



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal Collection and Request for Comment; Pesticide Data Call-Ins (DCIs) (EPA ICR No. 2288.07; OMB Control No. 2070-0174)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces the availability of and solicits public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR) that EPA is planning to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Pesticide Data Call-Ins (DCIs) (EPA ICR No. 2288.07 and OMB Control No. 2070-0174). This ICR represents a renewal of an existing ICR that is currently approved through December 31, 2025. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection that is summarized in this document. The ICR and accompanying material are available in the docket for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2020-0693, online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. What information is EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), EPA specifically solicits comments and information 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 estimates 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.
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. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

II. What information collection activity or ICR does this action apply to?

Title: Pesticide Data Call-Ins

EPA ICR No.: 2288.07

OMB Control No.: 2070-0174

ICR Status: This ICR is currently approved through December 31, 2025. Under the PRA, 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. The OMB control

numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), after appearing in the *Federal Register* when approved, are displayed either by publication in the *Federal Register* or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: This ICR covers the information collection activities associated with the issuance of data-call-ins (DCIs) under section 3(c)(2)(B) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

EPA regulates the use of pesticides under the authority of two federal statutes: FIFRA and the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), both as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. In general, before manufacturers can sell pesticides in the United States, EPA must evaluate the pesticides thoroughly to ensure that they meet federal safety standards to protect human health and the environment. EPA grants a "registration" or license that permits a pesticide's distribution, sale, and use only after the company meets the scientific and regulatory requirements.

In evaluating a pesticide registration application, EPA assesses a wide variety of potential human health and environmental effects associated with the use of the product. Applicants, or potential registrants, must generate or provide the scientific data necessary to address concerns pertaining to the identity, composition, potential adverse effects, and environmental fate of each pesticide. The data allow EPA to evaluate whether a pesticide has the potential to cause harmful effects to human health and the environment, including effects to non-target organisms, federally threatened and endangered (listed) species, and to surface water or ground water.

Through a rigorous scientific and public process, EPA specifies the kinds of data and information necessary to make regulatory judgments about the risks and benefits of pesticide products under FIFRA section 3, 4 and 5, as well as the data and information needed to determine the safety of pesticide chemical residues under FFDCA section 408. The regulations in

40 CFR part 158 describe the minimum data and information EPA typically requires to support an application for pesticide registration or amendment; support the reregistration of a pesticide product; support the maintenance of a pesticide registration by means of the data call-in process (e.g., as used in the registration review program); or establish or maintain a tolerance or exemption from the requirements of a tolerance for a pesticide chemical residue.

The ICR, which is available in the docket along with other related materials, provides a detailed explanation of the collection activities and the burden estimate that is only briefly summarized here:

Form number(s): EPA Form No. 8570-4, 8574-27, 8570-28, 8570-32, 8579-34, 8570-35, 8570-36, 8570-37, 6300-3, and 6300-4.

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected are those that are pesticide registrants.

A list of potentially affected entities with North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes provided to assist in determining potential applicability in question 12.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory under FIFRA section 3(c)(2)(B).

Estimated number of potential respondents: 385.

Frequency of response: On Occasion.

Total estimated average number of responses for each respondent: 1.

Total estimated burden: 2,551,600 hours (three-year total). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

Total estimated costs: \$ 240,726,041 (three-year total), includes \$0 annualized capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

III. Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

There is a decrease of 7,194,896 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This change, which is discussed in more detail in the ICR, reflects the projected number of DCIs that have decreased for most IC groups. While the number of Maintenance DCIs have increased by 45, the number of estimated

Registration Review DCIs have decreased by 227. In addition, the Agency has determined that Registration Review DCIs, specifically Resistance Management Plans, are unlikely to be called in and therefore reducing the number of DCIs from 237 to 1. The total decrease in DCIs is 418. This change is considered an adjustment.

IV. What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

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 pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another *Federal Register* document pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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