

*Information Requested*

*The following questions may guide, but should not restrict, responses:*

1. Do clean energy investors see value in participating in a structured visit to DOE and/or any of its facilities/laboratories? What kind of information would be most useful to obtain/learn about during such a visit?
2. Are you aware of/do you represent any organization(s) in the clean energy field that would be able to provide useful information to the CEIC team? What events present the best opportunities for the CEIC to engage in valuable dialogue/interactions, inform the general public about the clean energy landscape, and/or connect with new or prospective investors? In which events, conferences, or settings would you like to see CEIC participation?
3. What kinds of communication channels are most useful/effective? What is the best way for investors and the public to receive information and updates?
4. Do investors obtain most of your information from academic articles, data aggregators, analytical and advisory firms, or other sources? Where do investors search for information pertaining to innovations, early stage research, or clean energy investment?
5. Are there any other successful federal or non-federal models for engagement and communication that should be adopted by the CEIC?

**Category 4: Open***Background/Context*

The CEIC recognizes that there may be tools and services other than those discussed in this RFI that may be useful to investors. This category serves as an open call for suggestions on how to effectively align the CEIC and its programs with the needs of its customers (the public, investors, and industry) and overarching Administration goals.

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1. What are the greatest concerns with investing in the clean energy technology space? What sort of information/assistance would provide greater comfort with this category?
2. In general, how can the CEIC (and the federal government more broadly) most effectively help to catalyze further clean energy investment? In particular, how can CEIC most effectively advance the following goals:
  - a. Unlock new sources of capital and foster more effective investment models

to scale innovative clean energy companies;

- b. Facilitate match-making between early-stage companies and potential investors and customers;
  - c. Support the development of innovative marketplaces for early-stage investment, including crowd-funding platforms;
  - d. Enhance activity and engagement with corporate investors/strategic investors, including utilities;
  - e. Catalyze the formation of long-term, patient capital funds for energy technology development;
  - f. Leverage philanthropic capital through program-related investments, mission-related investments, and other mechanisms;
  - g. Encourage more clean energy venture dollars focused on U.S.-based companies with high potential for domestic economic benefit; and
  - h. Leverage existing programs (e.g., SBIR) to be of best use to the clean energy investment community.
3. Is there any other information, other approaches, or other data that would be useful to investors?
  4. Are there any other tools that would be useful to investors or key stakeholders that were not discussed above?
  5. What are the greatest challenges when it comes to investing in clean energy?
  6. Is there any information about investment principles and/or investment policy statements as it pertains to clean energy investments that could be shared with other investors and the public?
  7. What DOE (or other state/federal) finance and commercialization programs are available, and should anything about them be changed to enhance their utility?

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*Director, Clean Energy Investment Center.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-RCRA-2015-0836; FRL-9943-12-Region 3]**

**Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Collection of Information on Anaerobic Digestion Facilities Processing Wasted Food To Support EPA's Sustainable Food Management Programs**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "Collection of Information on Anaerobic Digestion Facilities Processing Wasted Food to support EPA's Sustainable Food Management Programs" (EPA ICR No. 2533.01, OMB Control No. 2050-NEW) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). 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. 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 2, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2015-0836 online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 228221T, 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:**

Melissa Pennington, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3, Mail Code 3LC40, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; telephone number: 215-814-3372; fax number: 215-814-3114; email address: [pennington.melissa@epa.gov](mailto:pennington.melissa@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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 automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. 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:** EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management Sustainable Food Management (SFM) program is designed to advance sustainable food management practices throughout the United States by preventing and diverting wasted food from landfills. The focal point of the SFM program is the Food Recovery Challenge in which organizations pledge to improve their sustainable food management practices. The success of the SFM program efforts to divert wasted food from landfills requires sufficient capacity to process the diverted materials which includes composting and anaerobic digestion operations. In addition to increasing opportunity to process wasted food diverted from the municipal solid waste stream, anaerobic digesters achieve social, environmental and economic benefits, such as generation of renewable energy, reduction of methane emissions, and opportunities to improve soil health through the production of soil amendments. The SFM program supports these efforts by educating state and local governments and communities about the benefits of wasted food diversion. The SFM program also builds partnerships with state agencies and other strategic partners interested in developing organics recycling capacity and provides tools to assist organizations in developing anaerobic digestion (AD) projects.

This information collection consists of a request for data not currently available on AD facilities processing wasted food as well as a review and update of the existing SFM AD facility

inventory. Correspondence will include a questionnaire through which respondents can provide new information on their AD projects and an update to the existing AD facility inventory, if appropriate. This will be the first time the SFM program has formally collected data for this inventory.

**Form numbers:** None.

**Respondents/affected entities:** State Liaisons, Industry Representatives, Project Owner/Operators, and Other Stakeholders (e.g. non-profits).

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Voluntary.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 460 (total).

**Frequency of response:** Annually.

**Total estimated burden:** 231 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

**Total estimated cost:** \$16,972 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

**Changes in estimates:** There are no changes in burden estimates as this is a new ICR.

Dated: February 18, 2016.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0099; FRL-9942-65]

### Premanufacture Notice for a Certain New Chemical; Extension of Review Period

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's extension of the review period for a premanufacture notice (PMN) P-14-0627 under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Based on analysis, the Agency requires an extension of the review period to investigate further potential risk, examine regulatory options, and prepare the necessary documents, should regulatory action be required.

**DATES:** The review period is extended to May 25, 2016.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*For technical information contact:* Jeff Bauer, Chemical Control Division (7405M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone

number: (202) 564-9042; email address: [Bauer.Jeff@epa.gov](mailto:Bauer.Jeff@epa.gov).

*For general information contact:* 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. General Information

#### A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the chemical manufacturing company that submitted the PMN. This action may also be of interest to persons concerned about health, environmental, and/or economic aspects of this new chemical substance. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

#### B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0099, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

### II. What chemical is subject to this notice?

On June 19, 2014, EPA received PMN number P-14-0627 for a new chemical substance, identified as Cyclic amide. The submitter claimed the company name, specific chemical identity, production volume, use information, process information, and other information to be CBI.

### III. What action is the Agency taking?

The notice of receipt for this PMN was published in the **Federal Register** of September 16, 2014 (79 FR 55460) (FRL-9915-80). The running of the PMN review period was voluntarily suspended by the PMN submitter with EPA's agreement. The PMN review period has been resumed. As extended,