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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On February 6, 2006, the Agency published a final rule for the protection of human subjects in research (71 FR 6138) per Public Law 109-54, which called for creating a new, independent human studies review board (*i.e.*, HSRB). The HSRB is a Federal advisory committee operating in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) 5 U.S.C. 10 (Pub. L. 92-463). The HSRB provides advice, information, and recommendations to EPA on issues related to scientific and ethical aspects of human subjects research. The major objectives of the HSRB are to provide advice and recommendations on: (1) research proposals and protocols that include human subjects; and (2) reports of completed research with human subjects. Typically, the HSRB reviews protocols and completed studies involving pesticide studies, such as worker exposure studies with agricultural handlers applying pesticides in field conditions; janitorial maintenance personnel applying antimicrobial pesticides in commercial settings; and field efficacy studies for skin applied insect repellent products. The HSRB reports to the EPA Administrator through EPA's Human Subjects Research Review Official (HSRRO). General information concerning the HSRB, including its charter, current membership, and activities can be found on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board>.

HSRB members serve as special government employees or regular government employees. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for either two- or three-year terms with the possibility of reappointment for additional terms, for a maximum of six years of service. The HSRB convenes on average four times a year, with all of the meetings being virtual. The average workload for HSRB members is approximately 20 hours per meeting, including the time spent at the meeting. Responsibilities of HSRB members include reviewing extensive background materials prior to meetings of the Board, preparing draft responses to Agency charge questions, attending Board meetings, participating in the discussion and deliberations at these meetings,

drafting assigned sections of meeting reports, and assisting with the finalization of HSRB reports. EPA compensates special government employees for their time and provides reimbursement for travel and other incidental expenses associated with official government business related to the HSRB meetings. EPA encourages nominations from a variety of backgrounds (*e.g.*, industry, non-profit organizations, academia, and government).

Candidates not selected for HSRB membership at this time may be considered for HSRB membership as vacancies arise in the future or for service as consultants to the HSRB. Members of the HSRB are subject to the provisions of 5 CFR part 2634, Executive Branch Financial Disclosure, as supplemented by the EPA in 5 CFR part 6401. In anticipation of this requirement, each nominee will be asked to submit confidential financial information that fully discloses, among other financial interests, the candidate's employment, stocks and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. The information provided is strictly confidential and will not be disclosed to the public. Before a candidate is considered further for service on the HSRB, EPA will evaluate each candidate to assess whether there is any conflict of financial interest, appearance of a lack of impartiality, or prior involvement with matters likely to be reviewed by the Board.

Nominations will be evaluated on the basis of several criteria, including: professional background, expertise, and experience that would contribute to the variety of perspectives of the committee; interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills and other attributes that would contribute to the HSRB's collaborative process; consensus building skills; absence of any financial conflicts of interest or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, or lack of independence, or bias; and the availability to participate in meetings and administrative sessions, participate in teleconferences, develop policy recommendations to the Administrator, and prepare recommendations and advice in reports.

Nominations should include a resume or curriculum vitae providing the nominee's educational background, qualifications, leadership positions in national associations or professional societies, relevant research experience and publications along with a short (one page) biography describing how the nominee meets the above criteria and other information that may be helpful in evaluating the nomination, as well as

the nominee's current business address, email address, and daytime telephone number. Interested candidates may self-nominate.

To help the Agency in evaluating the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, nominees are requested to inform the Agency of how you learned of this opportunity.

Final selection of HSRB members is a discretionary function of the Agency and will be announced as soon as selections are made on the HSRB website at <https://www.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board>.

##### Kathleen Deener,

*Director, Office of Science Advisor, Policy and Engagement.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0097; FRL-12673-01-OAR]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program, EPA ICR No. 2546.04, OMB Control Number 2060-0725

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program (EPA ICR Number 2546.04, OMB Control Number 2060-0725), 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 proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through November 30, 2025. This notice allows for 60 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 30, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0097, to EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-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:**

Anne-Marie C. Pastorkovich, Office of Air and Radiation, Mail Code 6405A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-343-9623; email address: [pastorkovich.anne-marie@epa.gov](mailto:pastorkovich.anne-marie@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through November 30, 2025. 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.

This document allows 60 days for public comments. 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 forms of information technology. 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**

This ICR is for general registration, recordkeeping, and reporting under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program, required by Clean Air Act and implementing regulations in 40 CFR parts 80 and 1090. The RFS program relies upon marketable credits (RINs) to function, which necessitates recordkeeping and reporting to establish type and number of RINs generated, sold, retired, etc. EPA provides the secure systems that respondents use to register, submit compliance reports, and transact RINs, which removes a burden from industry. EPA uses the information to monitor compliance with RFS and to ensure the integrity of the RIN market and to ensure the integrity of the RIN market.

*Form Numbers:* RFS0107 (5900-631), RFS0304 (5900-492), RFS0500 (5900-493), RFS0602 (5900-290), RFS0702 (5900-289), RFS0801 (5900-293), RFS0902 (5900-278), RFS1000 (5900-335), RFS1200 (5900-337), RFS1300 (5900-262), RFS1400 (5900-354), RFS1500 (5900-355), RFS1600 (5900-356), RFS1701 (5900-632), RFS2001 (5900-633), RFS2101 (5900-634), RFS2201 (5900-635), RFS2301 (5900-636), RFS2400 (5900-361), RFS2500 (5900-374), RFS2700 (5900-373).

*Respondents/affected entities:* RIN Generators, Obligated Parties, RIN Owners, Exporters, QAP Providers, Petitioners for Aggregate Compliance, Third Parties.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* mandatory under 40 CFR parts 80 and 1090.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 29,103 (total).

*Frequency of response:* quarterly, annually, on occasion.

*Total estimated burden:* 755,763 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$21,126,078 (per year), which includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is a decrease of 105,207 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to several factors. First, some of the burden in the existing ICR was for one-time burdens, such as initially programming codes, which existing parties will have already performed. Second, some of the burden in the existing ICR has been reduced through improvements in reporting methods initiated by EPA—for example, EPA has greatly improved its unified reporting format (URF) used for data entry in a manner that provides

feedback to respondents and reduces errors and resubmissions. Third, EPA has reduced complexity by removing reporting steps and certain stand-alone forms.

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**FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m., Thursday, May 8, 2025.

**PLACE:** You may observe the open portions of this meeting in person at 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090, or virtually. If you would like to observe, at least 24 hours in advance, visit [FCA.gov](http://FCA.gov), select "Newsroom," then select "Events." From there, access the linked "Instructions for board meeting visitors" and complete the described registration process.

**STATUS:** Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The following matters will be considered:

**PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

- Approval of April 10, 2025, Minutes
- Update on Farm Credit System Funding Conditions

**PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

- Impact of Tariffs on Agriculture and the Farm Credit System<sup>1</sup>

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

If you need more information or assistance for accessibility reasons, or have questions, contact Ashley Waldron, Secretary to the Board. Telephone: 703-883-4009. TTY: 703-883-4056.

**Ashley Waldron,**

*Secretary to the Board.*

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<sup>1</sup> Session Closed-Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).