

(NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) if their actions have the potential to either beneficially or adversely affect any threatened or endangered species. To address these ESA requirements, and in support of the EPA's informal consultation with the Services, a Biological Evaluation (BE) was prepared to analyze these potential effects. The results of the BE concluded that discharges from Offshore Seafood Processing facilities will either have *no effect* or are *not likely to adversely affect* threatened or endangered species in the vicinity of the discharges. The fact sheet, the draft permits and the BE are being sent to the Services for review of consistency with those programs established for the conservation of endangered and threatened species. Any additional comments or conservation recommendations received from the Services regarding threatened or endangered species will be considered prior to issuance of the general permit.

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act [16 U.S.C. 1855(b)] requires federal agencies to consult with NOAA Fisheries when any activity proposed to be permitted, funded, or undertaken by a federal agency may have an adverse effect on designated Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) as defined by the Act. To address the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the EPA prepared an EFH Assessment concluding that offshore seafood processors operations may adversely affect essential fish habitat. However, the EPA expects that effects on essential fish habitat, while possible, are likely to be limited in extent for several reasons. For more information please see the Biological Evaluation/EFH assessment. Any additional comments or conservation recommendations received from NOAA Fisheries regarding EFH will be considered prior to issuance of the general permit.

Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) exempts this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The EPA has reviewed the requirements imposed on regulated facilities in the draft general permit and finds them consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, a federal agency must prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis "for any proposed rule" for which the agency "is required by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), or any other law, to publish general notice of proposed rulemaking." The RFA exempts from this requirement any rule that the issuing agency certifies "will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities." The EPA has concluded that NPDES general permits are permits, not rulemakings, under the APA and thus not subject to APA rulemaking requirements or the RFA.

Dated: August 14, 2015.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0269; FRL 9929-63-OEI]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Transportation Conformity Determinations for Federally Funded and Approved Transportation Plans, Programs and Projects (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), "Transportation Conformity Determinations for Federally Funded and Approved Transportation Plans, Programs and Projects (Renewal)" (EPA ICR No. 2130.05, OMB Control No. 2060-0561) 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.*). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is approved through August 31, 2015. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** (80 FR 9454) on February 23, 2015 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before September 23, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0269, to (1) EPA online using 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, and (2) OMB via email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

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:

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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 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: Transportation conformity is required under Clean Air Act section 176(c) (42 U.S.C. 7506(c)) to ensure that federally supported transportation activities are consistent with the purpose of the State Air Quality Implementation plan (SIP). Transportation activities include transportation plans, Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), and federally funded or approved highway or transit projects. Conformity to the purpose of the SIP means that transportation activities will not cause or contribute to new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) or interim milestones. Transportation conformity applies under EPA's conformity regulations at

40 CFR part 93, subpart A, to areas that are designated nonattainment and to those redesignated to attainment after 1990 for the following transportation-related criteria pollutants: Ozone, particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀), carbon monoxide (CO), and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). The EPA published the original transportation conformity rule on November 24, 1993 (58 FR 62188), and subsequently published several revisions. EPA develops the conformity regulations in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The federal government needs information collected under these regulations to ensure that metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and federal transportation actions are consistent with state air quality goals.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), local transit agencies, state departments of transportation, and state and local air quality agencies.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (Clean Air Act section 176(c)) ((42 U.S.C. 7506(c)) and 40 CFR parts 51 and 93).

Estimated number of respondents: 126 (total).

Frequency of response: Annually, occasionally.

Total estimated burden: 60,548 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$3,596,553 (per year), includes zero annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the estimates: There is a decrease of 27,856 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to an adjustment in project level conformity, decreased transportation conformity analysis, and a transition from MOVES2010 to MOVES 2014.

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[EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0528; FRL-9932-98-ORD]

Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC); Homeland Security Subcommittee Public and Closed Meeting—August 2015

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Homeland Security Subcommittee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will continue on Thursday, August 27, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public Tuesday, August 25, 2015, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Time and are approximate. Attendees should register by August 17, 2015 at the Eventbrite Web site: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-bosc-homeland-security-subcommittee-meeting-tickets-17369165642>. Requests for the draft agenda or for submitting written comments will be accepted up to August 21, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA's Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center, 26 Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0528, by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* Send comments by electronic mail (email) to: ORD.Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0528.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to: (202) 566-0224, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0528.
- *Mail:* Send comments by mail to: Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Homeland Security Subcommittee Docket, Mail Code: 2822T, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20004, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0528.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room 3334, William Jefferson Clinton West Building, 1301

Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0528. *Note:* this is not a mailing address. Deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0528. The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means the EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to the EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, the EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment including. If the EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, the EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about the EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/>.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Homeland Security Subcommittee Docket, EPA/DC, William Jefferson Clinton West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading