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EPA is considering deriving a perchlorate MCLG by linking BBDR model output to alterations in thyroid hormone status that result in alterations in neurodevelopment. The draft approach for deriving a perchlorate MCLG outlines an assessment of the literature linking alterations in thyroid hormone status to alterations in neurodevelopment. Based on the results of this literature review, the report describes potential approaches to set the MCLG based on the availability of the current literature and the output of the BBDR model, predicting the effects of perchlorate on serum thyroid hormone concentrations in infants exposed via ingestion of formula mixed with contaminated drinking water or breast milk (see 81 FR 10617, March 1, 2016). The draft approach will be approximately 100 pages in length with approximately 7–10 figures and 10–15 tables. The draft approach describes application of the BBDR model to the development of a perchlorate MCLG and the appropriateness of the process under SDWA guidelines.

EPA anticipates releasing the draft BBDR model, draft model support document, and draft approach for peer review and public comment in the near future (the exact date to be determined).

## II. How To Submit Nominations for Peer Reviewers

*Expanded Expertise Sought:* EPA is seeking candidates who are nationally and/or internationally recognized scientific experts to serve as external peer reviewers for the draft BBDR model, the draft model support document, and the draft approach to derive a perchlorate MCLG. Nominees should possess and demonstrate background knowledge and experience in one or more of the following areas of risk assessment to include: An understanding of thyroid function (preferably in the sensitive life stages of interest), the importance of maternal thyroid hormone homeostasis in each stage of gestation, hypothyroxinemia, neurodevelopmental assessment indices for young children including the Bayley's Scale, the toxicity of perchlorate, epidemiological assessment techniques, and statistics.

*Expanded Selection Criteria:* Selection criteria for individuals nominated to serve as external peer reviewers of the draft BBDR model, draft model support document, and draft approach to derive an MCLG for perchlorate include the following: (1) Demonstrated expertise through

relevant peer reviewed publications, (2) professional accomplishments and recognition by professional societies, (3) demonstrated ability to work constructively and effectively in a committee setting, (4) absence of financial conflicts of interest, (5) no actual conflicts of interest or the appearance of lack of impartiality, (6) willingness to commit adequate time for the thorough review of the draft BBDR model, the draft model support document and the draft approach for deriving a perchlorate MCLG, commencing approximately during the summer of 2016 (exact date to be determined), and (7) availability to participate in person in a two-day peer review meeting in the Washington, DC metro area, projected to occur during the fall of 2016 (exact date will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the external peer review meeting). Further logistical information regarding the external peer review meeting will be announced at a later date in the **Federal Register**.

*Expanded Required Nominee Information:* To receive full consideration, the following information should be submitted to Versar ([perchlorate@versar.com](mailto:perchlorate@versar.com)) (the subject line should read: BBDR Model Peer Review and Peer Review of Approach for Deriving a Perchlorate MCLG): (1) Contact information for the person making the nomination; (2) contact information for the nominee; (3) the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; (4) the nominee's curriculum vitae; and (5) a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, past and current research activities, recent service on other advisory committees, peer review panels, editorial boards or professional organizations, sources of recent grant and/or contract support and other comments on the relevance of the nominee's expertise to this peer review topic. Compensation for non-federal peer reviewers will be provided by Versar.

*Expanded Selection Process:* EPA's contractor, Versar, will notify candidates of selection or non-selection. Versar may also conduct an independent search for candidates to assemble a balanced group representing the expertise needed to fully evaluate EPA's draft BBDR model, draft model support document for perchlorate, and draft approach for deriving a perchlorate MCLG. The contractor will consider and screen all candidates against the criteria previously listed. Following the screening process, the contractor will narrow the list of potential reviewers to

approximately 12–18 interim candidates. Prior to selecting the final peer reviewers, a **Federal Register** notice will be published (exact date to be determined) to solicit comments on the interim list of candidates. In that notice, the public will be requested to provide relevant information or documentation on the nominees within 30 days of the announcement of the interim list of candidates. Once the contractor has considered the public comments on the interim list of candidates, the contractor will select the final list of peer reviewers based on who, collectively, will best provide expertise spanning the disciplines listed above and (to the extent feasible) best provide a balance of perspectives.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564–7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) Filed 05/23/2016 Through 05/27/2016 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

### Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

*EIS No. 20160112, Draft, USFS, MT,* Galton Vegetation Management, Comment Period Ends: 07/25/2016, Contact: Ron Komac 406–296–2536 x7130.

*EIS No. 20160113, Draft, USFS, MT,* Flathead National Forest Plan Revision and Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy Forest Plan Amendments to the Lolo, Helena, Lewis & Clark, and Kootenai National Forests, Comment Period Ends: 10/03/2016, Contact: Joe Krueger 406–758–5243.

*EIS No. 20160114, Final, FHWA, TX,* Grand Parkway (State Highway 99) Segment B, Review Period Ends: 07/05/2016, Contact: Carlos Swonke 512–416–2734.

*EIS No. 20160115, Draft, DOD, Other, Continental United States (CONUS) Interceptor Site, Comment Period Ends: 07/18/2016, Contact: Christopher Johnson 571-231-8212.*

*EIS No. 20160116, Final, USACE, FL, Herbert Hoover Dike Dam Safety Modification Study, Review Period Ends: 07/05/2016, Contact: Stacie Auvenshine 904-232-3694.*

*EIS No. 20160117, Draft, BR, USACE, MT, Lower Yellowstone Intake Diversion Dam Fish Passage Project, Comment Period Ends: 07/18/2016, Contact: Tiffany Vanosdall 402-995-2695.*

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation are joint lead agencies for this project.

*EIS No. 20160118, Draft, BLM, CO, Uncompahgre Draft Resource Management Plan, Comment Period Ends: 09/01/2016, Contact: Gina Jones 970-240-5381.*

*EIS No. 20160119, Draft, USFS, OR, Green Mountain Project, Comment Period Ends: 07/18/2016, Contact: Elysia Retzlaff 541-822-7214.*

*EIS No. 20160120, Final, USFWS, CA, South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Phase 2, Review Period Ends: 07/05/2016, Contact: Chris Barr 510-792-0222.*

*EIS No. 20160121, Draft, USACE, AZ, Little Colorado River, Winslow, Arizona, Flood Risk Management Project, Comment Period Ends: 07/18/2016, Contact: Kirk Brus 213-452-3876.*

*EIS No. 20160122, Draft, USFS, AK, Wrangell Island Project, Comment Period Ends: 07/18/2016, Contact: Andrea Slusser 907-874-2323.*

*EIS No. 20160123, Final, USFS, CO, Spruce Beetle Epidemic and Aspen Decline Management Response, Review Period Ends: 07/05/2016, Contact: Samantha Staley 970-874-6666.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions (EPA ICR No. 2243.08, OMB Control No. 2020-0033) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through October 31, 2016. 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OECA-2005-0062 online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica Trice, Office of Federal Activities, Mail Code 2252A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-6646; fax number: (202) 564-0072; email address: [trice.jessica@epa.gov](mailto:trice.jessica@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting 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. 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. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347 establishes a national policy for the environment. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) oversees the NEPA implementation. CEQ's Regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 set the standard for NEPA compliance. They also require agencies to establish their own NEPA implementing procedures. EPA's procedures for implementing NEPA are found in 40 CFR part 6. Through this part, EPA adopted the CEQ Regulations and supplemented those regulations for actions by EPA that are subject to NEPA requirements. EPA actions subject to NEPA include the award of wastewater treatment construction grants under Title II of the Clean Water Act, EPA's issuance of new source National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits under section 402 of