

and partner with other stakeholders to develop solutions that will significantly address environmental and/or public health issue(s) in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks. With this Information Collection Request (ICR), EPA seeks authorization to collect information to track progress made by the EJCPs and EJG2G grantees and their partnerships. Collection of this information enables EPA to assess and manage these two programs, which ensures responsible stewardship of public funds; rigorous evidence-based learning and improvement; and transparent accountability to the American public. This ICR also requests authorization for the grantees to collect input and insights from communities who seek to benefit from project services, as well as stakeholders who have valuable experience and expertise in community engagement and empowerment. These information collections will enable the grantees to document local priorities, needs, and norms to ensure that they develop useful and relevant projects and training services. Furthermore, feedback about these services will enable the grantees to conduct self-assessments to identify best practices and areas for improvement.

*Form numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Recipients of financial assistance awards from the EJCPs and EJG2G programs; stakeholders; community members.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory for grant recipients as per reporting requirements included in EPA regulations 2 CFR parts 200 and 1500, and voluntary for public outreach information collections via surveys and focus groups.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 186 grantees and approximately 7,000 members of the public.

*Frequency of response:* One work plan, two semi-annual progress reports per year the grant is active; one final report. Variable numbers of surveys and focus groups per year.

*Total estimated burden:* 24,699 hours per year.

*Total estimated cost:* \$835,759 per year.

*Changes in the estimates:* This is a new collection; therefore there is no change in burden.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OLEM-2024-0045; FRL-11716-01-OLEM]

### Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System ("e-Manifest") Advisory Board: Request for Public Input for Charge Questions to the Advisory Board

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

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites the public to provide input for potential charge questions which the Agency could consider when consulting the e-Manifest Advisory Board ("Advisory Board") regarding the operations of EPA's hazardous waste electronic manifest system ("e-Manifest"). Relevant topics could include matters related to the operational activities, functions, policies, and regulations of EPA under the e-Manifest Act. The Advisory Board was established pursuant to the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act, (e-Manifest Act), and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide recommendations to the EPA Administrator on matters related to the e-Manifest program activities, functions, policies, and regulations of the EPA under the e-Manifest Act. EPA consults the Advisory Board at least annually.

**DATES:** Advisory Board charge recommendations comments must be received on or before March 22, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Advisory Board charge question recommendations should be submitted to the public docket under docket No. EPA-HQ-OLEM-2024-0045 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Jenkins, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, email: [jenkins.fred@epa.gov](mailto:jenkins.fred@epa.gov); phone: 202-566-0344.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Advisory Board is established in accordance with the provisions of the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act (e-Manifest Act) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Advisory Board is in the public interest and supports the EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities. The Advisory Board meets annually to discuss, evaluate the effectiveness of, and provide

recommendations about the system to the EPA Administrator. For more information, please visit the Advisory Board website at <https://www.epa.gov/e-manifest/hazardous-waste-electronic-manifest-system-e-manifest-advisory-board>.

To help ensure that the e-Manifest system is meeting the needs of its user community, EPA is inviting the public to suggest potential charges for which the Agency could consider asking the Advisory Board to address during future public meetings of the Advisory Board. A charge includes focused questions on a specific topic upon which the Agency could seek to obtain advice or recommendations from the Advisory Board. Relevant topics could include matters related to the operational activities, functions, policies, and regulations of EPA under the e-Manifest Act.

While EPA is soliciting public input on potential future charge questions for the Advisory Board, EPA notes the Agency has sole discretion in determining charge questions ultimately posed to the Advisory Board. EPA also notes that the Advisory Board only provides advice and recommendations to EPA, and EPA in turn considers such advice when making decisions pertaining to the e-Manifest system.

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**Carolyn Hoskinson,**

*Director, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### EPA Board of Scientific Counselors; Notice of Charter Renewal

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

**ACTION:** Notice of charter renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the EPA Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) is in the public interest and is necessary in connection with the performance of EPA's duties. Accordingly, the BOSC will be renewed for an additional two-year period. The purpose of the BOSC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator regarding the Office of Research and Development's National Research Programs.