



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; CHIPS Environmental Questionnaire Information Collection

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on April 12, 2023, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

Title: CHIPS Environmental Questionnaire Information Collection.

OMB Control Number 0693-0093.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Average Hours Per Response: 8 hrs.

Burden Hours: 1600 hrs.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of the Environmental Questionnaire is to ensure that the Department of Commerce is aware, in broad terms, of relevant environmental considerations, and can work with the potential applicant to ensure that the applicant can provide all required environmental information during the full application and due

diligence stages when applying for funding. Each applicant must provide the requested information on the Environmental Questionnaire using the template which is available on the CHIPS Incentives Program application portal.

Information to be collected includes information pertaining to an applicant's:

- Project Description
- Project Site/Affected Environment
- Resource Consumption Rates and Effluent Emissions Streams and Impacts
- Tribal, Historic, and Cultural Resources
- Project Setting
- Vegetation Resources
- Conservation Areas
- Coastal Zones and Navigable Waters
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Endangered Species
- Land Use and Zoning
- Solid Waste Management
- Hazardous or Toxic Substances
- Impacts to Water Quality/Water Resources
- Water Supply and Distribution System
- Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities
- Environmental Justice & Socioeconomics
- Transportation (Streets, Traffic and Parking)
- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gases and their Environmental Effects
- Noise

- Health and Safety
- Permits and other Government Agency Involvement
- Public Notification/Controversy
- Environmental Experience and Approach

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Once.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory to obtain or retain benefits.

Legal Authority: CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117-167) (the Act).

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website 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 and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693-0093.

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