

What Feedback Is EPA Particularly Interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond

What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate you provide.
5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply to?

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are municipal water utility managers and members of the public participating in focus groups.

Title: Critical Public Information Needs during Drinking Water Emergencies (New)

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 2322.01, OMB Control No. 2080-NEW.

ICR status: This ICR is for a new information collection activity. 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 CFR,

after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, 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 in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: EPA is collecting this information as part of a formative research study to identify critical information the public will need from water utilities and other decision-makers during a crisis event impacting drinking water. The research will probe consumers' and water sector professionals' beliefs, opinions, and knowledge about water security risks to assist public officials in planning effective crisis communication strategies for such emergencies. Good communication can rally support, calm fears, provide needed instructions, and encourage cooperative behaviors.

Study participants will also provide feedback on the effectiveness of draft sample messages previously developed by EPA in consultation with subject matter experts from water utilities, public health, emergency response, law enforcement, and water trade/professional organizations. Voluntary participants for this one-time study will include water utility managers, public information officers, and members of the public who consume drinking water supplied by water utilities. Confidentiality of responses from respondents will be assured by using an independent contractor to collect the information, enacting procedures to prevent unauthorized access to respondent data, and preventing public disclosure of the responses of individual participants.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.7 hours per response. Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to: Review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information;

search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 52 water utility professional staff and 128 members of the public participating in focus group discussions.

Frequency of response: Once.

Estimated total average number of burden hours for each respondent: 1 hour for water utility professional staff and 2 hours for members of the public participating in focus group discussions.

Estimated total annual respondent burden hours: 308 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$1,380.46. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$1,380.46 for participating water utility professional staff and \$0 for members of the public participating in focus group discussions and an estimated cost of \$0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

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. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice 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 technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: May 29, 2009.

Cynthia Sonich-Mullin,

Acting Director, National Homeland Security Research Center, Office of Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8914-7]

**Office of Research and Development;
Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and
Equivalent Methods: Designation of
Four New Equivalent Methods**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of the designation of four new equivalent methods for monitoring ambient air quality.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 53, four new equivalent methods for measuring concentrations of PM_{2.5} in the ambient air.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surender Kaushik, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-D205-03), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: (919) 541-5691, e-mail: Kaushik.Surender@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR Part 53, the EPA evaluates various methods for monitoring the concentrations of those ambient air pollutants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQSs) as set forth in 40 CFR Part 50. Monitoring methods that are determined to meet specific requirements for adequacy are designated by the EPA as either reference methods or equivalent methods (as applicable), thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR Part 58 by States and other agencies for determining compliance with the NAAQSs.

The EPA hereby announces the designation of four new equivalent methods for measuring concentrations of PM_{2.5} in the ambient air. These designations are made under the provisions of 40 CFR Part 53, as amended on October 17, 2006 (71 FR 61271).

Two of the new equivalent methods for PM_{2.5} are automated methods (analyzers) utilizing the measurement principle based on filter sample collection and analysis by an inertial micro-balance that provides direct mass measurements in near real time. Separation of the PM_{2.5} particle size range is by a cyclone in the first method and by a virtual impactor in the second method. These two newly designated equivalent methods are identified as follows:

EQPM-0609-181, "Thermo Scientific TEOM® 1400a Ambient Particular Monitor with Series 8500C FDMST™," configured for PM_{2.5} with the US EPA PM₁₀ inlet specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix L, Figs. L-2 thru L-19, followed by a BGI Inc. Very Sharp Cut Cyclone (VSCC™) particle size separator, operated with a total actual flow of 16.67/min., loaded with Series

FDMS (Filter Dynamics Measurement System) 8500 module operating software and an FDMS kit, and operated with firmware version 3.20 and later, according to the Thermo Scientific TEOM® 1400a Ambient Particular Monitor with Series 8500C FDMST™ operating manual. EQPM-0609-182, "Thermo Scientific TEOM® 1405-DF Dichotomous Ambient Particular Monitor with FDMS®," configured for dual filter sampling of fine (PM_{2.5}) and coarse particles using the US EPA PM₁₀ inlet specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix L, Figs. L-2 thru L-19 and a virtual impactor, with a total flow rate of 16.67 L/min, fine sample flow of 3 L/min, and coarse sample flow rate of 1.67 L/min, and operating with firmware version 1.50 and later, operated with or without external enclosures, and operated in accordance with the Thermo Scientific TEOM® 1405-DF Dichotomous Ambient Particulate Monitor Instruction Manual (designated for PM_{2.5} measurements only).

The other two new equivalent methods for PM_{2.5} are automated methods (analyzers) utilizing the measurement principle based on cyclonic separation of the PM_{2.5} particle size range with filter sample collection and analysis by beta attenuation. The newly designated equivalent methods are identified as follows:

EQPM-0609-183, "Thermo Scientific FH62C14-DHS Continuous Ambient Particle Monitor" operated at a flow rate of 16.67 liters per minute for 24-hour average measurements configured for PM_{2.5} with a louvered PM₁₀ size selective inlet as specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix L, Figs. L-2 through L-19, a PM_{2.5} BGI Inc. Very Sharp Cut Cyclone (VSCC™) particle size separator, inlet connector, sample tube, DHS heater with 35% RH threshold, mass foil kit, GF10 filter tape, 8-hour filter change, and operational calibration and servicing as outlined in the FH62C14-DHS Continuous Ambient Particulate Monitor operating manual. EQPM-0609-184, "Thermo Scientific Model 5030 SHARP Monitor" operated at a flow rate of 16.67 liters per minute for 24-hour average measurements configured for PM_{2.5} with a louvered PM₁₀ size selective inlet as specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix L, Figs. L-2 through L-19, a PM_{2.5} BGI Inc. Very Sharp Cut Cyclone (VSCC™) particle size separator, inlet connector, sample tube, DHS heater with 35% RH

threshold, mass foil kit, GF10 filter tape, nephelometer zeroing kit, 8-hour filter change, and operational calibration and servicing as outlined in the Model 5030 SHARP instructional manual.

Applications for equivalent method determinations for these candidate methods were received by the EPA on June 30, 2008 and July 14, 2008. The monitors are commercially available from the applicant, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Air Quality Instruments, Environmental Instruments Division, 27 Forge Parkway, Franklin, MA 02038.

Test analyzers representative of these methods have been tested in accordance with the applicable test procedures specified in 40 CFR Part 53 (as amended on October 17, 2006). After reviewing the results of those tests and other information submitted by the applicant in the respective applications, EPA has determined, in accordance with Part 53, that these methods should be designated as equivalent methods. The information submitted by the applicant in the respective applications will be kept on file, either at EPA's National Exposure Research Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711 or in an approved archive storage facility, and will be available for inspection (with advance notice) to the extent consistent with 40 CFR Part 2 (EPA's regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act).

As designated equivalent methods, these methods are acceptable for use by states and other air monitoring agencies under the requirements of 40 CFR Part 58, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, each method must be used in strict accordance with the operation or instruction manual associated with the method and subject to any specifications and limitations (e.g., configuration or operational settings) specified in the applicable designated method description (see the identifications of the methods above).

Use of the method should also be in general accordance with the guidance and recommendations of applicable sections of the "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume I," EPA/600/R-94/038a and "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II, Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program" EPA-454/B-08-003, December, 2008 (available at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/qabook.html>). Vendor modifications of a designated equivalent method used for purposes of Part 58 are permitted only with prior approval of the EPA, as provided in Part

53. Provisions concerning modification of such methods by users are specified under Section 2.8 (Modifications of Methods by Users) of Appendix C to 40 CFR Part 58.

In general, a method designation applies to any sampler or analyzer which is identical to the sampler or analyzer described in the application for designation. In some cases, similar samplers or analyzers manufactured prior to the designation may be upgraded or converted (*e.g.*, by minor modification or by substitution of the approved operation or instruction manual) so as to be identical to the designated method and thus achieve designated status. The manufacturer should be consulted to determine the feasibility of such upgrading or conversion.

Part 53 requires that sellers of designated reference or equivalent method analyzers or samplers comply with certain conditions. These conditions are specified in 40 CFR 53.9.

Aside from occasional breakdowns or malfunctions, consistent or repeated noncompliance with any of these conditions should be reported to: Director, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-E205-01), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

Designation of these new equivalent methods is intended to assist the States in establishing and operating their air quality surveillance systems under 40 CFR Part 58. Questions concerning the commercial availability or technical aspects of the method should be directed to the applicant.

Dated: June 1, 2009.

Jewel F. Morris,

Acting Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0186; FRL-8410-7]

Clomazone and Fomesafen Registration Review Draft Ecological Risk Assessments; Notice of Availability; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA issued a notice in the *Federal Register* of April 22, 2009,

concerning the availability of EPA's draft ecological risk assessments for the registration review of both clomazone and fomesafen and opened a public comment period on these documents. This document extends the comment period for 60 days, from June 22, 2009 to August 21, 2009.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0186 (74 FR 18374), must be received on or before August 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Follow the detailed instructions as provided under **ADDRESSES** in the *Federal Register* document of April 22, 2009 (74 FR 18374).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For pesticide specific information, contact:* The chemical review manager identified in the *Federal Register* document of April 22, 2009 for the pesticide of interest.

For general questions on the registration review program, contact: Kevin Costello, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-5026; e-mail address: costello.kevin@epa.gov.

For general questions on OPP's Endangered Species Protection Program contact: Arty Williams, Environmental Fate and Effects Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number (703) 305-7695; fax number (703) 308-4776; e-mail address: williams.arty@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document extends the public comment period established in the *Federal Register* of April 22, 2009, 74 FR 18374 (FRL-8410-7). In that document, EPA announced the availability of the draft ecological risk assessments for the registration review of both clomazone and fomesafen and opened a public comment period on these documents. EPA is hereby extending the comment period, which was set to end on June 22, 2009, to August 21, 2009.

To submit comments, or access the public docket, please follow the detailed instructions as provided under **ADDRESSES** in the April 22, 2009 *Federal Register* document. If you have questions, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Registration Review, Pesticide pests.

Dated: June 10, 2009.

Richard P. Keigwin, Jr.,

Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1145; FRL-8916-4]

Draft Risk and Exposure Assessment Report for Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of draft report for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: On or about June 5, 2009, the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) of EPA is making available for public review and comment a draft document titled "Risk and Exposure Assessment to Support the Review of the Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen and Oxides of Sulfur: Second Draft." The purpose of this draft document is to convey the approach taken to assess environmental exposures to ambient oxides of nitrogen and sulfur and to characterize associated public welfare risks, as well as to present the results of those assessments.

DATES: Comments on the above report must be received on or before July 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1145, by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to a-and-r-docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1145.

- *Fax:* Fax your comments to 202-566-9744, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1145.

- *Mail:* Send your comments to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-1145.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver your comments to: EPA Docket Center, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 3334, Washington, DC. Such deliveries