

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: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this ICR include soil and non-soil fumigant users, specifically certified applicators and agriculture pesticide handlers. North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes are identified in question 12 of the ICR.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory. FIFRA sections 3(c)(2)(B) and 3(c)(5).

Estimated number of potential respondents: 146,054.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Total estimated average number of responses for each respondent: 1.8.

Total estimated burden: 1,175,458 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

Total estimated costs: \$66,065,591 (per year), includes \$4,865,009 annualized capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

III. Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

There is an increase of 333,720 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. The change in burden hours for soil fumigants is a result of an adjustment due to the changes in the estimated number of fumigant management plans and in the number of certified applicators and handler training. The change in burden hours for non-soil fumigants and capital and/or maintenance costs is due to an increase in the number of non-soil certified applicators and handlers, and the addition of Ethylene Oxide-using facilities (e.g., commercial sterilization, healthcare, labs, veterinary clinics, etc). This is a result of a program change.

IV. What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

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 pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** document pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT. *Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: September 3, 2026.

Douglas M. Troutman,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2026-5908; FRL-13581-01]

Ortho-Phthalaldehyde; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a specific exemption reauthorization request from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to use the pesticide ortho-phthalaldehyde (OPA, CAS No. 643-79-8) to treat the coolant fluid of the internal active thermal control system (IATCS) of the International Space Station (ISS) to control aerobic/microaerophilic bacteria in the aqueous coolant. The applicant proposes the use of a new chemical that has not been registered by EPA. Therefore, in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, EPA is soliciting a 15-day public comment before making the decision whether to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2026-5908, is available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additional information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Smith, Director, Registration Division (7505T), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (202) 566-2875; email address: RDNRNotices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Executive Summary

A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a pesticide manufacturer involved with the International Space Station. The following North American Industrial

Classification System (NAICS) code is not intended to be exhaustive but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. One potentially affected entity may include Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532). Other types of entities not listed could also be affected.

If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this proposed action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. What is EPA's authority for taking this action?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the EPA Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the EPA Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. EPA implementing regulations are set forth in 40 CFR part 166.

C. What action is the Agency taking?

EPA is announcing receipt of a request submitted to EPA under FIFRA section 18. This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing FIFRA section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of a new chemical (*i.e.*, an active ingredient) which has not been registered by EPA.

II. Summary of the Request Received

NASA has requested that EPA issue a specific exemption for the use of OPA in the coolant of the internal active thermal control system (IATCS) of the ISS to control aerobic/microaerophilic bacteria in the aqueous coolant. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/part-166>) was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the applicant asserts that it has considered the registered biocide alternatives and concluded that OPA is the most effective biocide that meets the requisite criteria, which includes the following: the need for safe, non-intrusive implementation and operation in a functioning system; the ability to control existing planktonic and biofilm-residing microorganisms; a negligible impact on system wetted materials of construction; and a negligible reactivity with existing coolant additives. Without the use of OPA, the ISS lacks an

adequate long-term solution to control microorganisms in the IATCS coolant.

The OPA is incorporated into a porous resin material contained in a stainless-steel canister. The canister containing the OPA-incorporated resin is inserted into a coolant system loop, using flexible hose and quick disconnects, and is placed in line for 8 hours to deliver the OPA into the fluid. As the coolant fluid flows through the canister, the OPA elutes from the resin material into the coolant fluid. The total volume of the circulatory loops of the IATCS is 829 liters. The maximum concentration would be 350 milligrams (mg) of OPA per liter of coolant fluid. A total of 290,150 mg would be needed for the entire system. The OPA is incorporated into the resin at 210 mg of OPA per cm³ resin, resulting in potential total use of 1,382 cm³ of the OPA-containing resin. The level of OPA in the coolant is monitored periodically, and because OPA degrades over time, the concentration decreases to a level that is no longer effective in about 1 to 2 years. At this point, replenishment with new OPA-containing canisters is required.

Since authorizing emergency exemptions in 2011, the EPA expects this use to continue for the duration of the ISS program, which has been extended through 2030.

This notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application. The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment in determining whether to issue the specific exemption requested by NASA.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: September 8, 2026.

Charles Smith,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-13594-01-OA]

Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), EPA hereby provides notice of a meeting for the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) on the date and time described below. This meeting will be open to the public. For information on public attendance and participation, please see registration details under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The LGAC will meet on Friday, September 25, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paige Lieberman, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at email address: LGAC@epa.gov or telephone number: 202-564-9957.

Information on Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals requiring accessibility accommodations, please contact Paige Lieberman by email at LGAC@epa.gov. To request accommodation, please do so three (3) business days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Content: This will be the inaugural LGAC meeting for this Administration. The members will hear potential charges for the year related to the Powering the *Great American Comeback* initiative and discuss how to respond as a Committee.

Registration: The meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public who wish to participate should register by contacting the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at email address: LGAC@epa.gov by September 23, 2026. The agenda and other meeting materials will be available online one week prior at <https://www.epa.gov/ocir/local-government-advisory-committee-lgac>, and will be emailed to all registered attendees. In the event of cancellation for unforeseen circumstances, please contact the DFO or check the website above for reschedule information.

Julian Bowles,

Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 26-897; FR ID 366379]

Notice of Debarment; Federal E-Rate Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Enforcement Bureau (the “Bureau”) debars Charles A. Jones from the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (or E-Rate Program) and all federal universal service support mechanisms for three years.

DATES: Debarment commences on the date Mr. Jones receives the debarment letter or September 11, 2026, whichever date comes first, and will continue for three years.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Sova, Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Christopher Sova may be contacted by phone at (202) 418-1868 or by email at Christopher.Sova@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau debars Mr. Jones from the E-Rate program and all federal universal service support mechanisms for three years pursuant to 47 CFR 54.8. Attached is the debarment letter, DA 26-897, which was mailed to Mr. Jones and released on September 11, 2026. The complete text of the notice of debarment is available on the FCC’s website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-26-897A1.pdf>.

Federal Communications Commission.

Christopher Sova,

Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, Enforcement Bureau.

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