



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Gold Mine Ore Processing (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NESHAP for Gold Mine Ore Processing (EPA ICR Number 2383.05, OMB Control Number 2060-0659), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through June 30, 2020. Public comments were previously requested via the *Federal Register* on May 6, 2019 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may neither conduct nor 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 [insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to EPA, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0152, online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. 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.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Yellin, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2227A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-2970; fax number: (202) 564-0050; email address: [yellin.patrick@epa.gov](mailto:yellin.patrick@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or in person at the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 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:* The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Gold Mine Ore Processing (40 CFR Part 63, Subpart EEEEEEE) were proposed on April 28, 2010; and promulgated on February 17, 2011. These regulations apply to both existing and new gold mine ore processing and production facilities that are area sources and use ore pretreatment, carbon processes with mercury retorts, carbon processes without mercury retorts, and non-carbon concentrate processes. The regulation sets mercury emission limits for each of the affected processes at both new and existing facilities. New facilities include those that either commenced construction or reconstruction after the date of proposal. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart EEEEEEE.

In general, all NESHAP standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports by the owners/operators of the affected facilities. They 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. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance, and are required of all affected facilities subject to NESHAP.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Gold mine ore processing and production facilities.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR Part 63, Subpart EEEEEEE).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 21 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Initially, occasionally, semiannually, and annually.

*Total estimated burden:* 2,840 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$556,000 (per year), which includes \$227,000 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* The burden in labor hours is unchanged from the previous ICR renewal and the number of responses is unchanged. The costs of performance testing and CEMS monitoring are unchanged from the previous ICR renewal. The regulations have not changed over the past three years and are not anticipated to change over the next three years. The growth rate for the industry is very low, negative or non-existent, so there is no change in the estimate of the number of sources subject to these regulations since the previous ICR renewal.

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