



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**[EPA-HQ-OECA-2012-0693; FRL-9528-5]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Taconite Iron Ore Processing (Renewal), EPA ICR Number 2050.05**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR which is abstracted below describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2012-0693, to: (1) EPA online, using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), or by email to: [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, mail code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Learia Williams, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2227A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On October 17, 2012 (77 FR 63813), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to both EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2012-0693, which is available for either public viewing online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Enforcement and Compliance Docket is (202) 566-1752.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov> to either submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, Confidentiality of Business

Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute.

For further information about the electronic docket, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**Title:** NESHAP for Taconite Iron Ore Processing (Renewal)

**ICR Numbers:** EPA ICR Number 2050.05, OMB Control Number 2060-0538

**ICR Status:** This ICR is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2013. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to either conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

**Abstract:** The affected entities are subject to the General Provisions of the NESHAP at 40 CFR part 63, subpart A, and any changes, or additions to the Provisions specified at 40 CFR part 63, subpart RRRRR.

Owners or operators of the affected facilities must submit initial notification report, performance tests, and periodic reports and results. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. Reports, at a minimum, are required semiannually.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 24 hours per response. “Burden” means 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Owners or operators of taconite iron ore processing plants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8

Frequency of Response: Occasionally and semiannually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 614

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$650,107, which includes \$392,507 in labor costs, no capital/startup costs, and \$257,600 in operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease in both respondent and Agency burdens from the most-recently approved ICR. This is not due to any program changes. This decrease is due to discrepancies that were identified in the burden calculations of the previous ICR, which have been addressed in this ICR. Specifically, the previous ICR overestimated the frequency of burden activity associated with site-specific test plans and startup, shutdown, and malfunction plan reviews. The previous ICR also double-counted total labor costs associated with respondent reporting activities. These discrepancies resulted in the overestimation of respondent and Agency labor burdens. The revisions in this ICR address those discrepancies, and contribute directly to the observed decrease in respondent and Agency labor burdens and costs.

There is an increase in labor rates for both the respondents and the Agency from the most-recently approved ICR. This ICR uses updated labor rates from the Bureau of Labor

Statistics to calculate burden costs for respondents, and uses updated labor rates from OPM to calculate burden costs for the Agency.

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