

FERC-725F	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hrs. & cost per response (\$) (rounded) (4)	Total annual burden hrs. & total annual cost (\$) (rounded) (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (\$) (rounded) (5) ÷ (1)
NUC001-4 (Reporting and Record Keeping).	54 nuclear plants + 108 transmission entities ¹¹ .	2	324	72 hrs.; \$6,794.64	23,328 hrs.; \$2,201,463.36	\$13,589.28
Total	324	23,328 hrs.; ¹² \$2,201,463.36

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Modification of NPDES General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Located in Idaho (IDG010000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed modification of NPDES general permit and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: On July 18, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 proposed to modify the

¹¹ This figure of 108 transmission entities is based on the assumption that each agreement will be between 1 nuclear plant and 2 transmission entities (54 × 2 = 108). However, there is some double counting in this figure because some transmission entities may be party to multiple agreements with multiple nuclear plants. The double counting does not affect the burden estimate, and the correct number of unique respondents will be reported to OMB.

¹² The reporting requirements have not changed. The decrease in the number of respondents is due to:

(a) normal fluctuations in industry (e.g., companies merging and splitting, and coming into and going out of business), and

(b) no new agreements being issued due to the lack of new nuclear plants being developed.

NPDES General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in Idaho excluding Tribal Lands (Permit). The proposed modification included new and revised conditions to address a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal's Order and Opinion filed on December 16, 2021 (*Food & Water Watch et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* (No. 20-71554)). Comments received during the 2023 public comment period are available online at the website under **ADDRESSES** in this document. With this notice, the EPA is initiating a second public comment period focused exclusively on additional modifications made to the Permit. After this comment period expires, and all comments from this comment period and the 2023 comment period have been considered, the EPA will make a final decision regarding the Permit modification.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft Permit modification and fact sheet addendum are available online: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/npdes-general-permit-concentrated-animal-feeding-operations-cafos-idaho>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or to Nicholas Peak at (208) 378-5765. Requests may also be electronically mailed to: washington.audrey@epa.gov, or peak.nicholas@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

This modification is a major modification pursuant to 40 CFR 122.62(a)(15). The EPA Region 10 reissued the Permit on May 13, 2020; the Permit became effective on June 15, 2020 (85 FR 28624). Subsequently, a Petition for Review was filed on September 22, 2020, in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, challenging the Permit on the basis that it did not contain representative effluent monitoring to ensure compliance with all applicable effluent limitations in violation of the Clean Water Act and implementing regulations (*Food & Water Watch et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* (No.

20-71554)). The Court granted the petition, in part, holding that the Permit failed to include monitoring to ensure compliance with the discharge prohibitions in the Permit. On July 18, 2023, the EPA Region 10 proposed to modify the Permit (88 FR 45900). The proposed modification included new and revised conditions to address the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal's Order and Opinion filed on December 16, 2021 (*Food & Water Watch et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* (No. 20-71554)). With this notice, the EPA is initiating a second public comment period focused exclusively on the following additional modifications made to the Permit:

1. Removal of section II.B.9.a in the draft permit modification, regarding land application on surface irrigated fields.

2. Modification of Section II.B.9.b (now section II.B.9.a of the draft permit modification), regarding required visual inspections of land application events and land application setbacks, buffers, or compliance alternatives.

3. Modification of various elements of the nutrient management plan (section III.A.2.a in the draft permit modification).

II. Other Legal Requirements

This action is not a significant regulatory action and was therefore not submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Compliance with Endangered Species Act, Essential Fish Habitat, Paperwork Reduction Act, and other requirements are discussed in the original 2019 Fact Sheet to the permit.

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