



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OECA-2013-0334; FRL – 10002-47-OMS]

### **Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Secondary Brass and Bronze Production, Primary Copper Smelters, Primary Zinc Smelters, Primary Lead Smelters, Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants, and Ferroalloy Production Facilities (Renewal)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NSPS for Secondary Brass and Bronze Production, Primary Copper Smelters, Primary Zinc Smelters, Primary Lead Smelters, Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants, and Ferroalloy Production Facilities (EPA ICR Number 1604.12, OMB Control Number 2060-0110), 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 January 31, 2020. Public comments were previously requested, via the *Federal Register*, on May 6, 2019 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-2013-0334, 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, 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 NSPS for Secondary Brass and Bronze Production (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart M) apply to existing facilities and new facilities that commence construction or modification after June 11, 1973. These standards apply to the following facilities in secondary brass or bronze production plants: reverberatory and electric furnaces of 1,000 kg or greater production capacity and blast (cupola) furnaces of 250 kg/hr or greater production capacity. Furnaces from which molten brass or bronze are cast into the shape of finished products, such as foundry furnaces, are not considered to be affected facilities. New facilities include those that commenced construction, modification or reconstruction after the date of proposal. The NSPS for Primary

Copper Smelters (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart P) apply to existing facilities and new facilities that commence construction or modification after October 16, 1974. These standards apply to the following facilities in primary copper smelters: dryer, roaster, smelting furnace, and copper converter. The NSPS for Primary Zinc Smelters (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Q) apply to existing facilities and new facilities that commence construction or modification after October 16, 1974. These standards apply to the following facilities in primary zinc smelters: roaster and sintering machines. The NSPS for Primary Lead Smelters (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart R) apply to existing facilities and new facilities that commence construction or modification after October 16, 1974. These standards apply to the following facilities in primary lead smelters: sintering machine, sintering machine discharge end, blast furnace, dross reverberatory furnace, electric smelting furnace, and converter. The NSPS for Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart S) apply to existing facilities and new facilities that commence construction or modification after October 23, 1974. The NSPS for Ferroalloy Production Facilities (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Z) apply to existing facilities and new facilities that commence construction or modification after October 21, 1974. These standards apply to the following facilities in ferroalloy production plants: electric submerged arc furnaces which produce silicon metal, ferrosilicon, calcium silicon, silicomanganese zirconium, ferrochrome silicon, silvery iron, high-carbon ferrochrome, charge chrome, standard ferromanganese, silicomanganese, ferromanganese silicon, or calcium carbide; and dust-handling equipment.

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:* Secondary Brass/Bronze Production (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart M), Primary Copper Smelters (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart P), Primary Zinc Smelters (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Q), Primary Lead Smelters (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart R), Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart S), and Ferroalloy Production Facilities (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Z).

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory, 40 CFR Part 60.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 18 (total).

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

*Total estimated burden:* 3,880 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$576,000 (per year), which includes \$127,000 in annualized capital and/or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is no change in the labor hours in this ICR compared to the previous ICR. 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. There is an adjustment increase in the labor burden in this ICR compared to the previous ICR due to the increase in labor costs over the past three years.

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