

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP26–130–000]

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project and Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project**

On March 2, 2026, Northern Natural Gas Company filed an application in Docket No. CP26–130–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) and Authorization pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to construct, operate, and abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities in Iowa and Minnesota. The proposed project is known as the Ventura to Farmington A-line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project (V2F Project) and Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project (NL27 Project), collectively referred to as “Project,” and would replace the capacity lost through the abandonment and provide an additional 79,303 dekatherms per day of incremental firm service.

On March 16, 2026, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff’s intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.<sup>1</sup> The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

**Schedule for Environmental Review**

Issuance of EA .....	October 2, 2026.
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline <sup>2</sup> .	December 31, 2026.

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies

<sup>1</sup> For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1776779749.

are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

**Project Description**

The V2F Project would abandon in-place 131 miles of aging 16-inch-diameter pipeline from Ventura, Iowa, to Farmington, Minnesota. The lost capacity would be replaced through the construction and operation of three pipeline extensions, totaling about 18 miles of 36-inch and 30-inch-diameter pipeline, and associated aboveground facilities in Freeborn, Steele and Dakota Counties, Minnesota. The NL27 Project would construct and operate ten pipeline extensions totaling 28.5 miles of various diameter pipeline (ranging from 4-inch to 36-inch-diameter), a compressor station uprate, and associated aboveground appurtenances in Freeborn, Steele, Scott, Carver, Martin, Stearns, Jackson, Watonwan, Isanti, Morrison, and Washington Counties, Minnesota. The two projects are being filed together because two of the proposed pipeline extensions (the Lake Mills M500 E-line and Albert Lea M500 E-line) are required for each project and would be constructed concurrently.

**Background**

On April 13, 2026, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Ventura to Farmington A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project and Northern Lights 2027 Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; environmental and public interest groups; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. The Commission received comments from three landowners. The primary issues raised by the commentors relate to compensation, and further concerns including the diminution of property value, agricultural and structural effects, and the extent and duration of the construction and restoration. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission’s deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission’s deadline for other agency’s decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

**Additional Information**

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202)502–6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Additional information about the Project is available from the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the “eLibrary” link, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP26–130), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: May 18, 2026.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA–HQ–OPPT–2017–0319; FRL–13397–01–OMS]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and Asbestos Model Accreditation Plan (Renewal)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and Asbestos Model Accreditation Plans (EPA ICR Number 1365.13, OMB Control Number 2070–

0091) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is approved through May 31, 2026. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 23, 2025 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0319, to EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [doCKET.epa.gov](mailto:doCKET.epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2821T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

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.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katherine Sleasman, Office of Mission Critical Operations (Mail Code 7602M), Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-1204; email address: [Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov](mailto:Sleasman.Katherine@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through May 31, 2026. 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.

Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 23, 2025, during a 60-day comment period (90 FR 346580). This notice allows for an additional 30 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](http://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. Additional information about EPA's public docket, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**Abstract:** This Information Collection Request addresses reporting and recordkeeping requirements found in the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule ("AHERA Rule" a.k.a. "Schools Rule") and the Asbestos Model Accreditation Plan (MAP) Rule. Section 203 of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) 15 U.S.C. 2641-2656, authorizes the EPA Administrator to promulgate regulations "for determining whether asbestos-containing material is present in a school building under the authority of a local education agency (LEA)." Accordingly, the Agency developed regulations in 40 CFR part 763, subpart E to require LEAs to conduct inspections, develop management plans, and design or conduct response actions. Records must be maintained by all LEAs on inspections and response action activity, and current management plans must be provided upon request to EPA and state reviewers for examination. Section 206 of AHERA, as amended, authorized the EPA Administrator, in consultation with affected organizations, to develop a model accreditation plan for states. The MAP provides accreditation criteria for persons who inspect for asbestos, develop management plans, and design or conduct response actions. States are required to adopt an accreditation plan at least as stringent as the EPA model plan. The accreditation requirements apply to persons who work in public and commercial buildings as well as schools. Accreditation of laboratories that analyze asbestos bulk samples and asbestos air samples is also required by AHERA. This ICR estimates the paperwork burden for LEAs to inspect for asbestos and update management plans to protect all school building occupants from exposure to asbestos. This collection also estimates the paperwork burden for the accreditation of persons who inspect for asbestos, develop management plans, and design or conduct response actions and the paperwork burden associated with state accreditation programs.

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:

*Form number(s):* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this ICR include the following respondents with NAICS Codes: Elementary and Secondary School Districts (61111); All States (92311); Training Providers (61143) and State Asbestos Accreditation Programs (92312).

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory, per 15 U.S.C. 2643, 15 U.S.C. 2601 and 15 U.S.C. 2646.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 129,640 (total).

*Frequency of response:* On Occasion.

*Total estimated burden:* 2,414,694 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$152,203,002 (per year), which includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the estimates:* There is a decrease of 185,985 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease, which is discussed in more detail in the ICR, reflects a steadily declining number of schools with friable asbestos containing materials (ACM). This change is an adjustment.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0125; FRL-13396-01-OMS]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymer Production (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NESHAP for Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymer Production (EPA ICR Number 2432.07, OMB Control Number 2060-0666) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through May 31, 2026. Public comments were previously