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This notice allows 60 days for public comments. 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>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) 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; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate forms of information technology. EPA is continuously seeking new opportunities to effectively reduce duplication and support efficiency in the permitting program by leveraging information technology tools such as automating workflows, which enables real-time access and expediting permitting issuance. 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. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

Abstract: This consolidated Information Collection Request (ICR) renews the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program ICR. It calculates the information collection burden and costs associated with the NPDES program, identifies the types of activities regulated under the NPDES program, describes the roles and responsibilities of state governments and the Agency, and presents the program areas that address the various types of regulated activities. This ICR renewal (Office of Management and Budget [OMB] control no. 2040-0004, EPA ICR no. 0229.25, expiration date 07/31/2026) consolidates the

information collection burden and costs associated with activities previously reported in 22 of the NPDES program or NPDES-related ICRs. The Clean Water Act (CWA) provides that NPDES permits are required for the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States. The CWA requires that EPA develop and implement the NPDES permit program. CWA section 402(b) allows states to acquire authority to administer the NPDES program, enabling them to issue NPDES permits for discharges within the state. At present, 47 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands are authorized to administer the NPDES permit program. In states that do not have authority for these programs, the Agency administers the program and issues NPDES permits. Because some permit applications are processed by states and some by EPA, this ICR calculates government burden and cost for both authorized states and EPA.

Form Numbers: OMB No. 1004-0189; OMB No. 2040-0300; OMB No. 2040-0004; OMB No. 2040-0284, OMB No. 2040-0287; OMB No. 6100-056; OMB No. 6100-057.

Respondents/affected entities: Any point source discharger of pollutants, including but not limited to publicly owned and privately owned treatment works (POTWs and PrOTWs), industrial dischargers to POTWs and PrOTWs, industrial and commercial dischargers to waters of the United States, sewage sludge management and disposal operations, large vessels, dischargers of stormwater, construction sites, municipalities, pesticide applicators, local and state governments.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory, pursuant to sections 301, 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 316(b), 401, 402, 403, 405, and 510 of the CWA; the 1987 Water Quality Act (WQA) revisions to CWA section 402(p); 40 (CFR) parts 122, 123, 124, and 125 (and parts 501 and 503 for Biosolids); and the Great Lakes Critical Programs Act (CPA).

Estimated number of respondents: 853,912 (total).

Frequency of response: The frequency of response varies depending on the specific response activity and can range from ongoing and monthly to once every five years.

Total estimated burden: 33,221,897 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$2,256,697,795 (per year), which includes \$38,342,315 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 2,078,802 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared

with the ICR currently approved by OMB. Due to improved electronic data collection, instead of paper submissions, EPA's estimates of permittee respondents increased from 9,310,277 in the current ICR to 10,837,897 in this version of the ICR, which reflects 16% increase. In addition, capital and O&M cost burden increased due to inflation which impacted factors such as laboratory analytic and labor costs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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2026 Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB); Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations of candidates to the Environmental Financial Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (the Board or EFAB). The Board provides advice to EPA on ways to lower the costs of, and increase private investments in, environmental and public health protection efforts without requiring additional Federal taxpayer dollars. The Board has been assigned a charge to develop strategic recommendations on steps the EPA can take towards accelerating private investment in environmental technology commercialization, including providing guidance on capital access, public-private partnerships, regulatory readiness, and impact measurement. Appointments will be made by the Administrator and will be announced in June 22, 2026. EPA may also consider nominations received through this solicitation in the event of unanticipated vacancies on the Board.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than May 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent via email to efab@epa.gov with the subject line "EFAB 2026 NOMINATION."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public who wants further

information concerning the nomination process may contact Edward Walsh, Designated Federal Officer, via telephone/voicemail at (202) 564-4594 or email to walsh.ed@epa.gov. General information concerning the EFAB is available at <http://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The EFAB is an EPA advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 10, to provide advice and recommendations to EPA on innovative approaches to financing environmental programs, projects, and activities. The Board was established in 1991 to provide advice and recommendations to EPA. The EFAB's charter was renewed for an additional two-year period effective March 17, 2026. See 91 FR 12416 (Mar. 13, 2026). Since its inception, the Board has produced 491 recommendations and has advised the EPA on a wide-ranging set of environmental finance issues, including but not limited to the following:

- Creating incentives to increase private investment in the provision of environmental services and removing or reducing constraints on private involvement wherever possible;
- Developing new and innovative environmental financing approaches and supporting and encouraging the use of cost-effective existing approaches;
- Identifying approaches, challenges, opportunities, and methodologies specifically targeted to small community financing;
- Assessing government strategies for implementing public-private partnerships, including privatization, operations and maintenance issues, and other alternative financing mechanisms;
- Improving governmental principles of accounting and disclosure standards to help improve the financial sustainability of environmental programs;
- Increasing the capacity of State and local governments to carry out their respective environmental programs under current Federal laws;
- Increasing the total investment in environmental protection and stewardship of public and private environmental resources; and
- Developing innovative investment models and market-based approaches that increase the long-term resiliency of infrastructure.

Current EFAB Charge

The Board has been charged with providing strategic recommendations on how EPA can accelerate private

investment in environmental technology commercialization. The charge asks the EFAB to address the following question areas:

- Financing Pathways and Capital Access—Identifying significant financing barriers technology companies face when transitioning from development to commercialization, with particular attention to early-stage versus growth-stage capital needs and mechanisms for de-risking investment (e.g., outcomes-based financing, blended finance structures, loan guarantees);
 - Maximizing Environmental and Public Health Return on Investment—Recommending frameworks and metrics for evaluating environmental and public health benefits per dollar invested, and strategies to ensure Federal investments produce lasting community benefits;
 - Public-Private Partnerships and Market Development—Advising on models for EPA to work with State and local governments to pilot environmental technologies, and strategies for connecting technology companies with utilities, municipalities, and other end-users to accelerate adoption;
 - Regulatory Compliance and Certification Readiness—Recommending strategies to reduce time and cost burdens for startups navigating EPA regulatory requirements, certifications, and performance validation; and
 - Workforce Development, Technical Expertise, and Measuring Success—Recommending metrics and performance indicators EPA should use to evaluate the effectiveness of its technology commercialization support activities and identifying technical assistance or training programs that would benefit technology entrepreneurs.
- The Board is expected to deliver a comprehensive report with actionable recommendations, a prioritized implementation roadmap, and identification of best practices and case studies by December 2026.

Board Structure and Member Commitment

The Board will be composed of no more than 11 members. The Board meets either in-person or virtually approximately two times each calendar year. In addition to the bi-annual full Board meetings, additional virtual workgroup meetings may be held during the year to ensure timely completion of the Board's charge work. Board members typically contribute approximately 3 to 8 hours per month to the activities of the Board, including participation on one or more active workgroups. Members serve on the

Board without compensation; however, Board members may receive travel and per diem allowances where appropriate and in accordance with Federal travel regulations.

Members are appointed to represent the perspective of specific organizations, associations, or groups of persons (Representative members), or to provide their individual expertise (Special Government Employee, or SGE, members). Candidates invited to serve as SGE members will be asked to submit the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows EPA to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities as an SGE member and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a loss of impartiality as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed at <https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab>, but this form should not be submitted as part of a nomination.

Experience and Expertise Sought for the EFAB

The Board seeks to maintain diverse representation across workforce sectors (State/local/Tribal government, business (finance and industry), and nonprofit organizations) and geographic regions of the United States. Nominees should demonstrate experience in environmental finance and/or in accelerating the commercialization of environmental technologies. To respond effectively to the Board's active charge, expertise sought includes, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Venture capital, private equity, or early-stage financing for technology companies;
- Leadership in Investment Banking, Capital Markets, public and private transactions and public and private markets;
- Environmental program evaluation, benefit-cost analysis, or return-on-investment measurement;
- State or local government infrastructure finance, municipal procurement, or public-private partnership development;
- Technology commercialization, including experience as a startup founder, incubator/accelerator operator, or technology transfer professional;
- Regulatory compliance, EPA certification pathways, or third-party verification programs relevant to environmental technologies;
- Background in banking, consulting and finance, experience in advising

emerging technology companies and commercializing new technologies;

- Tribal or small community infrastructure financing;
- Legal and regulatory background in operations of private capital allocators (family office, private equity) and representation of entrepreneurs in various technology mediums; and
- Impact measurement, performance analytics, or metrics development for environmental and economic outcomes.

The Board seeks to maintain balance across a broad range of constituencies, sectors, and geographic regions. EPA will consider candidates from all levels of government; the finance, banking, and legal communities; business and industry; academic and research institutions; and local, national, and non-governmental organizations, consistent with the requirements of FACA and the Board’s charter.

How To Submit Nominations

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified person(s) to be considered for appointment to the EFAB. Individuals may self-nominate.

Nominations can only be submitted via email to efab@epa.gov with the subject line “EFAB 2026 NOMINATION.” Nominations should include the following information:

- Contact information for the person making the nomination;
- Contact information for the nominee (if different), including full name and title, business mailing address, telephone, and email address;
- The specific areas of experience or expertise of the nominee, with reference to the expertise areas identified above and the Board’s current charge questions;
- The nominee’s curriculum vitae or resume; and
- A biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position and recent service on other Federal advisory committees or national professional

organizations. A supporting letter of endorsement is encouraged but not required.

Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

- Residence in the United States;
- Professional knowledge of, and experience with, financing activities and/or technology commercialization;
- Senior-level experience that fills a gap in Board representation or brings a new and relevant dimension to the Board’s deliberations on its active charge;
- Demonstrated ability to work in a consensus-building process with a wide range of representatives from different constituencies; and
- Willingness to serve a two- or three-year term as an active and contributing member, with possible reappointment to a second term.

Edward Walsh,

Designated Federal Officer, Office of Resources & Information (ORI).

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

[OMB No. 3064–0029;–0177]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Renewal; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its obligations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the renewal of the existing information collection described below

(OMB Control No. 3064–0029 and –0177).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the FDIC by any of the following methods:

- *Agency Website:* <https://www.fdic.gov/resources/regulations/federal-register-publications/>.
- *Email:* comments@fdic.gov. Include the name and number of the collection in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Robert Meiers, Regulatory Counsel, MB–3013, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.
- *Hand Delivery:* Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street NW building (located on F Street NW), on business days between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All comments should refer to the relevant OMB control number. A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Meiers, Regulatory Attorney, Romeiers@fdic.gov, MB–3013, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

1. *Title:* Notification of Performance of Bank Services.

OMB Number: 3064–0029.

Form Number: 6120/06.

Affected Public: Insured state nonmember banks and state savings associations.

Burden Estimate:

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN (OMB No. 3064–0029)

Information Collection (IC) (obligation to respond)	Type of burden (frequency of response)	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average time per response (HH:MM)	Annual burden (hours)
1. Notification of Performance of Bank Services, 12 CFR 304.3 (Mandatory).	Reporting (On Occasion)	308	2.03	00:30	313
Total Annual Burden (Hours)	313

Source: FDIC.

Note: The estimated annual IC time burden is the product, rounded to the nearest hour, of the estimated annual number of responses and the estimated time per response for a given IC. The estimated annual number of responses is the product, rounded to the nearest whole number, of the estimated annual number of respondents and the estimated annual number of responses per respondent. This methodology ensures the estimated annual burdens in the table are consistent with the values recorded in OMB’s consolidated information system.