



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OECA-2009-0422; FRL – 9940-42-OEI]

### **Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Chromium Emissions from Hard and Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing Tanks (Renewal)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), “NESHAP for Chromium Emissions from Hard and Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing Tanks (40 CFR Part 63, Subpart N) (Renewal)” (EPA ICR No. 1611.11, OMB Control No. 2060-0327) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through December 31, 2015. Public comments were previously requested via the *Federal Register* (80 FR 32116) on June 5, 2015 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. 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:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before [insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OECA-2009-0422, to (1) EPA 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, and (2) OMB via email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

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:** Patrick Yellin, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2227A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-2970; fax number: (202) 564-0050; email address: [yellin.patrick@epa.gov](mailto:yellin.patrick@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, EPA 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:* Owners and operators of chromium electroplating or chromium anodizing tanks at existing and new facilities performing hard chromium electroplating, decorative chromium electroplating, and chromium anodizing are required to comply with reporting and record keeping requirements for the general provisions of 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart A, as well as the applicable specific standards found at 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart N. This includes submitting initial notifications, performance tests and periodic reports and results, and maintaining 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 reports are used by EPA to determine compliance with the standards.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Hard chromium electroplating, decorative chromium electroplating, and chromium anodizing facilities.

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

*Estimated number of respondents:* 1,343 (total).

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

*Total estimated burden:* 242,000 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$28,300,000 (per year), includes \$20,400,000 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is an increase in the respondent burden hours and a decrease in the number of annual responses and the annual cost burden. The burden currently approved by OMB is the sum of the burden from EPA ICR Number 1161.10 (2012 amendment) and EPA ICR Number 1611.07 (existing rule). Changes to the OMB approved burden occurred because this ICR is updated to reflect the ongoing compliance burden and cost of the 2012 rule, and to use more recent estimate on the number of sources for all burden calculations.

The increase in the respondent labor hours is primarily due to the correction of a data entry error, which was that the number of area sources using wetting agents monitoring on a regular schedule was switched with the number monitoring on a reduced schedule, and vice versa.