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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9978-77-ORD]

Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods; Designation of One New Reference Method

AGENCY: Office of Research and
Development; Environmental Protection
Agency.

ACTION: Notice of the designation of a
new reference method for monitoring
ambient air quality.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that
the Environmental Protection Agency
(EPA) has designated one new reference
method for measuring concentrations of
nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in ambient air.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 (NAAQS) 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 or equivalent methods (as
applicable), thereby permitting their use
under 40 CFR part 58 by States and
other agencies for determining
compliance with the NAAQS. A list of
all reference or equivalent methods that
have been previously designated by EPA
may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/criteria.html>.

The EPA hereby announces the
designation of one new reference
method for measuring concentrations of
NO₂ in ambient air. This designation is
made under the provisions of 40 CFR
part 53, as amended on October 26,
2015 (80 FR 65291-65468).

The new reference method for NO₂ is
an automated method (analyzer)

utilizing the measurement principle
based on gas phase chemiluminescence.
This newly designated reference method
is identified as follows:

RFNA-0418-250, "Sabio Model 6040
Ambient NO/NO₂/NO_x Analyzer",
operated in the measurement range of
0-0.5 PPM, an any ambient temperature
in the range of 5-40 °C, within a line
voltage range determined by the
selected optional pump [115 VAC
external pump: 105-125 VAC (60 Hz);
230 VAC external pump: 210-250 VAC
(50-60 Hz); 24 VDC internal pump: 90-
260 VAC (50-60 Hz)], at any sample
flow rate in the range of 0.50-0.75 L/
min, in accordance with the "Sabio
Model 6040 Ambient NO/NO₂/NO_x
Analyzer Instruction Manual", with or
without optional zero/span ports for
external calibration, and with or
without an optional inlet filter.

This application for a reference
method determination for this NO₂
method was received by the Office of
Research and Development on March
28, 2018. This analyzer is commercially
available from the applicant, Sutron
Corporation, 21 Cypress Blvd., Suite
1130, Round Rock, TX 78665.

A representative test analyzer was
tested in accordance with the applicable
test procedures specified in 40 CFR part
53, as amended on October 26, 2015.
After reviewing the results of those tests
and other information submitted by the
applicant, EPA has determined, in
accordance with part 53, that this
method should be designated as a
reference method.

As a designated reference method,
this method is 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, this 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 designated
method description (see the
identification of the method above).

Use of the method also should 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-13-003, (both
available at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/qalist.html>). 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.

Consistent or repeated noncompliance
with any of these conditions should be
reported to: Director, Exposure Methods
and Measurement Division (MD-E205-
01), National Exposure Research
Laboratory, U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency, Research Triangle
Park, North Carolina 27711.

Designation of this reference method
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: May 21, 2018.

Timothy Watkins,

*Director, National Exposure Research
Laboratory.*

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal
Activities, General Information (202)
564-7156 or <https://www2.epa.gov/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact
Statements

Filed 05/21/2018 Through 05/25/2018
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

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://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20180111, Draft, NMFS, NAT,
Draft Environmental Impact
Statement for Issuing Annual Catch
Limits to the Alaska Eskimo Whaling
Commission for a Subsistence Hunt
on Bowhead Whales for the Years
2019 and Beyond, Comment Period
Ends: 07/24/2018, Contact: John
Henderschedt, 301-427-8385.

EIS No. 20180112, Draft, FHWA, NY,
Hunts Point Interstate Access
Improvement Project, Comment
Period Ends: 07/16/2018, Contact:
Erik Koester, 718-482-4683.

EIS No. 20180113, Draft, CBP, ID, Bog
Creek Road Project, Comment Period

Ends: 07/16/2018, Contact: Paul Enriquez 949-643-6365.

EIS No. 20180114, Final Supplement, USACE, LA, Integrated General Reevaluation Report & Supplement III to the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Mississippi River Ship Channel, Baton Rouge to the Gulf, Louisiana Project, Review Period Ends: 07/02/2018, Contact: Steve Roberts 504-862-2517.

EIS No. 20180115, Draft, USFS, WA, Sunrise Vegetation and Fuels Management, Comment Period Ends: 07/16/2018, Contact: Johnny Collin 509-843-4643.

EIS No. 20180116, Draft Supplement, FHWA, WI, WIS 23 Fond du Lac to Plymouth, 2018 Limited Scope Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Comment Period Ends: 07/31/2018, Contact: Michael Davies 608-829-7500.

EIS No. 20180117, Draft, NJDEP, NJ, Rebuild by Design (RBD) Meadowlands Flood Protection Project, Comment Period Ends: 07/16/2018, Contact: Dennis Reinknecht 609-777-4152.

EIS No. 20180118, Final, USDA, TX, Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program—Tick Control Barrier, Review Period Ends: 07/02/2018, Contact: Dr. Denise Bonilla 970-494-7317.

Dated: May 29, 2018.

Rob Tomiak,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0440; FRL-9978-73-OEI]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Plant-Incorporated Protectants; CBI Substantiation and Adverse Effects Reporting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA): “Plant-Incorporated Protectants; CBI Substantiation and Adverse Effects Reporting” (EPA ICR No. 1693.09, OMB

Control No. 2070-0142). This is a request to renew the approval of an existing ICR, which is currently approved through May 31, 2018. EPA did not receive any public comments in response to the previously provided public review opportunity issued in the **Federal Register** of September 13, 2017. With this submission to OMB, EPA is providing an additional 30 days for public review and comment. 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.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before July 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0440, to both EPA and OMB as follows:

- To EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460, and

- To OMB via email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to the OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ryne Yarger, Field and External Affairs Division, 7506P, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-605-1193; fax number: 703-305-5884; email address: yarger.ryne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Docket: Supporting documents, including the ICR that explains in detail the information collection activities and the related burden and cost estimates that are summarized in this document, are available in the docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the EPA Docket Center, West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 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: This ICR addresses the two information collection requirements

contained in the regulations codified in 40 CFR part 174 pertaining to pesticidal substances that are produced by plants (plant-incorporated protectants, or PIPs). A PIP is defined as “the pesticidal substance that is intended to be produced and used in a living plant and the genetic material necessary for the production of such a substance.” Many, but not all, PIPs are exempt from registration requirements under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

CBI is protected by FIFRA and generally cannot be released to the public. For most pesticide registration applications, the current CBI regulations at 40 CFR part 2 require that claimants substantiate their CBI claims for their own records when the claim is made, and subsequently provide the substantiation to EPA only if requested. However, under 40 CFR part 174, whenever a registrant claims that information submitted to EPA in support of a PIP registration application contains CBI, the registrant must substantiate such claims to EPA when they are made. In addition, 40 CFR part 174 also requires manufacturers of PIPs that are otherwise exempted from registration requirements to report any adverse effects of the PIP to the Agency within 30 days of when the information is first obtained. Such reporting will allow the Agency to determine whether further action is needed to prevent unreasonable adverse effects to human health or the environment.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this ICR include producers and importers of PIPs. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes for respondents under this ICR include: 325320 (Pesticide and other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing), 325414 (Biological Products (except Diagnostic) Manufacturing), 422910 (Farm Supplies Wholesalers), 422930 (Flower, Nursery Stock, and Florist’s Suppliers), 541710 (Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences), and 611310 (Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools).

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Mandatory.

Estimated number of respondents: 24 (total).

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Total estimated burden: 518 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$41,892 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 86 hours in the total