

listing of DoW Federal advisory committees can be located at: <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/s/account/001t000000DCAooAAH/departments/of/defense>.

5. *Justification that the information or advice provided by the Federal advisory committee or subcommittee is not available from another Federal advisory committee, another Federal Government source, or any other more cost-effective and less burdensome source:* The specific, integrated advice required by the SecWar regarding the military's mission of defense of the Homeland and Homeland security cooperation is not available from any other Federal advisory committee, government agency, or alternative source. While other agencies and departments operate within specific mission or geographic areas, their advisory mechanisms are statutorily constrained to their respective non-military domains. Relying solely on internal DoW staff or contracted studies is also insufficient, as it fails to provide the consensus-based, independent, and external peer review required at the highest levels of strategic decision-making.

For instance, the Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Advisory Council is unsuited to fulfill this role, as it focuses exclusively on civilian law enforcement, border management, and emergency response; it lacks the mandate to advise on Title 10 or Title 32 military deployments domestic air defense; or military-specific crisis responses. Similarly, the Department of State's International Security Advisory Board concentrates on diplomatic relations and arms control, leaving it unequipped to evaluate United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command Combatant Command campaign plans or a global multi-domain, multi-layered defense strategy.

Within the DoW, the Defense Policy Board operates at a macro-strategic, global level, preventing it from devoting the sustained, granular attention required to navigate complex civil-military boundaries or regional transnational threats in the Americas. Finally, while internal staff and contracted think tanks provide valuable analysis, they either lack the external independence required to objectively critique DoW programs or produce static, historical reports rather than the real-time, consensus-driven advice needed by the SecWar. Consequently, no other source can provide the integrated, military-specific advice necessary to secure the homeland and the Western Hemisphere.

6. *If the consultation is a committee renewal, a summary of the previous accomplishments of the committee and the reasons it needs to continue:* N/A.

7. *Explanation of why the committee/subcommittee is essential to the conduct of agency business:* The establishment of this advisory committee is essential to the conduct of DoW business because defending the Homeland is the Department's paramount statutory and strategic priority. The HDB's advice and recommendations will serve to enhance the employment of existing DoW forces and capabilities to provide a thorough, layered defense for the Homeland using prevailing ground, sea, air, and space-based capabilities. The Department remains committed to providing our Nation with strong, reliable, and effective Homeland defense. Additionally, the HDB's advice and recommendations will directly enable the DoW's execution of the National Defense Strategy, which prioritizes the defense of the Homeland above all other military objectives. The ultimate priority is peace through strength.

Over the past 10 years, rather than lessening, the threat from peer, near-peer, and rogue-state adversaries, in addition to non-state actors and hostile asymmetric activities, has become more intense and complex. The DoW provides for the common defense of American citizens and the Homeland by deploying and maintaining the premier warfighting force across the globe to provide a multi-domain, layered defense. The modern threat environment has fundamentally altered the geographic sanctuary of the continental United States (U.S). In an era where peer and near-peer adversaries are actively projecting economic, cyber, and military power into the Western Hemisphere, the HDB will provide critical, independent assessments of the DoW's hemispheric defensive posture and domestic security preparedness. Furthermore, the HDB's advice and recommendations are vital for navigating the complex legal and operational boundaries of domestic military operations, ensuring that DSCA is executed effectively.

The DoW requires the advice and recommendations of a dedicated, independent body of experts to navigate this complex threat landscape. The SecWar and senior DoW leaders must have access to, and benefit from, independent and external perspectives from the broader national security community to address current and future challenges and opportunities involving the defense of the Homeland with highly effective capabilities to meet a variety of domestic and overseas

requirements, including the necessary military surge capacity to meet strategic requirements, and allow key DoW stakeholders the ability to ensure full interoperability and real-time integration with our existing defense architecture. The HDB fulfills this critical requirement.

The HDB will also provide the SecWar advice and recommendations necessary for strategic oversight for multi-theater security cooperation and multi-domain actions, validating that DoW resource investments and allocations are successfully countering foreign influence, disrupting transnational criminal networks, and building robust partner-nation military capabilities. Finally, the HDB's advice and recommendations will serve an essential function by bridging the gap between the military and domestic Homeland security agencies to secure the defense critical infrastructure, vital transport networks and logistics nodes and the defense industrial base. Without this advisory body, the DoW risks strategic blind spots in its primary mission to protect the Homeland.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL OPRM-FAD-239]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202-993-3272 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

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Pursuant to CEQ Guidance on 42 U.S.C. 4332.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20260117, Final, NMFS, OR, Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan FEIS-ROD, Contact: Lance Kruzic 541-802-3728.

EIS No. 20260118, Final Supplement, FERC, OR, Hydropower License re Idaho Power Company's Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project, Contact: Office of External Affairs 866-208-3372.

EIS No. 20260119, Final, BLM, NM, Carlsbad Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Review Period Ends: 10/13/2026, Contact: Ty Allen 575-234-5978.

EIS No. 20260120, Draft, BLM, AK, Production Site Development in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, Comment Period Ends: 11/09/2026, Contact: Melinda Moffitt 801-539-4045.

EIS No. 20260121, Draft Supplement, USACE, TX, Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay, Texas Coastal Storm Risk Management and Ecosystem Restoration, Orange County, Texas, Comment Period Ends: 10/26/2026, Contact: Dr. Raven Blakeway 409-790-9058.

Amended Notice

EIS No. 20260114, Draft, FHWA, NY, Shore Road Bridge over the Hutchinson River Project, Comment Period Ends: 11/06/2026, Contact: Richard J. Marquis 518-431-4127.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0150; FRL-13225-01-OCSPP]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal Collection and Request for Comment; Soil and Non-Soil Fumigant Risk Mitigation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces the availability of and solicits public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR) that EPA is planning to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Soil and Non-Soil Fumigant Risk Mitigation (EPA ICR No. 2451.04 and OMB Control No. 2070-0197). This ICR represents a renewal of

an existing ICR that is currently approved through April 30, 2027. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection that is summarized in this document. The ICR and accompanying material are available in the docket for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0150, online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. What information is EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. 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.

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that

employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

II. What information collection activity or ICR does this action apply to?

Title: Soil and Non-Soil Fumigant Risk Mitigation.

EPA ICR No.: 2451.04.

OMB Control No.: 2070-0197.

ICR Status: This ICR is currently approved through April 30, 2027. Under the PRA, 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. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: Pursuant to section 4(g) and section 3(g) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determined that several soil and non-soil fumigants are eligible for continuing registration only if specific risk mitigation measures, are adopted and adequately implemented. The information collected under this Information Collection Request (ICR) documents the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) activities that users, registrants, and participating states must conduct to implement fumigant risk mitigation measures for the chemicals identified in this document. The information collection activities discussed in this ICR include registrant activities to develop and implement training for fumigators in charge of fumigations, develop and disseminate safety information for handlers, develop and implement community outreach and education programs, and develop and implement first responder training; and labeling activities for fumigant products; including user posting requirements concerning fumigant applications around the use site, providing notice of soil fumigant applications to applicable states, preparing a Fumigant Management Plan ("FMP") and Post-Application Summary ("PAS") as needed, participating in an EPA-approved fumigant training program, and disseminating fumigant safe handling information to handlers.