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Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments and other filings concerning Intercom's application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-289-C. An additional copy is to be provided directly to Ernesto Pallares, Intercom Energy, Inc., 1224 Tenth Avenue, Suite 202, Coronado, CA 92118 and to William DeGrandis, Paul Hastings, LLP, 875 15th Street NW., Washington, DC 20005.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program Web site at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

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Christopher Lawrence,

Electricity Policy Analyst, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Public Meeting To Inform the Design of a Consent-Based Siting Process for Nuclear Waste Storage and Disposal Facilities

AGENCY: Fuel Cycle Technologies, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is implementing a consent-based siting process to establish an integrated waste management system to transport, store, and dispose of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In a consent-based siting approach, DOE will work with communities, tribal governments and states across the country that express interest in hosting any of the facilities identified as part of an integrated waste management system. As part of this process, the Department is hosting a series of public meetings to engage communities and individuals and discuss the development of a consent-based approach to managing our nation's nuclear waste. A public meeting will be held in Sacramento, CA on April 26, 2016.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Tuesday April 26, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. PDT. Informal poster sessions will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. PDT and again after 9:30 p.m. PDT. Department officials will be available to discuss consent-based siting during the poster sessions.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza—Sacramento, 300 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. To register for this meeting and to review the agenda for the meeting, please go to energy.gov/consentbasedsiting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for further information should be sent to consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov or to Michael Reim at 202-586-2981. Updated information on this and other planned public meetings on consent based siting will be posted at energy.gov/consentbasedsiting.

If you are unable to attend a public meeting or would like to further discuss ideas for consent-based siting, please request an opportunity for us to speak with you. The Department will do its best to accommodate such requests and help arrange additional opportunities to engage. To learn more about nuclear energy, nuclear waste, and ongoing technical work please go to energy.gov/consentbasedsiting.

Privacy Act: Data collected via the mechanisms listed above will not be protected from the public view in any way.

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Andrew Griffith,

Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0125; FRL-9943-74]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed New Collection (EPA ICR No. 2532.01); Comment Request

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ICR, entitled: "Use of Mercury and Mercury Compounds in Products and Processes" and identified by EPA ICR No. 2532.01 and OMB Control No. 2070-NEW, represents a new request. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, 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 May 31, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0125, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <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.

- *Mail:* Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information contact: Sue Slotnick, National Program Chemicals Division (7404T), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001;

telephone number: (202) 566-1973; email address: sloznick.sue@epa.gov.

For general information contact: The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

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. In particular, EPA seeks comment on these aspects of the questionnaire:

- Are there additional products or product categories that should be included in the questionnaire?
- Are there additional products or product categories that should be eliminated from the questionnaire?
- Should the questionnaire ask respondents to identify which products are intended solely as replacement parts?

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: Use of Mercury and Mercury Compounds in Products and Processes.

ICR number: EPA ICR No. 2532.01.

OMB control number: OMB Control No. 2070-NEW.

ICR status: This ICR is for a new information collection activity. 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, and are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: The U.S. EPA is making efforts to reduce the non-essential use of mercury and mercury compounds in products and certain manufacturing processes to prevent future releases of mercury to the environment. After negotiating and joining a global agreement called the Minamata Convention on Mercury, EPA continues to pursue measures to reduce the use of mercury in various media. EPA has determined that significant data gaps exist that prevent the Agency from taking systematic, strategic, and effective actions to reduce the use of mercury and mercury compounds in order to prevent potential releases to the environment.

To close such data gaps, EPA will collect information from persons who process, import, and/or export mercury or mercury-added products. In addition, EPA will request information from persons who process mercury or mercury compounds for use in certain industrial processes. EPA is particularly interested in the amount of mercury or mercury compounds used in mercury-added products as a whole and among various categories of products, including mercury or mercury compounds that are added during domestic manufacture, as well as contained in imported and exported products.

Initially this will be a one-time information collection, but EPA may request subsequent renewals of OMB approval of the information collection as necessary. Information will be collected from companies that manufacture, import, or export a product or products containing mercury or mercury compounds, or companies that use mercury or mercury compounds in a manufacturing process or processes. EPA will request that companies voluntarily submit responses to a questionnaire during a period of 60 days after OMB approves the proposed collection. Thereafter, EPA will issue formal measures under section 11 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to obtain the information if appropriate.

EPA anticipates that the information collection activity will involve 250 private entities, although the number of entities may be as high as 646. The years of interest are 2010, 2013, and 2016.

EPA will use the collected information to determine whether and if so what type of actions, including voluntary and/or mandatory measures, are needed to reduce non-essential use of mercury or mercury compounds. The Agency will also use such information to prioritize where and how EPA applies measures in order to help prevent potential risks of mercury exposure to human health and the environment. In addition, this information will be used to facilitate compliance with obligations of the United States under the Minamata Convention to continue to reduce the use of mercury in products and processes and to report on actions taken to do so.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. However, should EPA initiate TSCA section 11 actions to compel submission of information, those responses would be mandatory. Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Burden statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 9.9 hours per response. Burden is defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

The ICR, which is available in the docket along with other related materials, provides a detailed explanation of the collection activities and the burden estimate that is only briefly summarized here:

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this ICR are persons who process mercury or mercury compounds for use in the production of mercury-added products, import mercury for use in the production of mercury-added products, import mercury-added products, export mercury-added products, and/or process mercury or mercury compounds for use in certain industrial processes.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 646.

Frequency of response: One time.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 1.0.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 6,399 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$444,430. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$444,430 and an

estimated cost of \$0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

III. What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** document pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: March 23, 2016.

James Jones,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0162; FRL-9943-22-OEI]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Regional Haze Regulations (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), "Regional Haze Regulations (Renewal)" (EPA ICR No. 1813.09, OMB Control No. 2060-0421) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2016. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** (80 FR 58473) on September 29, 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 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 April 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0162, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), 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: Chris Werner, Air Quality Policy Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, C539-04, Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-5133; fax number: (919) 541-5315; email address: werner.christopher@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: This ICR is for activities related to the implementation of the EPA's regional haze rule, for the time period between March 31, 2016, and March 31, 2019, and renews the previous ICR. The regional haze rule codified at 40 CFR parts 308 and 309, as authorized by sections 169A and 169B of the Clean Air Act, requires states to develop implementation plans to protect visibility in 156 federally-protected Class I areas. Tribes may choose to develop implementation plans. For this time period, states will primarily be developing and submitting periodic comprehensive implementation plan revisions (or initial implementation plans) and progress reports to comply with the regulations.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are state, local and tribal air quality agencies, regional planning organizations and facilities potentially regulated under the regional haze rule.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory [see 40 CFR 51.308(b), (f) and (g) and 40 CFR 51.309(d)(10)].

Estimated number of respondents: 52 (total); 52 state agencies.

Frequency of response:

Approximately every 5 years.

Total estimated burden: 10,307 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$510,489 (per year). There are no annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 4,259 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase is due to this ICR renewal period covering different task elements than the previous renewal (EPA ICR No. 1813.08). These differences reflect the requirements of the current regional haze rule with respect to the scheduled events and activities in the implementation process. The last collection request anticipated the program consisting mainly of submission of 5-year progress reports. The change in burden reflects changes in labor rates and changes in the activities conducted due to the normal progression of the program, especially the fact that states will be working on and submitting periodic comprehensive State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions (or initial SIPs).

Courtney Kerwin,

Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of a Public Meeting and Webinar: Managing Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces an opportunity for public input on the EPA's tools and information related to drinking water cyanotoxin management. The EPA is holding a public meeting for interested parties to provide input either