific Rules Under the Toxic Substances Control Act; Certain Nanoscale Materials (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Chemical-Specific Rules under the Toxic Substances Control Act; Certain Nanoscale Materials (EPA ICR Number 2517.04 and OMB Control Number 2070-0194), 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, 2024. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on February 1, 2024 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, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2010-0572, 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 2821T, 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](http://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:

Katherine Sleasman, Office of Program Support (7602M), Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-1204; email address: [sleasman.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:sleasman.katherine@epa.gov).

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

Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on February 2, 2024, during a 60-day comment period (88 FR 6520). 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](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 [www.epa.gov/dockets](http://www.epa.gov/dockets).

**Abstract:** This ICR covers reporting and recordkeeping requirements for persons who manufacture or process chemical substances as nanoscale materials established under the authority of section 8(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and implementing regulations in 40 CFR part 704.20.

**Form numbers:** 9600-07.

**Respondents/affected entities:** As defined in 40 CFR 704.20(b), potential respondents include those who can reasonably ascertain that they are manufacturers (defined by statute to include importers) and/or processors of a discrete form of a reportable chemical substance or mixture. To estimate the burden, EPA considered entities potentially affected by this ICR as those that can be classified under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes identified in question 12 of the supporting statement.

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Mandatory. TSCA section 8(a) and 40 CFR 704.20.

**Estimated number of potential respondents:** 16 (total).

**Frequency of response:** Occasional.

**Total estimated burden:** 959 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

**Total estimated cost:** \$69,280 (per year), which includes no annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

**Changes in the estimates:** There is a decrease of 39,131 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease reflects EPA's adjustments in the estimation methodology of the costs and burden as discussed in question 12 of the supporting statement. The two key adjustments involve a reduction in estimated submissions based on actual submissions received by the EPA over the last 3-year period and calculating a weighted burden for any given respondent without separating the manufacturers from the processors. In addition to the adjustments to the burden estimates, the wage rates were revised to reflect 2022 dollars for this information collection request.

**Courtney Kerwin,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OEI-2011-0096; FRL-11908-01-OMS]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (EPA ICR Number 2002.09, OMB Control Number 2025-0003) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). 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 February 28, 2025. This notice allows for 60 days of public comments.