

Performance Evaluation Studies on Wastewater Laboratories (EPA ICR Number 0234.15, OMB Control Number 2080–0021) 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 August 31, 2026. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 21, 2026 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 September 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OECA–2013–0547, to EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to docket.oeca@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 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. 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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through August 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 May 21, 2026 during a 60-day comment period (91 FR 29954). 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 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>.

Abstract: Discharge Monitoring Report–Quality Assurance (DMR–QA) study program participation is mandatory for Major and selected Minor National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit holders in accordance with Clean Water Act Section 308. The DMR–QA study program is designed to evaluate the analytic ability of laboratories that perform chemical, microbiological and whole effluent toxicity (WET) analyses required in NPDES permits for reporting results in the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR). Under DMR–QA, the permit holder is responsible for having their in-house and/or contract laboratories analyze proficiency test samples and submit results to proficiency testing (PT) providers for grading. Graded results are transmitted by either the permit holder or PT provider to the appropriate federal or state NPDES permitting authority. Permit holders are responsible for submitting corrective action reports to the appropriate permitting authority.

Form Numbers: 6400–01.

Respondents/affected entities: Major and selected Minor permit holders under the Clean Water Act's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory under Clean Water Act Section 308(a).

Estimated number of respondents: 5,500 (total).

Frequency of response: Major permit holders must participate annually. Minor permit holders must participate if selected by the state or EPA DMR–QA coordinator.

Total estimated burden: 36,300 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$6,632,670 (per year), which includes \$4,219,985 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the estimates: There is no change of hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. Labor and non-labor costs for obtaining performance evaluation samples increased to account for changes in employee benefit and compensation as

well as inflation. Agency costs have been revised to reflect efficiencies with electronically distributing DMR–QA study booklets to over 90 percent of the respondent universe.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–OPP–2021–0288; FRL–13604–01–OFA]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Certification of Pesticide Applicators (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Certification of Pesticide Applicators (EPA ICR Number 0155.17, OMB Control Number 2070–0029) 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 August 31, 2026. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on November 18, 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 September 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OPP–2021–0288, to EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), 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. 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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through August 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 November 18, 2025 during a 60-day comment period (90 FR 51748). 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 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>.

Abstract: EPA administers certification programs for pesticide applicators under section 11 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). FIFRA allows EPA to classify a pesticide as “restricted use” if the pesticide meets certain toxicity or risk criteria. The regulations in 40 CFR part 171 include procedures for certification programs for States, Federal agencies, Indian tribes, or U.S. territories who wish to develop and implement their own certification plans and programs, after obtaining EPA approval. This ICR addresses the paperwork activities performed by respondents to comply with training and certification requirements associated with applicators of restricted use pesticides (RUPs). Due to the potential of improperly applied RUPs to harm human health or the environment, pesticides under this classification may be purchased and applied only by “certified applicators” or by persons under the direct supervision of certified applicators. Currently all 50 states, the

District of Columbia, 6 territories, 4 tribes and 5 federal agencies are authorized to run their own certification programs within their jurisdictions, but each agency’s certification plan must be approved by EPA before it can be implemented. Agencies authorized by EPA to administer a certification program are collectively referred to as “authorized agencies.” In areas where no authorized agency has jurisdiction, EPA may administer a certification program directly, (e.g., Federal program). Federal programs require RUP dealers to maintain records of RUP sales and to report and update their names and addresses with the pesticide regulatory agency for enforcement purposes. This ICR also addresses how registrants of certain pesticide products are expected to perform specific, special paperwork activities, to comply with the terms and conditions of the pesticide registration (e.g., registrants of anthrax-related pesticide products).

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 Numbers: 8500–17 and PFN–3400–5.

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this ICR include agricultural establishments, pest control officials, pesticide registrants, pesticide dealers, and administrators of environmental protection programs, governmental pest control programs, pesticide applicator certification programs (e.g., authorized agencies), and RUP dealers (only for EPA administrated programs). North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes are identified in question 12 of the ICR supporting statement.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Mandatory, FIFRA sections 3 and 11, and 40 CFR part 171.

Estimated number of respondents: 2,722,243 (total).

Frequency of response: On occasion.
Total estimated burden: 3,350,305 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$165,574,064 (per year), which includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is decrease of 309,989 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to updated burden estimates. Respondents are now familiar with the regulations and certifying authorities have moved from

the intensive 2017 update process into the easier implementation phase of updating their certification programs. During this phase, certifying authorities may experience some paperwork burden if modifications to approved plans are needed, though these changes would only occur on an as-needed basis and are more limited in scale compared to the previous burden estimates. These changes are adjustments.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–EPA–HQ–OPPT–2025–3955; FRL–13606–01–OFA]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Confidential Business Information Claims Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Confidential Business Information Claims under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (EPA ICR Number 2706.03, OMB Control Number 2070–0223) 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 August 31, 2026. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 27, 2026 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 September 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2025–3955, to EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2821T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460).

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