

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through www.regulations.gov or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

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>.

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low-income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide(s) discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the EPA Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the EPA Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. The Colorado Department of Agriculture has requested the EPA Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of *Helicoverpa zea* nudiviruses 2 strain 90DR71 to control corn earworm in sweet corn. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the applicant states that unprecedented outbreaks in 2023 of corn earworm (*Helicoverpa zea*)

were not adequately controlled, leading to average losses of 52%. Testing suggests widespread insecticide resistance has developed, and the applicant asserts that there is an urgent need for additional methods to manage corn earworm to produce an economically viable sweet corn crop in Colorado. The active ingredient of the requested use is an insect virus transmitted by mating, which infects the reproductive tissues of adult moths, causing them to produce fewer eggs with many developing into sterile adult moths. Similar to successful sterile insect techniques used for other pest species, the use would be part of an area-wide strategy, including insecticides targeting the eggs and larvae. Treatment is via release of sterile moths carrying this virus, and field trials have demonstrated reductions in both larvae and corn ear damage relative to controls.

The Applicant proposes to make no more than two applications per treatment site, releasing up to 100 sterile moths per acre, between June 15 to September 23, 2024, at approximately 21 and 15 days prior to harvest of the crop. Overall, an estimated total of 350,000 sterile moths would be used over approximately 1,750 acres.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing FIFRA section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of a new chemical (*i.e.*, an active ingredient) which has not been registered by EPA. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the specific exemption requested by the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: May 29, 2024.

Charles Smith,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice-IEB-2024-06; Docket No. 2024-0002; Sequence No. 28]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: General Services Administration.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: GSA proposes to modify a system of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This system of records was established to collect and maintain records concerning GSA Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigations, including allegations of misconduct, violations of criminal, civil, and administrative laws and regulations pertaining to GSA programs, operations, employees, contractors, and other individuals or entities associated with GSA. This system of records is intended to support and protect the integrity of GSA OIG's investigations and operations; ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies; and ensure the integrity of GSA employees' conduct and the conduct of contractors and other entities which have business with GSA. The previously published notice is being revised to update the categories of records in the system to include video and audio recordings, add two new routine uses, and to update additional information in the system of records notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments by searching for GSA/ADM-24, Office of Inspector General Investigation Case Files.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Call or email Richard Speidel, Chief Privacy Officer at 202-969-5830 and gsa.privacyact@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GSA proposes to modify a system of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. GSA intends to add two new routine uses that are consistent with the purpose of this system of records.

The Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2016 (IGEA), 5 U.S.C. 406(j), exempts certain computerized data comparisons performed by or in coordination with Inspectors General from the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Public Law 100-503. GSA proposes adding a new routine use (routine use "u") to clarify that the GSA Office of Inspector General (OIG) has authority to compare OIG records contained in the system with the records of other federal agencies and non-federal records.

Additionally, GSA proposes adding a second routine use (routine use "q") and revising routine use "p" to reflect the current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) breach response guidance

in M-17-12, Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information.

GSA also proposes to update the categories of records in the system to include video and audio recordings, which will facilitate the GSA OIG's compliance with Executive Order (E.O.) 14074, Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety, issued May, 25, 2022. Video and audio recordings of individuals may be captured by GSA OIG criminal investigators during investigations and operations, e.g., body worn cameras, surveillance equipment etc. The recordings will be used for gathering and preserving evidence.

GSA proposes updating the system location to include the GSA OIG field offices and secure sites and secure servers maintained by third-party secure providers. This modification is being made in conjunction with the implementation of a solution to support GSA OIG's compliance with E.O. 14074, as well as to support other solutions or processes that may require the support of third-party service providers.

Additionally, GSA is making changes to the system of records notice (SORN) to update the information in the SORN. In addition to making minor technical and administrative corrections and changes to format, GSA proposes: (1) a new description of the purpose of the SORN to better summarize the purpose of this system of records; (2) updating the (a) categories of individuals covered by the system, (b) categories of records in the system, and (c) adding a new section titled records source categories; (3) updating the location of electronic records, record storage and safeguarding procedures to reflect new technology and procedures used to protect government records; and (4) changing the notification, access, and amendment procedures to align with the corresponding GSA Code of Federal Regulations. The proposed revisions are compatible with the purpose of this system of record.

Richard Speidel,

Chief Privacy Officer, Office of the Deputy Chief Information Officer, General Services Administration.

SYSTEM NAME:

Investigation Case Files.

SYSTEM NUMBER:

GSA/ADM-24.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Some of the material contained in the system has been classified in the interests of national security.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

This system is located at the GSA Office of Inspector General, 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. The database for the system is known as the E-Investigative Documentation Electronic Administrative System (E-IDEAS). In addition, records are maintained in GSA OIG field offices. GSA OIG field office locations can be obtained by contacting the GSA OIG at the address above. Original and duplicate systems may exist, in whole or in part, at secure sites and on secure servers maintained by third-party service providers for the GSA OIG. These systems are FedRAMP Moderate compliant and have all applicable Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA), Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS), security controls as applicable.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Director, Information Technology of the Office of Inspector General (JPM), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

General authority to maintain the system is contained in the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 401-424.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

The purpose of this system is to collect and maintain records concerning GSA OIG investigations, including allegations of misconduct, violations of criminal, civil, and administrative laws and regulations pertaining to GSA programs, operations, employees, contractors, and other individuals or entities associated with GSA. This system of records is intended to support and protect the integrity of GSA OIG's investigations and operations; ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies; and ensure the integrity of GSA employees' conduct and the conduct of contractors and other entities which have business with GSA. The system also tracks issuance of GSA OIG equipment and GSA OIG personnel training.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals covered by the system are present and former GSA and GSA OIG employees, applicants for employment with GSA OIG, as well as individuals associated with commissions, committees and small agencies serviced by GSA. The system also includes historical researchers, employees of government contractors, any person who was the source of a complaint or

an allegation of misconduct, a witness who has information or evidence on any side of an investigation, and any possible or actual suspect in a criminal, administrative (including suspension and/or debarment actions), or civil action, as well as individuals referenced in potential or actual cases and matters being investigated by the Office of Investigations.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Investigative files contain personal information, including name, date, and place of birth, contact information, social security number, experience, work history, photographs, video, audio recordings, and other investigative material that is used in GSA OIG investigations and operations. The system also contains GSA OIG inventory records of gear and equipment purchased by the OIG for use by OIG personnel in the performance of their official duties. Additionally, the system stores GSA OIG employees' training records, which document employees' training requirements.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Records are collected from other systems, individuals or their representatives, present and former GSA and OIG employees, informants, law enforcement agencies, other government agencies, state agencies, credit bureaus, data services, government contractors, private companies, employers, references, co-workers, neighbors, educational institutions, public sources, and intelligence sources.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to other disclosures generally permitted under subsection (b) of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(b), the GSA OIG may disclose records for the following routine uses:

a. A record of any case in which there is an indication of a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, may be disseminated to the appropriate federal, state, local, or foreign agency charged with the responsibility for investigating or prosecuting such a violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the law.

b. A record may be disclosed to a federal, state, local, or foreign agency or to an individual or organization in the course of investigating a potential or actual violation of any law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, or during the course of a trial or hearing or the preparation for a trial or hearing for such a violation, if there is reason to

believe that such agency, individual, or organization possesses information relating to the investigation, and disclosing the information is reasonably necessary to elicit such information or to obtain the cooperation of a witness or an informant.

c. A record relating to a case or matter may be disclosed in an appropriate federal, state, local, or foreign court or grand jury proceeding in accordance with established constitutional, substantive, or procedural law or practice, even when the agency is not a party to the litigation.

d. A record relating to a case or matter may be disclosed to an actual or potential party or to his or her attorney for the purpose of negotiation or discussion on matters such as settlement of the case or matter, plea-bargaining, or informal discovery proceedings.

e. A record relating to a case or matter that has been referred by an agency for investigation, prosecution, or enforcement or that involves a case or matter within the jurisdiction of any agency may be disclosed to the agency to notify it of the status of the case or matter or of any decision or determination that has been made, or to make such other inquiries and reports as are necessary during the processing of the case or matter.

f. A record relating to a case or matter may be disclosed to a foreign country pursuant to an international treaty or convention entered into and ratified by the United States, or to an Executive agreement.

g. A record may be disclosed to a federal, state, local, foreign, or international law enforcement agency to assist in crime prevention and detection or to provide leads for investigation.

h. A record may be disclosed to a federal, state, local, foreign, tribal, or other public authority in response to its request in connection with the assignment, hiring or retention of an individual and/or employee, or disciplinary or other administrative action concerning an employee, the issuance or revocation of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an individual and/or employee, or the award of a contract, grant, or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the information relates to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.

i. A record may be disclosed to the news media and public in order to provide information on events in an investigation or administrative or judicial proceeding when the Inspector General determines there exists a legitimate public interest, unless the

Inspector General determines that release of the specific information in the context of a particular case would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

j. A record may be disclosed to an appeal, grievance, hearing, or complaint examiner; an equal opportunity investigator, arbitrator, or mediator; and/or an exclusive representative or other person authorized to investigate or settle a grievance, complaint, or appeal filed by an individual who is the subject of the record.

k. A record may be disclosed as a routine use to a Member of Congress or to a congressional staff member in response to an inquiry of the congressional office made at the request of the person who is the subject of the record.

l. Information may be disclosed at any stage of the legislative coordination and clearance process to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for reviewing of private relief legislation as set forth in OMB Circular No. A-19.

m. A record may be disclosed: (a) to an expert, a consultant, or contractor of GSA or GSA OIG engaged in a duty related to an agency function to the extent necessary to perform the function; and (b) to a physician to conduct a fitness-for-duty examination of a GSA or GSA OIG officer or employee.

n. A record may be disclosed to an official charged with the responsibility to conduct qualitative assessment reviews of internal safeguards and management procedures employed in investigative operations. This disclosure category includes members of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) and officials and administrative staff within their investigative chain of command, as well as authorized officials of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

o. A record relating to a case may be disclosed to the GSA Office of Acquisition Policy for a decision or determination regarding suspension and debarment measures taken by the government to disqualify contractors from participation in government contracting or subcontracting.

p. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) GSA and/or GSA OIG suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records, (2) GSA and/or GSA OIG has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, GSA and/or GSA OIG (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the federal government, or national security;

and (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with GSA's and/or GSA OIG's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

q. To another federal agency or federal entity, when GSA and/or GSA OIG determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (1) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (2) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the federal government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

r. In any legal proceeding, where pertinent, to which GSA or GSA OIG is a party before a court or administrative body.

s. To the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in accordance with their responsibilities for evaluating federal programs.

t. To the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for records management purposes.

u. A record may be disclosed to compare such record with records in other federal agencies' systems of records or to non-federal records.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Electronic records and backups are stored on secure servers and accessed only by authorized personnel, in accordance with GSA OIG IT Security Policy. Paper files are stored in locked rooms or filing cabinets with access limited to authorized personnel.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

System records are retrievable by searching for information in the case file, including but not limited to, name of an individual, case name, case number, or social security number.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

System records are retained and disposed of according to GSA's records maintenance and disposition schedules and the requirements of the National Archives and Records Administration.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Records in the system are protected from unauthorized access and misuse

through a combination of administrative, technical, and physical security measures. Administrative measures include but are not limited to policies that limit system access to individuals within an agency with a legitimate business need, and regular review of security procedures and best practices to enhance security. Technical measures include but are not limited to system design that allows authorized system users access only to data for which they are responsible per FISMA requirements; required use of strong passwords that are frequently changed; and use of encryption for certain data transfers using current FIPS compliant protocols. Physical security measures include but are not limited to the use of data centers which meet government requirements for storage of sensitive data. Paper files are stored in locked rooms or filing cabinets and can only be accessed by authorized users.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

This system of record is exempt from certain notification, access, and amendment procedures of the Privacy Act, as described below. However, GSA OIG will consider individual requests to determine whether or not information may be released. If an individual wishes to access any record pertaining to him or her in the system, that individual should consult the GSA's Privacy Act implementation rules available at 41 CFR part 105–64.2.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

If an individual wishes to contest the content of any record pertaining to him or her in the system, that individual should consult the GSA's Privacy Act implementation rules available at 41 CFR part 105–64.4.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking notification of any records about themselves contained in this system of records should contact the system manager at the address above. Follow the procedures on accessing records in 41 CFR part 105–64, subpart 105–64.2 to request such notification.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

a. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(j), this system of records is exempt from all provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 with the exception of subsections (b); (c)(1) and (2); (e)(4)(A) through (F); (e)(6), (7), (9), (10), and (11); and (i) of the Act, to the extent that information in the system pertains to the enforcement of criminal laws, including police efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or to apprehend criminals;

to the activities of prosecutors, courts, and correctional, probation, pardon, or parole authorities; and to (a) information compiled for the purpose of identifying individual criminal offenders and alleged offenders and consisting only of identifying data and notations of arrests, the nature and disposition of criminal charges, sentencing, confinement, release, and parole and probation status; (b) information compiled for the purpose of a criminal investigation, including reports of informants and investigators, that is associated with an identifiable individual; or (c) reports of enforcement of the criminal laws, from arrest or indictment through release from supervision. This system is exempted to maintain the efficacy and integrity of the Office of Inspector General's law enforcement function.

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(k), this system of records is exempt from subsections (c)(3); (d); (e)(1); (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I); and (f) of the Privacy Act of 1974 to the extent that the system consists of investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than material within the scope of 5 U.S.C. 552a(j). However, if an individual is denied any right, privilege, or benefit to which the individual would otherwise be eligible as a result of the maintenance of such material, such material shall be provided to such individual, except to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or, prior to the effective date of the Act, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence; and

b. To the extent the system consists of investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for federal civilian employment, military service, federal contracts, or access to classified information, but only to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or, prior to the effective date of the Act, under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence.

This system has been exempted to maintain the efficacy and integrity of lawful investigations conducted pursuant to the Office of Inspector General's law enforcement responsibilities and responsibilities in the areas of federal employment,

government contracts, and access to security classified information.

HISTORY:

This notice revises the previously published notice (74 FR 6038, February 4, 2009).

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090–0293; Docket No. 2024–0001; Sequence No. 5]

Submission for OMB Review; Reporting and Use of Information Concerning Integrity and Performance of Recipients of Grants and Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Office of Technology Strategy/ Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB) will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision and renewal of the currently approved information collection requirement on the reporting and use of information concerning integrity and performance of recipients of grants and cooperative agreements.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Salomeh Ghorbani, Director, IAE Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement Division, at 703–605–3467 or IAE_Admin@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

This information collection requirement, OMB Control No. 3090–0293, currently titled “Reporting and Use of Information Concerning Integrity and Performance of Recipients of Grants and Cooperative Agreements” is necessary in order to comply with section 872 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of