

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-9074-01-OA]

**Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; CEQ-EPA Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators and the President's Environmental Youth Awards Application****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "CEQ-EPA Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators and the President's Environmental Youth Awards Application" (EPA ICR No. 2524.03, OMB Control No. 2090-0031) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. 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 an existing collection, which is currently approved through April 30, 2022. 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 December 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OA-2015-0553, online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov), or by mail to EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 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:** Javier Araujo, Office of the Administrator, Office of Environmental Education, MC-1704A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-2642; cell number: 202-441-8981; email address: [araujo.javier@epa.gov](mailto:araujo.javier@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:** The purpose of this information collection request is to collect information from applicants to select recipients for the Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators (PIAEE) program and the President's Environmental Youth Awards (PEYA) program. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency), in conjunction with the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), established the PIAEE program to meet the requirements of Section 8(e) of the National Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5507(e)). The Agency established the PEYA program to meet the requirements of Section 8(d) of the National Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5507(d)).

**Form Numbers:** None.

**Respondents/affected entities:** K-12 teachers who teach on a full-time basis in a public school that is operated by a

local education agency, including schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. For this program, a local education agency is one as defined by section 198 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (now codified at 20 U.S.C. 7801(26)).

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Required to obtain information from the applicants for PIAEE and PEYA program and assess certain aspects of programs as established under Section 8(e) of the National Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5507(e)) and Section 8(d) of the National Environmental Education Act (20 U.S.C. 5507(d)) respectively.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 75 (total per year) for the PIAEE program and 250 (total per year) for the PEYA program.

**Frequency of response:** Annually.

**Total estimated burden:** 3225 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

**Total estimated cost:** For the PIAEE program, \$32,288 (per year) for 75 applicants. For the PEYA program, \$77,007 (per year) for 250 applicants. There are no capital or operation & maintenance costs.

**Hiram Tanner,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Education.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Virtual Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notification for a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby provides notice that the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) will meet on the dates and times described below. EPA is announcing a two (2) day meeting on November 17 and 18, 2021. The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments relevant to the specific issues being considered by the WHEJAC. For additional information about registering to attend the meetings or to provide public comment, please see "Registration" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Pre-registration is required.

**DATES:** The WHEJAC will hold a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, and Thursday, November 18, 2021, from approximately 3:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m., Eastern Time each day. A public comment period relevant to the specific issues will be considered by the WHEJAC on Thursday, November 17, 2021. (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). Members of the public who wish to participate during the public comment period must pre-register by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, one (1) week prior to the meeting date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen L. Martin, WHEJAC Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA; email: [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov); telephone: (202) 564–0203. Additional information about the WHEJAC is available at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting discussion will focus on several topics including, but not limited to the discussion and deliberation of draft recommendations to the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and the White House Interagency Council on Environmental Justice from the Justice40 Work Group, Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool Work Group, and the Scorecard Work Group.

The Charter of the WHEJAC states that the advisory committee will provide independent advice and recommendations to the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and to the White House Interagency Council on Environmental Justice (IAC). The WHEJAC will provide advice and recommendations about broad cross-cutting issues, related but not limited to, issues of environmental justice and pollution reduction, energy, climate change mitigation and resiliency, environmental health, and racial inequity. The WHEJAC's efforts will include a broad range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, community engagement, and economic issues related to environmental justice.

**Registration:** Individual registration is required for the virtual public meeting. Information on how to register is located at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>. Registration for the meeting is available through the scheduled end time of the meeting. Registration to speak during the public comment period will close 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, one (1) week prior to meeting date. When registering, please provide your name, organization, city and state, and email address for follow up. Please also indicate whether

you would like to provide public comment during the meeting, and whether you are submitting written comments at the time of registration.

#### A. Public Comment

Every effort will be made to hear from as many registered public commenters during the time specified on the agenda. Individuals or groups making remarks during the public comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes. To accommodate the number of people who want to address the WHEJAC during the time allotted on the agenda, only one representative of a particular community, organization, or group will be allowed to speak. Submission of written comments for the record are strongly encouraged. The suggested format for individuals providing public comments is as follows: Name of speaker; name of organization/ community; city and state; brief description of the concern, and what you want the WHEJAC to advise CEQ or IAC to do. Written comments received by the registration deadline, will be included in the materials distributed to the WHEJAC prior to the meeting. Written comments received after that time will be provided to the WHEJAC as time allows. Written comments can be submitted up to two (2) weeks after the meeting date. Submit your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–AO–2021–0683 or by one of the following methods:

- **www.regulations.gov:** Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** Send comments by electronic mail (email) to [wheja@epa.gov](mailto:wheja@epa.gov), Attention Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–AO–2021–0683.
- **Webform:** Use the webform at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council#whejacmeeting> and email any additional materials to [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov).

All comments received, including any personal information provided, will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute will not be included in the public docket and should not be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) email, or webform. For additional information about the EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/>. Publicly available docket materials may be accessed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

#### B. Information About Services for Individuals With Disabilities or Requiring English Language Translation Assistance

For information about access or services for individuals requiring assistance, please contact Karen L. Martin, via email at [whejac@epa.gov](mailto:whejac@epa.gov). To request special accommodations for a disability or other assistance, please submit your request at least seven (7) working days prior to the meeting, to give EPA sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to the email listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**Matthew Tejada,**

*Director for the Office of Environmental Justice.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Proposed Stipulated Partial Settlement Agreement, Endangered Species Act Claims

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed stipulated partial settlement agreement; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator's October 16, 2017, Directive Promoting Transparency and Public Participation in Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements, notice is hereby given of a proposed stipulated partial settlement agreement that resolves part of the *Center for Environmental Health, et al., v. Wheeler, et al.*, case in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (4:18–cv–03197) that alleges that EPA and the United States Fish and Wildlife (FWS) failed to comply with certain procedural and substantive duties under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Defendant-Intervenor joins this stipulated partial settlement agreement.

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed stipulated partial settlement agreement must be received by November 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OGC–2021–0674, online at <https://www.regulations.gov> (EPA's preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.