

following sections of EPCRA: (1) Section 303(d)(2)—Facility notification of changes that have or are about to occur; (2) section 303(d)(3)—Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) requests for facility information to develop or implement emergency plans; (3) section 311—Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) submitted by facilities, or lists of those chemicals submitted in place of the MSDSs; (4) section 312—Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory forms (Tier I and Tier II); and (5) section 313—Toxic chemical release inventory form.

The burden estimates, numbers and types of respondents, wage rates and unit and total costs for this ICR renewal will be revised and updated if needed during the 60-day comment period while the ICR Supporting Statement is undergoing review at OMB.

*Form Numbers:* EPA Form 9510–1.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are manufacturer and non-manufacturer facilities subject to reporting under sections 303, 311, 312 or 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory if a respondent decides to make a trade secret claim for the chemical identity for any of the chemicals in any of the reports the respondent is required to submit under EPCRA sections 303, 311, 312 or 313.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 283 trade secret claims.

*Frequency of response:* Annual, with reports submitted under sections 312 and 313.

*Total estimated burden:* 2,689 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$164,989 (per year). There are no capital or operation and maintenance costs associated with this ICR.

*Changes in Estimates:* The small increase in estimated burden from the previous ICR is because the actual number of claims submitted was slightly higher than what EPA estimated it would receive in the previous ICR. Changes in estimated costs are attributable to updated wage rates and an increase in EPA O&M costs. Any additional change in burden or cost resulting from the 60-day OMB review period will be described and explained in this section when the updated ICR Supporting Statement is completed.

Dated: August 25, 2021.

**Donna Salyer,**

*Director, Office of Emergency Management.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–8758–01–OA]

### Request for Nominations to the Science Advisory Board Biosolids Chemical Risk Assessment Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office requests public nominations of scientific experts to form a panel to review the EPA White Paper: A Standardized Approach to Biosolids Chemical Risk Assessment and a Biosolids Screening Tool with an accompanying User Guide. The White Paper, which includes a prioritization method, deterministic screening model, and a probabilistic risk assessment modeling framework will be used to modernize, standardize, and streamline the risk assessment process to efficiently and thoroughly assess risk to chemical pollutants found in biosolids.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by September 22, 2021 per the instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Shaunta Hill-Hammond, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office by telephone/voice mail (202) 564–3343, or email at [hill-hammond.shaunta@epa.gov](mailto:hill-hammond.shaunta@epa.gov). General information concerning the EPA SAB can be found at the EPA SAB website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* The SAB (42 U.S.C. 4365) is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations. The SAB Staff Office is forming an expert panel, the Biosolids Chemical Risk Assessment (Biosolids) Panel, under the auspices of the Chartered SAB. The Biosolids Panel will provide advice through the chartered SAB. The SAB and the Biosolids Panel will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

The Biosolids Panel will conduct the review of the EPA White Paper: A Standardized Approach to Biosolids Chemical Risk Assessment and a Biosolids Screening Tool (BST) with an accompanying User Guide prepared by the EPA's Office of Water. The White Paper, BST and User Guide present the EPA's proposed screening process to identify pollutants, pathways and receptors of greatest interest and inform decisions regarding the need for refined risk assessment of land-applied biosolids.

*Request for Nominations:* The SAB Staff Office is seeking nominations of nationally and internationally recognized scientists with demonstrated expertise in the following disciplines: Biosolids management, risk assessment, exposure assessment, probabilistic modeling, and deterministic modeling.

*Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:* Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above for possible service on the SAB Panel. Individuals may self-nominate. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (preferred) following the instructions for "Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels and Ad Hoc Committees Being Formed," provided on the SAB website (see the "Nomination of Experts" link under "Current Activities" at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>). To be considered, nominations should include the information requested below. EPA values and welcomes diversity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of sex, race, disability, or ethnicity. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than September 22, 2021.

The following information should be provided on the nomination form: Contact information for the person making the nomination; contact information for the nominee; and the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee. Nominees will be contacted by the SAB Staff Office and will be asked to provide a recent curriculum vitae and a narrative biographical summary that includes current position; educational background; research activities; sources of research funding for the last two years; and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations. Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB website, should contact the DFO at the contact information noted above. The names and biosketches of qualified nominees identified by

respondents to this **Federal Register** notice, and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff Office, will be posted in a List of Candidates for the Panel on the SAB website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Public comments on the List of Candidates will be accepted for 21 days. The public will be requested to provide relevant information or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office a balanced review panel includes candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. In forming the expert panel, the SAB Staff Office will consider public comments on the Lists of Candidates, information provided by the candidates themselves, and background information independently gathered by the SAB Staff Office. Selection criteria to be used for panel membership include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a loss of impartiality; (e) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; and (f) for the panel as a whole, diversity of expertise and scientific points of view.

The SAB Staff Office's evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Environmental Protection Agency Special Government Employees" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form is required and allows government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between a person's public responsibilities (which include membership on an EPA federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a loss of impartiality, as defined by federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded through the "Ethics Requirements for Advisors" link on the SAB website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. This form should not be submitted as part of a nomination.

The approved policy under which the EPA SAB Office selects members for subcommittees and review panels is described in the following document: *Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board* (EPA-SAB-EC-02-010), which is posted on

the SAB website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0315; FRL-8735-01-OCSP]**

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of an Existing Collection and Request for Comment; Submission of Protocols and Study Reports for Environmental Research Involving Human Subjects

**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 an Information Collection Request (ICR) that EPA is planning to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ICR, entitled: "Submission of Protocols and Study Reports for Environmental Research Involving Human Subjects" and identified by EPA ICR No. 2195.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0169, represents the renewal of an existing ICR that is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2022. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed 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 November 1, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0315, using <http://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.

Due to the public health concerns related to COVID-19, the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) and Reading Room is closed to visitors with limited exceptions. The staff continues to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. For the latest status information on EPA/DC

services and docket access, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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### 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 information collection activity or ICR does this action apply to?

**Title:** Submission of Protocols and Study Reports for Environmental Research Involving Human Subjects.

**ICR number:** EPA ICR No. 2195.06.

**OMB control number:** OMB Control No. 2070-0169.

**ICR status:** This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on April 30, 2022. 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 listed in 40 CFR part 9,