

**Oral Statements:** EPA will allocate one hour for the public to present oral comments during the meeting. Oral statements will be limited to three minutes per person during the public comment period. It is preferred that only one person present a statement on behalf of a group or organization. Persons interested in presenting an oral statement should send an email to [NDWAC@epa.gov](mailto:NDWAC@epa.gov) by noon, eastern time, on August 1, 2023.

**Written Statements:** Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after the Council meeting. Send written statements by email to [NDWAC@epa.gov](mailto:NDWAC@epa.gov) or see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section if sending statements by mail. Written statements received by noon, eastern time, on August 1, 2023, will be distributed to all members of the Council prior to the meeting. Statements received after that time will become part of the permanent file for the meeting and will be forwarded to the Council members after conclusion of the meeting. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the NDWAC website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without the explicit permission of the copyright holder.

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**National Drinking Water Advisory Council:** The NDWAC was created by Congress on December 16, 1974, as part of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) of 1974, Public Law 93-523, 42 U.S.C. 300j-5, and is operated in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The NDWAC was established to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the EPA Administrator on matters relating to activities, functions, policies, and regulations under the SDWA. General information concerning the NDWAC is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/ndwac>.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2040-0299; FRL-11055-01-OW]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Use of Lead Free Pipes, Fittings, Fixtures, Solder and Flux for Drinking Water (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "Use of Lead Free Pipes, Fittings, Fixtures, Solder and Flux for Drinking Water (Renewal)" (EPA ICR No. 2563.02, OMB Control No. 2040-0299) 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 December 31, 2023. 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 September 11, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2040-0299, online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [OW-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:OW-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:** Kevin Roland, Drinking Water Infrastructure Development Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, (4606M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-4588; fax number: 202-564-3755; email address: [roland.kevin@epa.gov](mailto:roland.kevin@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 Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act of 2011 (RLDWA, the Act) modified the technical definition of "lead free" by lowering the maximum lead content of pipes, fittings, and fixtures from 8% to 0.25% and introduced greater complexity to calculating lead free by requiring that level be met based on a weighted average of wetted surfaces. The Act also created exemptions for certain plumbing products from pre-existing lead free requirements. The Lead Free Rule was promulgated on September 1, 2000 and made conforming changes to existing regulations based on the RLDWA and the Community Fire Safety Act enacted by Congress. The final rule established product certification requirements for products intended for potable use applications in public water systems and residential or non-residential facilities to demonstrate compliance with the lead free requirements.

Manufacturers with 10 or more employees or importers entering products purchased from or manufactured by manufacturers with 10 or more employees must demonstrate compliance with the lead free definition by obtaining third party certification by an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited, third party certification body. Firms with fewer than 10 employees can use a third party certification body or self-certify that their products conform to the Safe Drinking Water Act's (SDWA) lead free requirements. This self-certification option also extends to custom fabricated products regardless of a manufacturer's number of employees. The final rule required that manufacturers or importers certify that their products meet the requirements using a consistent verification process before September 2023.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* manufacturers of lead-free pipes, fixtures and fittings.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* mandatory for compliance with Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act of 2011.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 2,193 (total).

*Frequency of response:* annual.

*Total estimated burden:* 77,838 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$9.14 million (per year), includes \$2.5 million annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in Estimates:* There is an expected decrease of hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB due to removing the burden for initial rule implementation, which is complete.

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Docket No. FMC-2023-0013]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: 60-Day Public Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Maritime Commission.

**ACTION:** Sixty-day notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and

respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission) invites comments on a new web portal to collect information from the public regarding comments, complaints, concerns, reports of noncompliance, requests for investigation, and requests for alternative dispute resolution. The collection implements certain provisions of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 11, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission has transitioned from accepting comments via email and is using its Electronic Reading Room through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). The docket of this notice can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov/> under Docket No. FMC-2023-0013. The FMC will summarize any comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Cody, Secretary; Phone: (202) 523-5725; Email: [secretary@fmc.gov](mailto:secretary@fmc.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Request for Comments

The Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing information collections listed in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments. We invite comments on: (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

### Information Collections Open for Comment

*Title:* FMC Web Portal.

*OMB Approval Number:* 3072-XXXX.

*Abstract:* Section 17(a) of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022 requires that the Commission "establish on the public website of the Commission a web page that allows for the submission of comments, complaints, concerns, reports of noncompliance, requests for investigation, and requests for alternative dispute resolution"; and that it direct each submission to the appropriate component office of the Commission.

The FMC will implement a new web portal available through the agency's website to collect this information from the public. The collected information will be internally routed to the appropriate component office for response. As this collection includes inquiries related to dispute resolution services, it also encompasses Forms FMC-32 (Dispute Resolution Service Request-Cruise) and FMC-33 (Dispute Resolution Service Request-Cargo). These forms are available at <https://www.fmc.gov/forms-and-applications/>. The burden associated with these forms is included in this collection.

*Current Actions:* The information being submitted contains a new data collection.

*Type of Review:* New information collection.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission will use the web portal to receive requests from the public and ensure prompt response to the shipping public.

*Frequency:* This information will be collected when members of the public choose to submit it.

*Type of Respondents:* Individuals and establishments who wish to ask questions, express concerns, or submit complaints to the Federal Maritime Commission.

*Number of Annual Respondents:* The Commission estimates an annual respondent universe of 5,000. The Commission further estimates 300 of these responses will require attaching an FMC form related to dispute resolution services (FMC-32 or FMC-33).

*Estimated Time per Response:* The time per response is estimated at 6 minutes per response for submissions that do not involve attaching forms and 20 minutes for responses requiring attaching forms.

*Total Annual Burden:* Burden is calculated as  $4,700 \times 6 \text{ minutes} = 470 \text{ hours}$  per portal submission that does not also include a form and  $300 \times 20 \text{ minutes} = 100 \text{ hours}$  for a submission