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Title: Cooling Water Intake Structure Phase II Existing Facilities (Renewal).

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR Number 2060.03, OMB Control Number 2040-0257.

Abstract: The section 316(b) Phase II Existing Facility rule requires the collection of information from existing point source facilities that generate and transmit electric power (as a primary activity) or generate electric power but sell it to another entity for transmission, use a cooling water intake structure (CWIS) that uses at least 25 percent of the water it withdraws from waters of the United States for cooling purposes, and have a design intake flow of 50 million gallons per day (MGD) or more. Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that any standard established under section 301 or 306 of the CWA and applicable to a point source must require that the location, design, construction and capacity of CWISs at that facility reflect the best technology available (BTA) for minimizing adverse environmental impact. Such impact occurs as a result of impingement (where fish and other aquatic life are trapped on technologies at the entrance to CWIS) and entrainment (where aquatic organisms, eggs, and larvae are taken into the cooling system, passed through the heat exchanger, and then pumped back out with the discharge from the facility). The 316(b) Phase II rule establishes requirements applicable to the location, design, construction, and capacity of CWISs at Phase II existing facilities. These requirements establish the BTA for minimizing adverse environmental

impact associated with the use of CWISs.

On January 25, 2007, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit remanded to EPA certain provisions in the 2004 Final Regulations to Establish Requirements for Cooling Water Intake Structures at Phase II Existing Facilities (See *Riverkeeper, Inc. v. U.S. EPA*, No. 04-6692-ag(L) [2d Cir. Jan. 25, 2007]). EPA is continuing to review the decision to determine its impact on the Phase II Rule. This ICR does not address changes to EPA regulations as a result of the court decision, since those revisions are not yet finalized.

Burden Statement: The annual average reporting and record keeping burden for the collection of information by facilities responding to the Section 316(b) Phase II Existing Facility rule is estimated to be 2,983 hours per facility respondent (i.e., an annual average of 1,157,216 hours of burden divided among an anticipated annual average of 388 facilities). The state Director reporting and record keeping burden for the review, oversight, and administration of the rule is estimated to average 2,034 hours per state respondent (i.e. an annual average of 83,383 hours of burden divided among an anticipated 41 States on average per year). Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and use technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: 316(b) Phase II existing facilities and NPDES authorized states.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 429 (388 facilities and 41 states)

Frequency of Response: Bi-annually, every five years.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,240,599 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$80,556,134. This includes an estimated labor burden cost of \$65,592,289 and an estimated cost of \$14,963,845 for capital

investment or operating and maintenance.

Changes in the Estimates: The change in burden results mainly from the shift from the approval period to the renewal period of the 316(b) Phase II Existing Facilities rule. This ICR covers the last 2 years of the permit approval period (i.e. years 4 and 5 after implementation) and the first year of the renewal period (i.e. year 6 after implementation). Activities for renewing an NPDES permit already issued under the 316(b) Phase II Existing Facilities rule are less burdensome than those for issuing a permit for the first time. Additionally, for the approval period ICR (EPA ICR No. 2060.02), EPA assumed that all facilities complying with the rule would be in NPDES-authorized States. EPA has moved away from this assumption, and, for this ICR, all calculations are based on the estimated number and type of facilities in authorized and non-authorized States.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8319-3]

Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee To Examine Detection and Quantitation Approaches in Clean Water Act Programs

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; Renewal of a Federal Advisory Committee on Detection and Quantitation in Clean Water Act Programs.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Federal Advisory Committee on Detection and Quantitation Approaches and Uses in Clean Water Act (CWA) Programs (FACDQ) will be renewed for an additional two year period, to allow the committee to complete its work. This is a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2 section 9(c). The purpose of the FACDQ is to provide advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on policy issues related to detection and quantitation, and on the scientific and technical aspects associated with monitoring and

reporting chemical pollutants under the Clean Water Act. We have determined that completing the work of this committee is in the public interest, and will assist the Agency in performing its duties under the Clean Water Act, as amended.

Copies of the Committee Charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Water Security Initiative: Preliminary Notice of a Request for Applications for Contamination Warning System Pilots

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing preliminary notice of its intention to solicit competitive applications for cooperative agreements to support contamination warning system demonstration pilots. These pilots will be part of the Agency's Water Security (WS) initiative (formerly WaterSentinel), which addresses the risk of contamination of drinking water distribution systems. Local governments or institutions (either public or private nonprofit organizations) that operate community water systems serving at least 750,000 people will be eligible to compete for these cooperative agreements. The purpose of this notice is to alert potential applicants to this future opportunity.

DATES: EPA intends to issue the Request for Applications (RFA) for contamination warning system cooperative agreements in June 2007.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact Dan Schmelling, Water Security Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (MC 4601M),

Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number (202) 564-5281; fax number: (202) 564-3753; e-mail address: schmelling.dan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The WS initiative is an EPA program that includes piloting contamination warning systems at drinking water utilities. This initiative is responsive to Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9, under which the Agency must "develop robust, comprehensive, and fully coordinated surveillance and monitoring systems * * * for * * * water quality that provides early detection and awareness of disease, pest, or poisonous agents." The purpose of these pilots is to demonstrate warning systems that achieve timely detection and appropriate response to drinking water contamination incidents.

Under the WS initiative, EPA anticipates awarding four cooperative agreements for contamination warning system demonstration pilots, with individual award amounts between \$3 and \$12 million. A minimum 20 percent cost-share, which may include in-kind services, would be required. Contamination warning systems must address five monitoring and surveillance components, (1) online water quality monitoring, (2) contaminant sampling and analysis, (3) enhanced security monitoring, (4) consumer complaint surveillance, and (5) public health surveillance, along with a consequence management plan.

EPA has developed a document, Water Security Initiative: Interim Guidance on Planning for Contamination Warning System Deployment, to assist utilities with demonstrating these components. It is available at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/safewater/watersecurity/initiative.cfm>. EPA encourages utilities that may be interested in the upcoming RFA to review this document. When issued, the RFA will be available at this same Web address and may also be viewed through <http://www.grants.gov>.

Funding may be used by recipients to acquire services and fund contracts or to fund partnerships through subgrants, provided recipients follow applicable contracting and subgrants procedures. Please note that recipients may not award sole source contracts to consulting, engineering or other firms assisting applicants with the proposal based on the firm's role in preparing the proposal.

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Science Advisory Board Panel for the Review of EPA's 2007 Report on the Environment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference and a public meeting of the SAB Panel for the Review of EPA's 2007 Report on the Environment. The teleconference and meeting are being held to conduct a peer review of the EPA's draft Report on the Environment 2007: Science Report.

DATES: The public teleconference will be held on June 22, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). The public meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on July 10, 2007; 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on July 11, 2007; and 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on July 12, 2007 (Eastern Daylight Time).

ADDRESSES: The public meeting of the Panel will be held in the Washington, DC metropolitan area at a location that will be announced on the SAB Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wishes to obtain the teleconference call-in number and access code; submit a written or brief oral statement; or receive further information concerning the teleconference or meeting must contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Dr. Armitage may be contacted at the EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; or via telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9995; fax

(202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: armitage.thomas@epa.gov. General information about the EPA SAB, as well as any updates concerning the teleconference and meeting announced in this notice, may be found in the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.