

Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act); and otherwise Federally-protected species (such as the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act or the Migratory Bird Treaty Act);

(iii) Floodplains and wetlands;

(iv) Areas having a special designation such as Federally- and state designated wilderness areas, national parks, national monuments, national natural landmarks, wild and scenic rivers, state and Federal wildlife refuges, scenic areas (such as National Scenic and Historic Trails or National Scenic Areas), and marine sanctuaries;

(v) Prime or unique farmland, or other farmland of statewide or local importance, as defined at 7 CFR 658.2(a), "Farmland Protection Policy Act: Definitions," or its successor;

(vi) Special sources of water (such as sole-source aquifers, wellhead protection areas, and other water sources that are vital in a region); and

(vii) Tundra, coral reefs, or rain forests; or

(5) Involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those of the Department of Agriculture, EPA, and the National Institutes of Health.

Proposed EPA Category of Actions

EPA intends to apply this categorical exclusion to electric vehicle charging station projects undertaken directly by EPA or that are financed in whole or in part through Federal funding opportunities, including those administered by the EPA Clean School Bus Program. The CE allows for the installation, modification, operation, and removal of electric vehicle charging stations. EPA will consider each proposal for the installation, modification, operation, or removal of electric vehicle charging stations to ensure that the proposal is within the scope of the CE. EPA intends to apply this CE in a manner consistent with DOE's application—to the same types of proposals (which have included a wide variety of locations on and off Federal property, differences in local conditions, various numbers of electric vehicle charging stations per proposal, and different types of equipment and technologies including Level 1, Level 2, and DC Fast Charging stations).

III. Consideration of Extraordinary Circumstances

When applying this CE, EPA will evaluate the proposed action to ensure evaluation of the integral elements listed above. In addition, in considering extraordinary circumstances, EPA will consider whether the proposed action has the potential to result in significant effects as described in DOE's extraordinary circumstances listed at 10 CFR 1021.410(b)(2). DOE defines extraordinary circumstances as unique situations presented by specific proposals, including, but not limited to, scientific controversy about the environmental effects of the proposal; uncertain effects or effects involving unique or unknown risks; and unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.

IV. Consultation With DOE and Determination of Appropriateness

EPA and DOE consulted on the appropriateness of EPA's adoption of the CE in October 2023. EPA and DOE's consultation included a review of DOE's experience developing and applying the CE, as well as the types of actions for which EPA plans to utilize the CE. These EPA actions are very similar to the type of projects for which DOE has applied the CE and therefore the impacts of EPA projects will be very similar to the impacts of DOE projects, which are not significant, absent the existence of extraordinary circumstances. Therefore, EPA has determined that its proposed use of the CE as described in this notice is appropriate.

V. Notice to the Public and Documentation of Adoption

This notice serves to identify to the public and document EPA's adoption of DOE's CE for electric vehicle charging stations. The notice identifies the types of actions to which EPA will apply the CE, as well as the considerations that EPA will use in determining whether an action is within the scope of the CE.

Dated: January 11, 2024.

Christine Koester,

Director, Legacy Fleets Incentives and Assessment Branch, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0456; FRL-10821-01-OCSPP]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of an Existing ICR Collection and Request for Comment; Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces the availability of and solicits public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR) that EPA is planning to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act," identified by EPA ICR No. 2446.04 and OMB Control No. 2070-0185. This ICR represents a renewal of an existing ICR that is currently approved through September 30, 2024. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection that is summarized in this document. The ICR and accompanying material are available in the docket for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0456, through <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Sleasman, Mission Support Division (7602M), Office of Program Support, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 556-1204; email address: sleasman.katherine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. What information is EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. 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.
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
4. 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. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

II. What ICR does this action apply to?

Title: Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act.

EPA ICR No.: 2446.04.

OMB Control No.: 2070-0185.

ICR status: This ICR is currently approved through September 30, 2024. Under the PRA, 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. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: This ICR renewal covers the recordkeeping and reporting requirements for all aspects of the TSCA Title VI implementing regulations and regulations relating to accreditation bodies (ABs) and third-party certifiers (TPCs) that wish to participate in this third-party certification program.

Burden statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 456,296 hours per response. Burden is defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(b). The ICR, which is available in the docket along with other related materials, provides a detailed explanation of the collection activities and the burden estimate that is only briefly summarized here:

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by the ICR include respondents who are producers, fabricators, distributors, importers, retailers of regulated composite wood products and finished goods containing regulated composite wood products, as well as accreditation bodies and third-party certifiers. The Agency identifies these entities by North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes that have been provided in the ICR to assist entities in determining whether the ICR might apply to them.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory, per 40 CFR 770.

Forms: 9600-049.

Frequency of response: Occasional.

Total estimated number of potential respondents: 881,597.

Total estimated average number of responses for each respondent: 1.4.

Total estimated annual burden hours: 456,296 hours.

Total estimated annual costs: \$121,806,311. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$9,461,560 and an estimated cost of \$112,389,751 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

III. Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

There is an overall increase of 371,503 hours for the total estimated combined respondent burden from that which is currently approved by OMB. This difference is due to adjustments in EPA's estimates of the costs and burden. Several adjustments to the estimates were made, including revisions to the estimates for producers, TPC and AB; and revisions to labor and cost estimates to reflect 2022 and 2023; and inclusion of 2,241 laminators still using resins that are expected to incur costs and burden starting in 2024.

In addition, OMB has requested that EPA move towards using the 18-question format for ICR Supporting Statements used by other federal agencies and departments and is based on the submission instructions established by OMB in 1995, replacing the alternate format developed by EPA and OMB prior to 1995. Accordingly, EPA updated the Supporting Statement

for this ICR to reflect the 18-question format. In doing so, the Agency does not expect the change in format has resulted in substantive changes to the information collection activities or related estimated burden and costs. Comments are specifically sought on the format and presentation of the estimates.

IV. What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

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 pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** document pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: January 10, 2024.

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Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0430; FRL-8838-03-OAR]

Notice of Data Availability Relevant to Data Reported Under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of data availability.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Data Availability is to alert stakeholders that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released data on production, consumption, and other activity related to hydrofluorocarbons regulated under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020. The Agency has published these data in the *Protecting Our Climate by Reducing Use of HFCs* web area.

DATES: January 17, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob Landolfi, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stratospheric Protection Division, telephone number: 202-343-9161; or email address: Landolfi.Robert@epa.gov. You may also