

On July 1, 2022, EPA published the RFS annual rules for 2020, 2021, and 2022. *Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: RFS Annual Rules*, 87 FR 39600 (July 1, 2022) (“2020–2022 RFS Annual Rule”). On July 20, 2022, CBD filed a petition for review of the 2020–2022 RFS Annual Rule challenging whether EPA complied with the consultation requirements of ESA section 7(a)(2), 16 U.S.C. 1536(a)(2); the CAA, 42 U.S.C. 7545(o)(2)(B)(ii)(I); and the APA, 5 U.S.C. 706. On September 27, 2022, CBD filed a motion for summary vacatur of the 2020–2022 RFS Annual Rule. *Center for Biological Diversity v. Environmental Protection Agency*, Case No. 22–1164 (D.C. Cir.), Doc. 1966328.

Under the proposed settlement agreement, EPA would commit to complete its ESA section 7(a) consultation for the RFS rule subsequent to the 2020–2022 RFS Annual Rule that EPA proposed on December 30, 2023. *Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: Standards for 2023–2025 and Other Changes*, 87 FR 80582 (December 30, 2022) (“2023–2025 RFS Set Rule”). If either the Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service issues a biological opinion in connection with this ESA consultation, EPA would also agree to issue a determination addressing any conservation recommendations, terms and conditions of any incidental take statement, and/or reasonable and prudent alternatives within the time frames set forth in that biological opinion. CBD would agree to dismiss with prejudice its challenge to the 2020–2022 RFS Annual Rule within five days of receiving notice from EPA that it has terminated the ESA section 7(a) consultation for the 2023–2025 RFS Set Rule.

The proposed Settlement Agreement also includes standard language regarding resolution of costs and attorneys’ fees, stipulation of extensions, lapses in appropriations, disputes in implementation, preservation of Agency discretion, and the CAA section 113(g) process.

In accordance with section 113(g) of the CAA, for a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document, the Agency will accept written comments relating to the proposed settlement agreement. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the CAA.

### III. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Settlement Agreement

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OGC–2023–0212, via <https://www.regulations.gov>. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from this docket. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA’s docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>. For additional information about submitting information identified as CBI, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document. Note that written comments containing CBI and submitted by mail may be delayed and deliveries or couriers will be received by scheduled appointment only.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an email address or other contact information in the body of your comment. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket and made available in EPA’s electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Use of the <https://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA’s preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket

system is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity, email address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked “late.” EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–10904–01–OW]

### Public Environmental Financial Advisory Board Virtual Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces a public meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB). The meeting will be conducted in a virtual format via webcast. The purpose of the meeting will be for the EFAB to receive updates on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Written public comments may be provided in advance. No oral public comments will be accepted during the meeting. Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further details.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on May 11, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be conducted in a virtual format via webcast only. Information to access the webcast will be provided upon registration in advance of each meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tara Johnson, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; telephone number: (202) 564–6186; email address: [efab@epa.gov](mailto:efab@epa.gov). General information concerning the EFAB is available at <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab>.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The EFAB is an EPA advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, to provide advice and recommendations to EPA on innovative approaches to funding environmental programs, projects, and

activities. Administrative support for the EFAB is provided by the Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center within EPA's Office of Water. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the EFAB will hold a public meeting via webcast for the following purpose: Receive updates on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

**Registration for the Meeting:** To register for the meeting, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab#meeting>. Interested persons who wish to attend the meeting via webcast must register by May 10, 2023. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** Meeting materials, including the meeting agenda and briefing materials, will be available on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab>.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:** Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public may submit comments on matters being considered by the EFAB for consideration as the Board develops its advice and recommendations to EPA.

**Written Statements:** Written statements should be received by May 8, 2023, so that the information can be made available to the EFAB for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements should be sent via email to [efab@epa.gov](mailto:efab@epa.gov). Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the EFAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities or to request accommodations for a disability, please register for the meeting and list any special requirements or accommodations needed on the registration form at least 10 business days prior to the meeting to allow as

much time as possible to process your request.

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Office of Water.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1270; FR ID 136147]

### 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 (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. 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 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before June 16, 2023. 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 Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [nicole.ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:nicole.ongele@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418-2991.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-1270.

*Title:* Protecting National Security Through FCC Programs.

*Form Number:* FCC Form 5640.

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

*Respondents:* Business or other for profit entities.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 3,500 respondents; 6,584 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.5-12 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Annual, semiannual, and recordkeeping requirements.

*Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory and required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 1603-1604.

*Total Annual Burden:* 20,236 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$472,500.

*Needs and Uses:* The Communications Act of 1934, as amended, requires the "preservation and advancement of universal service." 47 U.S.C. 254(b). The information collection requirements reported under this collection are the result of the Commission's actions to promote the Act's universal service goals.

On November 22, 2019, the Commission adopted the *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*, WC Docket No. 18-89, Report and Order, Order, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 34 FCC Rcd 11423 (2019) (*Report and Order*). The *Report and Order* prohibits future use of Universal Service Fund (USF) monies to purchase, maintain, improve, modify, obtain, or otherwise support any equipment or services produced or provided by a company that poses a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain.

On March 12, 2020, the President signed into law the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (Secure Networks Act), Public Law 116-124, 133 Stat. 158 (2020) (codified as amended at 47 U.S.C. 1601-1609), which, among other measures, directs the FCC to establish the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program (Reimbursement Program). This