



## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OECA-2012-0653; FRL – 9995-80-OMS]**

### **Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon Oxygen Decarburization Vessels (Renewal)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NSPS for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon Oxygen Decarburization Vessels (EPA ICR Number 1060.18, OMB Control Number 2060-0038), 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 August 31, 2019. Public comments were previously requested, via the *Federal Register*, on May 30, 2018 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 neither conduct nor 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-2012-0653, to: (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), or 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:* The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon Oxygen Decarburization Vessels (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart AA) were proposed on October 21, 1974, promulgated on September 23, 1975, and most recently-amended on February 22, 2005. These regulations apply to electric arc furnaces and dust-handling systems that commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction either after October 21, 1974 or on/or before August 17, 1983 at steel plants that produce carbon, alloy, or specialty steels. In addition, the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for these regulations (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart AAa) were proposed on August 17, 1983, promulgated on October 31, 1984, and most

recently- amended on February 22, 2005. These latter regulations apply to electric arc furnaces, argon-oxygen decarburization vessels, and dust-handling systems that commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction after August 17, 1983 at steel plants that produce carbon, alloy, or specialty steels. New facilities include those that commenced construction, modification or reconstruction after the date of proposal. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR Part 60, Subparts AA and AAa.

In general, all NSPS 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 NSPS.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Steel plants that produce carbon, alloy, or specialty steels: electric arc furnaces (EAFs), argon oxygen decarburization (AOD) vessels, and dust handling systems.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR Part 60 Subparts AA and AAa).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 100.66 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Initially, occasionally and semiannually.

*Total estimated burden:* 62,700 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$7,350,000 (per year), which includes \$207,000 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is an adjustment increase in the total estimated burden as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. This increase is not due to any program changes. The adjustment increase in burden from the most recently approved ICR is

due to an increase in the number of new or modified sources, which is based on an assumption of continued growth in the industry. There is also an adjustment increase in capital and operation and maintenance costs due to the increase in the number of respondents.

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