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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Proposed Revised Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Public Comment on EPA Requested Non-Substantive Changes to Information Collect Requests for General Performance Reporting for Assistance Programs, Promoting Readiness and Enhancing Proficiency to Advance Reporting and Data, and National Estuary Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit non-substantive changes for three information collection requests (ICRs), ''General Performance Reporting for Assistance Programs'' (EPA ICR Number 2802.01, OMB Control Number 2090–0038), ''Promoting Readiness and Enhancing Proficiency to Advance Reporting and Data'' (EPA ICR Number 2804.01, OMB Control Number 2090–0039), and ''National Estuary Program'' (EPA ICR Number 1500.11, OMB Control Number 2040–0138) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed changes to these information collection instruments as described below. This is a request for non-substantive changes of these ICRs, which are currently approved through January 31, 2028. This document allows for 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OFA–2026–2542, to EPA online using *https://www.regulations.gov* (our preferred method), by email to *EvidenceAndEvaluation@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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a proposed revision of some of the collection activities of the three ICRs, which are currently approved through January 31, 2028. 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.

This document allows 30 days for public comments. Supporting documents, which explain in detail the proposed non-substantive changes for these ICRs, are available in the public docket for these ICRs. The docket can be viewed online at *https://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 *https://www.epa.gov/dockets.*

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICRs as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval.

Abstract: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awards billions of dollars in funding for grants and other assistance agreements, with recipients ranging from small non-profit organizations to large state governments. With these ICRs, EPA collects information to track progress by the Agency's assistance programs. Collection of this information from award recipients enables EPA to assess and manage its assistance programs, which in turn ensures responsible stewardship of public funds; rigorous evidence-based learning and improvement; and transparent accountability to the American public. The information requested under these ICRs is collected via performance report forms, including work plans, interim reports, and final reports.

Following the current Administration's term beginning on January 20, 2025, a series of Executive Orders were published to reflect updated requirements to the language and methods utilized by Federal agencies with regards to certain topics and types of data. EPA is revising ICR No. 2802.01, ICR No. 2804.01, and ICR No. 1500.11 to account for the alteration of specific questions within both the general performance reporting forms and the program-specific performance reporting forms to ensure that these documents comply with the Administration's directives and the following Executive Orders: Executive Order 14172 (''Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness); Executive Order 14173 (''Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity''), Executive Order 14148 (''Initial Recissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions''), and Executive Order 14239 (''Achieving Efficiency Through State and Local Preparedness). The changes being made to this ICR are non-substantive and ensure EPA grant programs' timely and efficient compliance with Executive Orders. Per OMB guidance, these ICRs are consistent with current Administration directives.

Form numbers: ICR No. 2802.01, ICR No. 2804.01, and ICR No. 1500.11.

Respondents/affected entities: Recipients of financial assistance awards from EPA.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory for grant recipients as per reporting requirements included in EPA regulations 2 CFR parts 200 and 1500.

Changes in the estimates: There is no change of hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This is due to the non-substantive nature of the proposed changes because they (a) do not change the overall nature and type of performance reporting information being collected in the instrument; (b) do not substantively change response burden; and (c) do not introduce new concepts or new intended uses for the data beyond the original approval.

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