

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0292; FRL-11021-01-ORD]

### Public Comment on the Cumulative Risk Assessment Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 60-day public comment period on the draft Cumulative Risk Assessment (CRA) Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation. The CRA Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation describe steps for the planning and problem formulation of CRAs and offer guidelines for when cumulative risk assessments could be appropriate. Planning defines both the process for conducting the risk assessment and its general scope, while problem formulation identifies major factors considered in a specific assessment to inform its technical approach. The draft CRA Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation are not final, and do not represent, and should not be construed to represent, Agency policy or views.

**DATES:** The 60-day public comment period begins June 16, 2023 and ends August 15, 2023. Comments must be received on or before August 15, 2023 to be considered by EPA.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0292, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, [insert Program Office Name] Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.
- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Docket Center's hours of operations are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal Holidays).

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this notice. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending

comments and additional information on the public comment process, see the PUBLIC PARTICIPATION heading of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public comment period, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov). For technical information on the draft guidelines or information on the public comment period, contact Dr. Lawrence Martin, via email at: [martin.lawrence@epa.gov](mailto:martin.lawrence@epa.gov); or via phone/voicemail at 202-308-5642.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Public Participation

**Written Comments:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0292, at <https://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or the other methods identified in the ADDRESSES section. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA's docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), Proprietary Business Information (PBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. If you are commenting on specific text in the document, please use the page and line number to identify the text to which you refer. General recommendations or comments are best tied to a specific section in the text that comes closest to addressing the issue you are commenting upon. If no such section exists, then a recommendation for a new section heading is helpful. Please provide citations for any technical information and/or data used to support the information you provide. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets> for additional submission methods; the full EPA public comment policy; information about CBI, PBI, or multimedia submissions; and general guidance on making effective comments.

##### II. Background on the CRA Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation

The draft CRA Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation is available at <https://www.epa.gov/risk/guidelines-cumulative-risk-assessment-planning-and-problem-formulation> and in the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0292.

The CRA Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation focus on this first phase of a cumulative risk assessment. The document does not address other elements of the cumulative risk assessment process, including conducting an analysis, risk characterization, risk communication, or risk management. Public comments focused on the planning and problem formulation phase of a cumulative risk assessment would be most useful.

EPA undertook the development of methods for CRA beginning with the 1997 *Guidance on Cumulative Risk Assessment, Part 1, Planning and Scoping*. In 2003, EPA published *A Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment*. EPA continued to advance CRA methods to support understanding and reducing risks to people in disproportionately impacted communities, in 2008 publishing *Concepts, Methods, and Data Sources for Cumulative Health Risk Assessment of Multiple Chemicals, Exposures and Effects*. This draft CRA Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation build off the 2003 CRA Framework and updates the 1997 CRA Guidance. The draft CRA Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation provides methods by which stressors are identified and incorporated into problem formulation and a conceptual model. In June 2021, the draft CRA Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation received an independent contractor-led external panel peer review. Subsequent revision has produced the draft CRA Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation that is now released for public comment.

##### III. How will comments be used?

Public comment received on the draft CRA Guidelines for Planning and Problem Formulation will be reviewed and considered to be incorporated into or modify text in the final revised draft of the Guidelines. The final draft Guidelines will then undergo internal

EPA review and revision, and then be finalized for publication.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0264 and OMB 3060-0297; FR ID 147792]

### Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before August 15, 2023. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email *PRA@fcc.gov* and to *Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0264.

*Title:* Section 80.413, On-Board Station Equipment Records.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000 respondents; 1,000 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Recordkeeping requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 307(e), 309 and 332 and 151-155 and sections 301-609 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

*Total Annual Burden:* 2,000 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No cost.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commission is seeking an extension of this expiring information collection in order to obtain the full three-year approval from OMB. There is no change to the recordkeeping requirement. The information collection requirements contained in Section 80.413 require the licensee of an on-board station to keep equipment records which show:

- (1) The ship name and identification of the on-board station;
- (2) The number of and type of repeater and mobile units used on-board the vessel; and
- (3) The date the type of equipment which is added or removed from the on-board station.

The information is used by FCC personnel during inspections and investigations to determine what mobile units and repeaters are associated with on-board stations aboard a particular vessel. If this information were not maintained, no means would be available to determine if this type of radio equipment is authorized or who is responsible for its operation. Enforcement and frequency management programs would be negatively affected if the information were not retained.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0297.

*Title:* Section 80.503, Cooperative Use of Facilities.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 100 respondents; 100 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 16 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Occasion reporting requirement and Recordkeeping requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 151-155, 301-609 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; and 3 UST 3450, 3 UST 4726, 12 UST 2377.

*Total Annual Burden:* 1,600 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No cost.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirements contained in Section 80.503 require that a licensee of a private coast station or marine utility station on shore may install ship radio stations on board United States commercial transport vessels of other persons. In each case these persons must enter into a written agreement verifying that the ship station licensee has the sole right of control of the ship stations, that the vessel operators must use the ship stations subject to the orders and instructions of the coast station or marine utility station on shore, and that the ship station licensee will have sufficient control of the ship station to enable it to carry out its responsibilities under the ship station license. A copy of the contract/written agreement must be kept with the station records and made available for inspection by Commission representatives.

The information is used by FCC personnel during inspection and investigations to ensure compliance with applicable rules. If this information was not available, enforcement efforts could be hindered; frequency congestion in certain bands could increase; and the financial viability of some public coast radiotelephone stations could be threatened.

Federal Communications Commission.

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*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

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