



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0132; FRL-12658-01-OMS]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Hydrochloric Acid Production (Renewal)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NESHAP for Hydrochloric Acid Production (EPA ICR Number 2032.12, OMB Control Number 2060-0529) 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 February 28, 2025. Public comments were previously requested via the *Federal Register* on May 18, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0132, to EPA 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:** Muntasir Ali, Sector Policies and Program Division (D243-05), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (919) 541-0833; email address: ali.muntasir@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through February 28, 2025. 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.

Public comments were previously requested via the *Federal Register* on May 18, 2023 during a 60-day comment period (88 FR 31748). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. 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, WJC 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 Hydrochloric Acid Production were proposed on September 18, 2001 (66 FR 48174), promulgated on April 17, 2003 (68 FR 19076), and amended on April 7, 2006 (71 FR 17738) and April 15, 2020 (85 FR 20855). The NESHAP apply to hydrochloric acid production facilities that emit greater than or equal to 10 tons per year (tpy) of any one hazardous air pollutant (HAP) or greater than or equal to 25 tpy of any combination of HAP. Affected sources include new and existing hydrochloric acid production facilities. The pollutants regulated are hydrochloric acid (HCl) and chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>). New facilities include those that commenced construction or

reconstruction after the date of the original proposal (September 18, 2001). This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR part 63, subpart NNNNN.

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:* 5900-598.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Hydrochloric acid production facilities.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR part 63, subpart NNNNN).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 19 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Initially, semiannually.

*Total estimated burden:* 21,900 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$2,980,000 (per year), which includes \$216,000 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* The slight decrease in burden from the most recently approved ICR as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens due to a adjustment. The growth rate for this industry is very low or non-existent, so there is no significant change in the overall burden. Since there is no significant industry growth, there are also no changes in the capital/startup or operation and maintenance (O&M) costs. There is a slight increase in costs, which is due to a CEPCI adjustment.

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