

*v. Ford Motor Co., et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:26-cv-2846.

The United States filed this lawsuit on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) against Ford Motor Company and the Borough of Ringwood, NJ for the performance of a remedial action and reimbursement of response costs under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”) at the Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site (“Site”), which is contaminated with paint sludge, metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (“PCBs”), and other hazardous substances. The State of New Jersey, including the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the Administrator of the New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund, are co-plaintiffs.

Under the proposed consent decree, Ford Motor Company and the Borough of Ringwood agree to perform the remedial action for Operable Unit 3, identified in the EPA Record of Decision relating to the Site, dated September 2020. The proposed consent decree also requires the Defendants to partially reimburse the State of New Jersey for its past response costs and to reimburse the United States and the State of New Jersey for their future Site-related response costs. In exchange, Defendants will receive contribution protection and covenants not to sue under Sections 106, 107(a) and 113 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9606, 9607(a) and 9613 and the Spill Compensation and Control Act (the “Spill Act”), N.J.S.A. 58:10–23.11 through –23.24, for the Site.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States, et al. v. Ford Motor Co., et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:26-cv-2846, D.J. Ref. No. 90–11–3–830/2. All comments must be submitted no later than sixty (60) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email .....	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By mail .....	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

Any comments submitted in writing may be filed by the United States in whole or in part on the public court docket without notice to the commenter.

NJDEP, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 58:10–23.11e2 of the Spill Act will also publish notice of the proposed Consent Decree in the New Jersey Register and on NJDEP’s website for a period of 60 days. Comments that are submitted to the Department will be shared with the State for consideration and will not need to be resubmitted.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. If you require assistance accessing the proposed Consent Decree, you may request assistance by email or by mail to the addresses provided above for submitting comments.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Worker Survey**

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Chief Evaluation Office (CEO)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before April 27, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open

for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Bouchet by telephone at 202–693–0213, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Worker Survey aims to estimate the prevalence of non-compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) among nonexempt workers across various industries, with an emphasis on low-wage sectors. The survey employs both Address-Based Sampling to reach a representative sample of nonexempt U.S. workers and Respondent-Driven Sampling to gather data from workers in industries with higher incidences of wage and hour violations. The data collected will inform DOL in its efforts to improve compliance with the FLSA, optimize enforcement strategies, and enhance protections for vulnerable workers. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 8, 2024 (89 FR 64960).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs

receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL–CEO.

Title of Collection: National Worker Survey.

OMB Control Number: 1290–0NEW.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,227.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 5,227.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 1,535 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

### Copyright Office

[Docket No. 2026–3]

#### Alternative Fee Structures for Registration

**AGENCY:** U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Copyright Office is initiating this inquiry to collect information regarding alternative fee structures that could be adopted once its updated electronic registration system is fully operational. The information will be used to study the feasibility of alternative fee structures, their impact on participation in the registration system, and the potential economic effects. This inquiry is separate from the Office’s pending rulemaking proceeding instituted on March 20, 2026 to update fees within the current fee structure.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 24, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Submission of written comments:* For reasons of governmental efficiency, the Copyright Office is using the *regulations.gov* system for the submission and posting of public comments in this proceeding. All comments are therefore to be submitted electronically through *regulations.gov*. Specific instructions for submitting comments are available on the Office’s website at <https://www.copyright.gov/policy/altfeestudy>. If electronic comment submission is not feasible due to lack of access to a computer or the

internet, please contact the Office using the contact information below for special instructions.

*Submission of business confidential information:* Any submissions containing business confidential information must be marked “confidential treatment requested” and submitted through *regulations.gov*. Submitters should provide an index listing the document(s) or information they would like the Office to withhold. The index should identify the confidential document(s) by document number(s) and document title(s) and should identify the confidential information by description(s) and relevant page number(s) and/or section number(s) within a document. Submitters should provide a statement explaining their grounds for requesting nondisclosure of the information to the public as well. The Office also requests that submitters of business confidential information include a non-confidential version (either redacted or summarized) that will be posted on *regulations.gov* and available for public viewing. In the event that the submitter cannot provide a non-confidential version of their submission, the Office requests that the submitter post a notice on the docket stating that they have provided us with business confidential information. Should a submitter fail either to docket a non-confidential version of their submission or to post a notice that they have provided business confidential information, the Office will note the receipt of the submission on the docket with the submitter’s organization or name (to the degree permitted by law) and the date of submission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rhea Efthimiadis, Assistant to the General Counsel, by email at [mef@copyright.gov](mailto:mef@copyright.gov) or telephone at 202–707–8350.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Copyright Office is in the midst of a comprehensive project to update its technological infrastructure. This project, the Enterprise Copyright System (“ECS”), is expanding access to the Office’s services in furtherance of its strategic objective of “Copyright for All.”<sup>1</sup> A major component of ECS is a new registration system (“ECS Registration”), which will make the statutory benefits of registering works of authorship more accessible.

Currently, most copyright owners use the Standard Application, which allows

<sup>1</sup> See U.S. Copyright Office, Strategic Plan 2022–2026 Fostering Creativity and Enriching Culture 4 (2022) (“Strategic Plan 2022”), <https://www.copyright.gov/reports/strategic-plan/USCO-strategic2022-2026.pdf>.

registration of a single work for a set fee. The Office has also introduced an increasing number of group registration options that allow multiple works to be registered with one application and one filing fee, effectively reducing the per-work fee for certain types of works.<sup>2</sup> While many copyright owners have taken advantage of these options, some have also urged the adoption of alternative fee structures to further minimize or eliminate perceived barriers to registration.

Over the past few years, the Office has acknowledged these proposals and expressed the intent to consider them once the necessary technological capabilities are in place.<sup>3</sup> At this stage in the development of ECS Registration, the Office seeks to evaluate the feasibility of adopting any of the proposed fee mechanisms. This entails an analysis of their potential economic impact on the revenue that the Office receives from registration fees and the costs of administering the registration system. As we have affirmed in the context of the pending fee study,<sup>4</sup> our goal is to enhance access to the copyright registration system, growing a robust record of copyright ownership. To that end, this notice of inquiry solicits information about copyright owners’ current registration practices and how alternative fee structures might affect those practices. The Office will use the information provided to study the potential economic impact of alternative fee structures, which in turn will inform plans for further development of ECS Registration and funding strategies to be considered in future fee studies.

### I. Background

#### A. The Office’s Fee-Setting Authority

The Copyright Act requires the Office to collect fees to cover the costs of certain services, including registration of copyright claims. The Register may “adjust fees” by regulation “to not more than that necessary to cover the

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., Group Registration of a Two-Dimensional Artwork, 90 FR 59383, 59387 (Dec. 19, 2025) (noting that group registration of 2D artwork will “effectively reduce[] the per-work cost of registration by half”); see also 37 CFR 202.3(b)(5), 202.4(c)–(k), (m), (o) (group registration options for unpublished works, news websites, newspapers, newsletters and serials, unpublished and published photographs, contributions to periodicals, secure test items, works on an album of music, short online literary works, and database updates).

<sup>3</sup> See Group Registration of Photographs, 83 FR 2542, 2545 (Jan. 18, 2018) (explaining that in response to proposals for “a tiered filing fee” or “a sliding-scale subscription model” that “the current registration system is not capable of supporting th[ese] type[s] of [] fee structure[s]”).

<sup>4</sup> See Copyright Office Fees, 91 FR 13529, 13532 (Mar. 20, 2026).