

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0145; FRL-8534-7]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National-Scale Activity Survey (N-SAS); EPA ICR No. 2293.01, OMB Control No. 2060-NEW****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request for a new Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0145, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov).

- *Fax:* 202-566-9744.

- *Mail:* Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, Air and Radiation Docket, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery:* EPA Docket Center, Public Reading Room, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0145. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system,

which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?**

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0145, which is available for online viewing at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or in person viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket is 202-566-1742.

Use [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

**What Information Is EPA Particularly Interested In?**

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

(i) 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;

(ii) 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;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) 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.

**What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?**

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

**What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply to?**

Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0145.

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are adults age 35

and older living in metropolitan areas that experience episodes of high ozone pollution levels in the summer.

*Title:* National-Scale Activity Survey (N-SAS).

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 2293.01, OMB Control No. 2060-NEW.

*ICR status:* This ICR is for a new information collection activity. 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 CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, 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 in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* The EPA, along with State and regional air quality regulators support the Air Quality Index (AQI), to notify the public of health hazards associated with air pollution, primarily ozone and particulate matter pollution (PM). EPA, and specifically the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, which manages the AQI program, is interested in assessing the public's awareness, knowledge and both stated and actual behavioral response to AQI warnings. To address this need, OAQPS wishes to conduct the longitudinal National-Scale Activity Surveys (N-SAS) to gather information on the public's perceptions, awareness, attitudes, and stated and actual behaviors in response to AQI warnings. The survey data will be used to evaluate whether the AQI warnings effectively inform the public about health hazards associated with high levels of ozone and to measure behavior change on high ozone days. The information will also be used to help improve outreach efforts to this population. The survey will be administered to a susceptible subpopulation of concern, adults age 55 and older who engage in some level of physical activity living in cities with ozone pollution problems. The survey will also be administered to a similar sample of adults age 35 and older for comparison purposes. The data will be collected through a Web-based survey of members from Knowledge Network's Web panel. Response to the survey is voluntary. The respondents will be anonymous to EPA and contractor staff and Knowledge Networks keeps identity of respondents confidential.

The longitudinal N-SAS consists of a series of nine surveys. A screening

survey at the beginning and a debriefing survey at the end will provide information on the respondents, their awareness and knowledge of air pollution and the AQI, risk perceptions regarding health effects, and reported behaviors on high ozone days. After the screening survey, panelists will be administered a set of seven activity diaries administered on both high and low ozone days to collect information on actual behavior.

In addition to assessing the effectiveness of AQI-based ozone warnings, the data will also be used to supplement the limited data available to develop exposure profiles for older Americans and to identify behaviors that may affect exposure analysis, for example identifying populations that report altering their behavior on high air pollution days or reported behavior by individuals who live in a particular area such as near major roadways. The responses will also provide information for future studies of the economic benefits of air quality improvements by identifying behavioral changes and other potential costs associated with high levels of air pollution.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.24 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 800 complete all surveys, 1,858 starting sample size.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion, up to 9 surveys total.

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 9.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 2.24 hours for each respondent to complete all 9 surveys, for the original

sample of 1,858 the average burden across all respondents is 1.04 hours.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$53,000. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$53,000 and an estimated cost of \$0 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

#### **Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?**

This is a new request.

#### **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. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice 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 technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: February 20, 2008.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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### **Notice of Expert Peer-Review Meeting on the Framework for Determining a Mutagenic Mode of Action for Carcinogenicity: Using EPA's 2005 Cancer Guidelines and Supplemental Guidance for Assessing Susceptibility From Early-Life Exposure to Carcinogens External Review Draft**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA or Agency) Office of the Science Advisor (OSA) is announcing an external peer-review meeting to review the draft document titled, "Framework for Determining a Mutagenic Mode of Action for Carcinogenicity: Using EPA's 2005 Cancer Guidelines and Supplemental Guidance for Assessing Susceptibility From Early-Life Exposure to Carcinogens" (or Framework). The draft document was prepared by the Mutagenic Mode of Action Workgroup of EPA's Risk Assessment Forum and