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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9978-77-ORD]

### Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods; Designation of One New Reference Method

**AGENCY:** Office of Research and Development; Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of the designation of a new reference method for monitoring ambient air quality.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated one new reference method for measuring concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) in ambient air.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Vanderpool, Exposure Methods and Measurement Division (MD-D205-03), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: 919-541-7877. Email: [Vanderpool.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Vanderpool.Robert@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR part 53, the EPA evaluates various methods for monitoring the concentrations of those ambient air pollutants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as set forth in 40 CFR part 50. Monitoring methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated by the EPA as either reference or equivalent methods (as applicable), thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR part 58 by States and other agencies for determining compliance with the NAAQS. A list of all reference or equivalent methods that have been previously designated by EPA may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/criteria.html>.

The EPA hereby announces the designation of one new reference method for measuring concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> in ambient air. This designation is made under the provisions of 40 CFR part 53, as amended on October 26, 2015 (80 FR 65291-65468).

The new reference method for NO<sub>2</sub> is an automated method (analyzer)

utilizing the measurement principle based on gas phase chemiluminescence. This newly designated reference method is identified as follows:

RFNA-0418-250, "Sabio Model 6040 Ambient NO/NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> Analyzer", operated in the measurement range of 0-0.5 PPM, at any ambient temperature in the range of 5-40 °C, within a line voltage range determined by the selected optional pump [115 VAC external pump: 105-125 VAC (60 Hz); 230 VAC external pump: 210-250 VAC (50-60 Hz); 24 VDC internal pump: 90-260 VAC (50-60 Hz)], at any sample flow rate in the range of 0.50-0.75 L/min, in accordance with the "Sabio Model 6040 Ambient NO/NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> Analyzer Instruction Manual", with or without optional zero/span ports for external calibration, and with or without an optional inlet filter.

This application for a reference method determination for this NO<sub>2</sub> method was received by the Office of Research and Development on March 28, 2018. This analyzer is commercially available from the applicant, Sutron Corporation, 21 Cypress Blvd., Suite 1130, Round Rock, TX 78665.

A representative test analyzer was tested in accordance with the applicable test procedures specified in 40 CFR part 53, as amended on October 26, 2015. After reviewing the results of those tests and other information submitted by the applicant, EPA has determined, in accordance with part 53, that this method should be designated as a reference method.

As a designated reference method, this method is acceptable for use by states and other air monitoring agencies under the requirements of 40 CFR part 58, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, this method must be used in strict accordance with the operation or instruction manual associated with the method and subject to any specifications and limitations (e.g., configuration or operational settings) specified in the designated method description (see the identification of the method above).

Use of the method also should be in general accordance with the guidance and recommendations of applicable sections of the "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume I," EPA/600/R-94/038a and "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II, Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program," EPA-454/B-13-003, (both available at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/qalist.html>). Provisions concerning modification of such methods by users are specified under

Section 2.8 (Modifications of Methods by Users) of Appendix C to 40 CFR part 58.

Consistent or repeated noncompliance with any of these conditions should be reported to: Director, Exposure Methods and Measurement Division (MD-E205-01), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

Designation of this reference method is intended to assist the States in establishing and operating their air quality surveillance systems under 40 CFR part 58. Questions concerning the commercial availability or technical aspects of the method should be directed to the applicant.

Dated: May 21, 2018.

**Timothy Watkins,**

*Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7156 or <https://www2.epa.gov/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements  
Filed 05/21/2018 Through 05/25/2018  
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

#### Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20180111, Draft, NMFS, NAT, Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Issuing Annual Catch Limits to the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission for a Subsistence Hunt on Bowhead Whales for the Years 2019 and Beyond, Comment Period Ends: 07/24/2018, Contact: John Henderschedt, 301-427-8385.

EIS No. 20180112, Draft, FHWA, NY, Hunts Point Interstate Access Improvement Project, Comment Period Ends: 07/16/2018, Contact: Erik Koester, 718-482-4683.

EIS No. 20180113, Draft, CBP, ID, Bog Creek Road Project, Comment Period

Ends: 07/16/2018, Contact: Paul Enriquez 949-643-6365.

EIS No. 20180114, Final Supplement, USACE, LA, Integrated General Reevaluation Report & Supplement III to the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Mississippi River Ship Channel, Baton Rouge to the Gulf, Louisiana Project, Review Period Ends: 07/02/2018, Contact: Steve Roberts 504-862-2517.

EIS No. 20180115, Draft, USFS, WA, Sunrise Vegetation and Fuels Management, Comment Period Ends: 07/16/2018, Contact: Johnny Collin 509-843-4643.

EIS No. 20180116, Draft Supplement, FHWA, WI, WIS 23 Fond du Lac to Plymouth, 2018 Limited Scope Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Comment Period Ends: 07/31/2018, Contact: Michael Davies 608-829-7500.

EIS No. 20180117, Draft, NJDEP, NJ, Rebuild by Design (RBD) Meadowlands Flood Protection Project, Comment Period Ends: 07/16/2018, Contact: Dennis Reinknecht 609-777-4152.

EIS No. 20180118, Final, USDA, TX, Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program—Tick Control Barrier, Review Period Ends: 07/02/2018, Contact: Dr. Denise Bonilla 970-494-7317.

Dated: May 29, 2018.

**Rob Tomiak,**

*Director, Office of Federal Activities.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0440; FRL-9978-73-OEI]

**Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Plant-Incorporated Protectants; CBI Substantiation and Adverse Effects Reporting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA): “Plant-Incorporated Protectants; CBI Substantiation and Adverse Effects Reporting” (EPA ICR No. 1693.09, OMB

Control No. 2070-0142). This is a request to renew the approval of an existing ICR, which is currently approved through May 31, 2018. EPA did not receive any public comments in response to the previously provided public review opportunity issued in the **Federal Register** of September 13, 2017. With this submission to OMB, EPA is providing an additional 30 days for public review and comment. 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 July 2, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0440, to both EPA and OMB as follows:

- To EPA online using <http://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

- To OMB via email to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Address comments to the 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:**

Ryne Yarger, Field and External Affairs Division, 7506P, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-605-1193; fax number: 703-305-5884; email address: [yarger.ryne@epa.gov](mailto:yarger.ryne@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Docket:* Supporting documents, including the ICR that explains in detail the information collection activities and the related burden and cost estimates that are summarized in this document, are available in the docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the EPA Docket Center, West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 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 addresses the two information collection requirements

contained in the regulations codified in 40 CFR part 174 pertaining to pesticidal substances that are produced by plants (plant-incorporated protectants, or PIPs). A PIP is defined as “the pesticidal substance that is intended to be produced and used in a living plant and the genetic material necessary for the production of such a substance.” Many, but not all, PIPs are exempt from registration requirements under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

CBI is protected by FIFRA and generally cannot be released to the public. For most pesticide registration applications, the current CBI regulations at 40 CFR part 2 require that claimants substantiate their CBI claims for their own records when the claim is made, and subsequently provide the substantiation to EPA only if requested. However, under 40 CFR part 174, whenever a registrant claims that information submitted to EPA in support of a PIP registration application contains CBI, the registrant must substantiate such claims to EPA when they are made. In addition, 40 CFR part 174 also requires manufacturers of PIPs that are otherwise exempt from registration requirements to report any adverse effects of the PIP to the Agency within 30 days of when the information is first obtained. Such reporting will allow the Agency to determine whether further action is needed to prevent unreasonable adverse effects to human health or the environment.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this ICR include producers and importers of PIPs. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes for respondents under this ICR include: 325320 (Pesticide and other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing), 325414 (Biological Products (except Diagnostic) Manufacturing), 422910 (Farm Supplies Wholesalers), 422930 (Flower, Nursery Stock, and Florist’s Suppliers), 541710 (Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences), and 611310 (Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools).

*Respondent’s obligation to respond:* Mandatory.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 24 (total).

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Total estimated burden:* 518 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$41,892 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is an increase of 86 hours in the total