

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act**

On December 4, 2023, the Department of Justice filed a complaint in, and simultaneously lodged a proposed Clean Air Act Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in the lawsuit entitled *United States and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy v. R.J. Torching, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 23-CV-13056.

Simultaneous with this lodging, the United States and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (the “State”) filed a complaint against the Defendant, R.J. Torching, Inc. (“Defendant”). The complaint seeks injunctive relief and civil penalties for violations of the regulations that limit particulate matter pollution from Defendant’s torch-cutting operations in Flint and (previously) Battle Creek, Michigan. The Consent Decree requires Defendant to perform injunctive relief and pay a \$150,000 penalty.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy v. R.J. Torching, Inc.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–2–1–12118. All comments must be submitted no later than January 31, 2024. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

| <i>To submit comments:</i> | <i>Send them to:</i>                                                                          |
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| By email .....             | <i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>                                                         |
| By mail .....              | Assistant Attorney General,<br>U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O.<br>Box 7611, Washington, DC<br>20044–7611. |

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <http://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$22.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United

States Treasury. For a paper copy without the exhibits and signature pages, the cost is \$15.50.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Registration and Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship Programs**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor’s (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, “Registration and Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship Programs.” This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all written comments received by February 6, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden, may be obtained free by contacting Ayesha Upshur by telephone at 202–693–2771 (this is not a toll-free number). For persons with a hearing or speech disability who need assistance to use the telephone system, please dial 711 to access telecommunications relay services.

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Room N–5311, Washington, DC 20210; by email: [OA-ICRs@dol.gov](mailto:OA-ICRs@dol.gov); or by fax 202–693–3799.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ayesha Upshur by telephone at 202–693–2771 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [OA-ICRs@dol.gov](mailto:OA-ICRs@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for final approval. This program helps to ensure requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements can be properly assessed.

ETA is requesting an extension to a currently approved ICR pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The National Apprenticeship Act (NAA) of 1937 (29 U.S.C. 50) authorizes this information collection. If approved, this ICR will enable ETA to continue its data collection concerning the registration of apprenticeship programs and apprentices with DOL/ETA’s Office of Apprenticeship and recognized State Apprenticeship Agencies, properly assess the types of sponsors that are seeking to register an apprenticeship program and the level of growth in apprenticeship, collect the data necessary to calculate national registered apprenticeship program and apprentice totals, continue to implement the requirements of the Veterans Apprenticeship and Labor Opportunity Reform (VALOR) Act (Pub. L. 115–89) and the Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 116–134). This ICR will also continue to enable ETA to collect data from registered apprenticeship programs relating to equal employment opportunity, and from applicants and/or apprentices, who file a discrimination complaint. Under the NAA, the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) is charged with the establishment of labor standards designed to safeguard the welfare of apprentices and promote apprenticeship opportunity. The NAA also authorizes the Secretary to “publish information relating to existing and proposed labor standards of apprenticeship.”

ETA seeks an extension of this ICR which includes the following: ETA Form 671 (Program Registration and Apprenticeship Agreement); ETA Form 9039 (Complaint Form—Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship Programs); and the information collection instrument pertaining to state program and apprentice registration (ETA Form 9186). ETA Forms 671, 9039, and 9186