



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0093; FRL-12849-01-OMS]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NESHAP for Ferroalloys Production: Ferromanganese and Silicomanganese (EPA ICR Number 1831.09, OMB Control Number 2060-0391) 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, 2025. Public comments were previously requested via the *Federal Register* on August 6, 2024 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-2021-0093, 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, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standard, D243-05, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (919) 541-0833; email address: [ali.muntasir@epa.gov](mailto:ali.muntasir@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through June 30, 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 August 6, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 63933). 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 Ferroalloys Production: Ferromanganese and Silicomanganese (40 CFR Part 63, Subpart XXX) were promulgated on May 20, 1999; and amended on: March 22, 2001; June 23, 2003; April 20, 2006; June 30, 2015 (80 FR 37366); January 18, 2017 (82 FR 5408), and November 19, 2020 (85 FR 73902). These regulations apply to both new and existing ferroalloy production facilities that manufacture ferromanganese and silicomanganese, and that are either major sources of

hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions or are co-located at major sources of HAPs. The following affected facilities at ferroalloy production plants are subject to this NESHAP rule: electric arc furnaces; casting operations; metal oxygen refining (MOR) processes; crushing and screening operations; and outdoor fugitive dust sources. New facilities include those that commenced construction or reconstruction after the date of proposal. The burden in this ICR reflects the burden associated with the recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the regulation for new and existing sources included in the June 30, 2015 Risk and Technology Review (RTR) final rule amendments and January 18, 2017 reconsideration notice. The burden associated with the 2015 final rule amendments and reconsideration notice is accounted for in EPA ICR No. 2448.02 (OMB Control No. 2060-0676). The 2020 amendment implemented the plain language reading of the “major source” and “area source” definitions of section 112 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and provide that a major source can be reclassified to area source status at any time upon reducing its potential to emit (PTE) hazardous air pollutants (HAP) to below the major source thresholds and required this notification be submitted electronically. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart XXX. 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:* Ferroalloys production facilities.

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

*Estimated number of respondents:* 2 (total).

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

*Total estimated burden:* 1,610 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$645,000 (per year), which includes \$424,000 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is no change in hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This is due to two considerations. First, the regulations have not changed over the past three years and are not anticipated to change over the next three years. Secondly, the growth rate for the industry is very low, negative or non-existent, so there is no significant change in the overall burden. Since there are no changes in the regulatory requirements and there is no significant industry growth, there are also no changes in the capital/startup or operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

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