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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Microbial Rules (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR) for the Microbial Rules (EPA ICR No. 1895.09, OMB Control No. 2040–0205) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through August 31, 2015. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register (80 FR 17040) on March 31, 2015, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is provided in this renewal notice, 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 September 25, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OW–2011–0442, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to OW-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: Kevin Roland, Drinking Water Protection Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, (4060M), 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.

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: The Microbial Rules Renewal ICR examines public water system, air carrier and primary agency burden and costs for recordkeeping and reporting requirements in support of the microbial drinking water regulations. These recordkeeping and reporting requirements are mandatory for compliance with 40 CFR parts 141 and 142. The following microbial regulations are included: the Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR), the Total Coliform Rule (TCR), the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR), the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR), the Filter Backwash Recycling Rule (FBR), the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT1ESWTR), the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR), the Ground Water Rule (GWR) and the Aircraft Drinking Water Rule (ADWR). Future microbial-related rulemakings will be added to this consolidated ICR after the regulations are promulgated and the initial, rule-specific, ICRs are due to expire.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are public water systems, air carriers and primary agencies.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Mandatory for compliance with 40 CFR parts 141 and 142.

Estimated number of respondents: 149,864 (total).

Frequency of response: Varies by requirement (i.e., on occasion, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annually).
Total estimated burden: 14,683,598 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

T’Total estimated cost: $652,507,000 (per year), includes $21,982,000 annualized capital and $88,035,000 operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 913,658 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase is a result of inclusion of the RTCR burden (839,526 hours) and expanded implementation requirements for the GWR and (839,526 hours) and expanded implementation in inclusion of the RTCR burden (839,526 hours). This increase is a result of OMB. This increase is a result of inclusion of the RTCR burden (839,526 hours) and expanded implementation for each rule with the most current and accurate information available (e.g., Public Water System inventories); and, updating burden to incorporate the results of consultation with stakeholders. Where appropriate and available, estimated violation, waiver and other associated rates have also been updated to reflect current information on rule compliance.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION [NV–15–10 (8–18–2015)]

Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Policy statement.


DATES: Effective date: August 18, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thais Burlew, Director of Equal Employment Opportunity and Inclusion, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean Virginia 22102–5090, (703) 883–4290, TTY (703) 883–4352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: While not required by law, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has determined that reissuance of an agency’s EEO policy statement each fiscal year is a symbol of the agency leadership’s commitment to EEO and Diversity principles. The FCA conducted its annual review of Policy Statement FCA–PS–62 on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Diversity and made several minor changes. First, due to the change in FCA leadership, the term “Chair.” has been replaced with “Chairman.” Second, a parenthetical has been added to one of the bases of discrimination to read, “sex (including sexual orientation),” to clarify EEOC’s jurisdiction after the recent issuance of Baldwin v. Dep’t of Transportation, EEOC Appeal No. 1020133080 (July 16, 2015). Finally, several stylistic, nonsubstantive changes were made.

The text of the updated Policy Statement is set forth below in its entirety. All FCA Board policy statements may be viewed on FCA’s Web site. From www.fca.gov, select “Laws & Regulations,” then select “FCA Handbook,” then select “FCA Board Policy Statements.”

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND DIVERSITY

NV–15–10

FCA–PS–62

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 18, 2015.


THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENT:

PURPOSE

The Farm Credit Administration (FCA or Agency) Board reaffirms its commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Diversity (EEOD) and its belief that all FCA employees should be treated with dignity and respect. The Board also provides guidance to Agency management and staff for deciding and taking action in these critical areas.

IMPORTANCE

Unquestionably, the employees who comprise the FCA are its most important resource. The Board fully recognizes that the Agency draws its strength from the dedication, experience, and diversity of its employees. The Board is firmly committed to taking whatever steps are needed to protect the rights of its staff and to carrying out programs that foster the development of each employee’s potential. We believe an investment in efforts that strongly promote EEOD will prevent the conflict and the high costs of correction for taking no, or inadequate, action in these areas.

THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION (FCA) BOARD ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the FCA to prohibit discrimination in Agency policies, program practices, and operations. Employees, applicants for employment, and members of the public who seek to take part in FCA programs, activities, and services will be treated fairly. The FCA Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is ultimately responsible for ensuring that FCA meets all EEOD requirements and initiatives in accordance with laws and regulations, to maintain a workplace that is free from discrimination and that values all employees. FCA, under the appropriate laws and regulations, will:

• Ensure equal employment opportunity based on merit and qualification, without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex (including sexual orientation), age (40 or older), national origin, disability, status as a parent, genetic information, or filing of a complaint, participation in discrimination or harassment complaint proceedings, or other opposition to discrimination;

• Provide for the prompt and fair consideration of complaints of discrimination;

• Make reasonable accommodations for qualified applicants for employment and employees with physical or mental disabilities under law;

• Make reasonable accommodations based on applicants’ and employees’ religious beliefs or practices, consistent with Title VII;

• Provide an environment free from harassment to all employees;

• Create and maintain an organizational culture that recognizes,