

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0033; FRL-9995-79-OMS]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; EPA's ENERGY STAR® Product Labeling (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), EPA's ENERGY STAR Product Labeling (EPA ICR No. 2078.07, OMB Control No. 2060-0528), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through September 30, 2019. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 10, 2019, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. 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: Additional comments may be submitted on or before October 28, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0033, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to 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, and (2) OMB via email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

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: James Kwon, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, Office of Air and Radiation, Mailcode 6202A,

Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-8538; fax number: 202-343-2200; email address: kwon.james@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 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>.

Abstract: ENERGY STAR is a voluntary program developed in collaboration with industry to create a self-sustaining market for energy efficient products. The center piece of the program is the ENERGY STAR label, a registered certification label that helps consumers identify products that save energy, save money, and help protect the environment without sacrificing quality or performance. In order to protect the integrity of the label and enhance its effectiveness in the marketplace, EPA must ensure that products carrying the label meet program requirements.

EPA partners with retailers, energy efficiency program sponsors (EEPS), and product brand owners who wish to use the ENERGY STAR label to differentiate products as more energy efficient. Retailers, EEPS, and product brand owners sign and submit a Partnership Application to become a partner, indicating that they voluntarily agree to fulfill the relevant program requirements referenced in the Partnership Agreement Form and Participation Form.

Prior to labeling a product as ENERGY STAR, partners have eligible products tested in an EPA-recognized laboratory and certified by an EPA-recognized third-party certification body (CB). The CBs share information with EPA on products they review from EPA-recognized laboratories during the certification process. An XML-based data exchange allows the CBs to automatically transmit information on certified products to EPA from their database via web services, eliminating the need for paper submissions. EPA runs a series of automated validations to ensure the integrity of the data and confirm the credentials of the organizations associated with the data prior to incorporating it into the ENERGY STAR product database. EPA

then provides the relevant information to consumers and purchasers in user-friendly formats that facilitate the purchase of energy efficient products.

The certification process also includes requirements for CBs to report to EPA products that were reviewed, but not eligible for certification, as well as to conduct post-market verification testing of a sampling of ENERGY STAR certified products. CBs complete a minimum amount of verification testing and share information with EPA on products verified twice a year. CBs report to EPA any post-market test data indicating a product may no longer meet the program requirements. This process helps maintain consumer confidence in the ENERGY STAR label and protect the investment of partners.

While most product-related information is provided by CBs, partners are asked to submit to EPA annual unit shipment data for their ENERGY STAR certified products. EPA is flexible as to the methods partners may use to submit unit shipment data.

Finally, partners that wish to receive recognition for their efforts in ENERGY STAR may submit an application for the Partner of the Year Award. Partners that have ENERGY STAR certified central air conditioners, air-source heat pumps, furnaces, geothermal heat pumps, and windows that meet the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient criteria may submit an application to gain ENERGY STAR Most Efficient recognition.

Form Numbers: 5900-252, 5900-251, 5900-33, 5900-253, 5900-168, 5900-206, 5900-207, 5900-28, 5900-208, 5900-210, 5900-228, 5900-234, 5900-229, 5900-235, 5900-47, 5900-349, 5900-350, 5900-351, 5900-348, 5900-35, 5900-37, 5900-38, 5900-39, 5900-41, 5900-42, 5900-43, 5900-44, 5900-48, 5900-49, 5900-50, 5900-51, 5900-54, 5900-55, 5900-56, 5900-57, 5900-58, 5900-230, 5900-224, 5900-227, 5900-166, 5900-165, 5900-164, 5900-226, 5900-163, 5900-34, 5900-216, 5900-217, 5900-218, 5900-388, 5900-254, 5900-255, 5900-439, 5900-440, 5900-415, 5900-416, 5900-438, 5900-417.

Respondents/affected entities: Partners and potential partners in EPA's ENERGY STAR program.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Voluntary.

Estimated number of respondents: 2,732.

Frequency of response: Initially/one-time, on occasion, semi-annually, annually.

Total estimated burden: 40,391 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$2,531,810 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 818 hours in the total estimated burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease results from EPA's adjustments to the number of respondents. EPA's adjustments are based on its analysis of the program's historical data and trends on respondent activity and submissions.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0711; FRL-10000-16-OMS]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Data Requirements Rule for the 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted a renewal of an information collection request (ICR), Data Requirements Rule for the 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (EPA ICR Number 2495.03, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 2060-0696) to OMB for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). This is a proposed extension of the existing ICR for the Data Requirements Rule for the 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Primary NAAQS (SO₂ Data Requirements Rule), which is currently approved through September 30, 2019. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 12, 2019, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the proposed ICR renewal is given below, including the estimated burden and cost to respondents to meet the requirements of the SO₂ Data Requirements Rule. 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 October 28, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0711, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information the disclosure of which is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered to be the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Larry D. Wallace, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Policy Division, C504-05, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC; telephone number: (919) 541-0906; fax number: (919) 541-5509; email address: wallace.larry@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 or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is (202) 566-1744. For additional information about the EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: This ICR addresses reporting and recordkeeping activity defined by the final Data Requirements for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards rule (SO₂ Data Requirements Rule) (See 80 FR 51052, August 21, 2015).

Through the SO₂ Data Requirements Rule and the initial ICR, EPA required states to characterize ambient air quality around SO₂ sources with emissions that were greater than 2,000 tons per year (tpy) or that were otherwise included as a listed source. In this ICR, EPA

addresses ongoing requirements that apply to listed sources for which air agencies chose the monitoring pathway as well as sources for which air agencies chose the modeling pathway. The number of listed sources for which air agencies chose the monitoring pathway, and thus are required to submit ongoing monitoring information, are 73 sources in 24 states (77 monitors total). The number of listed sources for which air agencies chose the modeling pathway that are required to submit ongoing data reports, and, potentially, updated modeling, are 170 sources in 43 states.

Air quality management agencies that elected to conduct ambient monitoring for listed DRR sources are responsible for reporting ambient air quality data information and retaining quality assurance/quality control records and monitoring network documentation. Where possible these activities are carried-out electronically using EPA's Air Quality System (AQS).

Air quality management agencies that elected to conduct air quality modeling of the areas containing listed DRR sources to provide the necessary air quality data to EPA are responsible for submitting ongoing data reports. If EPA requires that the air agency conduct updated air quality modeling for the area, the air agency has 12 months to submit the updated modeling to EPA.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: State, local and tribal air pollution management control agencies.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (40 CFR part 51).

Estimated number of respondents: 24 states or local agencies for monitoring, and 43 states or local agencies for modeling.

Frequency of response: Varies by requirement. Quarterly for monitoring data and annually for ongoing data verification reporting.

Total estimated burden: 26,948 hours (per year) for monitoring (specific hours for modeling not estimated, but labor costs are included in the estimated cost for modeling below). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$2,539,815 (per year) for monitoring, includes \$189,246 annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs for monitoring, and \$5,100,000 (per year) for modeling.

Changes in Estimates: The revisions in the monitoring and modeling burden result, in large part, from EPA having resolved uncertainty that inflated calculations in the previous ICR. While that ICR calculated burden for both the monitoring and the modeling scenarios assuming each one would be used by all possible sources, EPA now has the