



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA–OAR–2011–0371; FRL 10014-33-OAR]**

**Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; National Volatile Organic Compounds Emission Standards for Architectural Coatings (Renewal)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), titled, National Volatile Organic Compounds Emission Standards for Architectural Coatings to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, the EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through June 30, 2021. 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:** Comments must be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA–OAR–2011–0371, online using <https://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.

The 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, or other

information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. Kaye Whitfield, Sector Policies and Programs Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, D243-02, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number: 919-541-2509; fax number: 919-541-4991; email address: *whitfield.kaye@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 <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Out of an abundance of caution for members of the public and our staff, the EPA Docket Center and Reading Room are closed to the public, with limited exceptions, to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. Our Docket Center staff will continue to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. We encourage the public to submit comments via <https://www.regulations.gov/> or email, as there may be a delay in processing mail and faxes. Hand deliveries and couriers may be received by scheduled appointment only. For further information on EPA Docket Center services and the current status, please visit us online at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the EPA is soliciting comments and information on National Volatile Organic Compounds Emission Standards for Architectural Coatings (EPA ICR No, 1750.09, OMB Control No. 2060-0393) 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 estimate 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; and (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. The 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. At that time, the EPA will issue another **Federal Register** document to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

*Abstract:* The EPA is required under section 183(e) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) to regulate volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from the use of consumer and commercial products. Pursuant to CAA section 183(e)(3), the EPA published a list of consumer and commercial products and a schedule for their regulation (60 FR 15264). Architectural coatings are included on the list, and the standards for such coatings are codified at 40 CFR part 59, subpart D. The information collection includes initial reports and periodic recordkeeping necessary for the EPA to ensure compliance with Federal standards for VOC in architectural coatings. Respondents are manufacturers, distributors, and importers of architectural coatings. Responses to the collection are mandatory under 40 CFR part 59, subpart D - National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Architectural Coatings. All information submitted to the EPA for which a claim of confidentiality is made will be safeguarded according to the Agency policies set forth in 40 CFR part 2, subpart B - Confidentiality of Business Information.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Respondents are manufacturers, distributors, and importers of architectural coatings.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory under 40 CFR part 59, subpart D – National

Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Architectural Coatings.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 500 (total).

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Total estimated burden:* 14,661 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$1,481,441 (per year). There are no annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

*Changes in Estimates:* Labor rates have been updated using 2019 values, leading to an increase in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB.

Dated: September 10, 2020.

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