## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

[OMB Number 1105-0NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Crime Victims' Rights Act Complaint Form

**AGENCY:** Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Department of Justice. **ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Victims' Rights Ombuds, Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA), Department of Justice (DOJ), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on August 2, 2023, allowing a 60-day comment period.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until November 6, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact: Ellen FitzGerald, Victims' Rights Ombudsman, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 2261, Washington, DC 20530 (Email: USAEO.RegulatoryComments@ usdoj.gov or telephone: 202–252–1010).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- —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;
- —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;
- —Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and/or
- —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.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection. This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Justice, information collections currently under review by OMB.

DOJ seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOJ notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

# Overview of This Information Collection

- 1. *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.
- 2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Crime Victims' Rights Act Complaint Form.
- 3. Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Not applicable.
- 4. Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Abstract: The Crime Victims' Rights Act of 2004, 18 U.S.C. 3771 (CVRA), sets forth the rights of a federal crime victim to file a complaint against any Department of Justice employee who violated or failed to provide rights established under the CVRA. The Department of Justice has created the Office of the Victims' Rights Ombudsman to receive and investigate complaints filed by federal crime victims against its employees and has implemented "Procedures to Promote Compliance with Crime Victims' Rights Obligations," 28 CFR 45.10. The complaint process is not designed for the correction of specific victims' rights violations but is instead used to request corrective or disciplinary action against Department of Justice employees who may have failed to provide rights to crime victims. The Department of Justice will investigate the allegations in

the complaint to determine whether the employee used his or her "best efforts" to provide crime victim rights. The Office of the Crime Victims' Rights Ombudsman does not administer crime victim funds or provide services.

- 5. Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.
- 6. Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.
- 7. Estimated Time per Respondent: 45 minutes.
  - 8. Frequency: Once/annually.
- 9. Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 75 hours.
- 10. Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

If additional information is required, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W–218, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: September 29, 2023.

#### Darwin Arceo,

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## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

### Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Water Act

On September 29, 2023, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee in the lawsuit entitled *United States and the State of Tennessee* v. *Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority*, Civil Action No. 23–cv–00225.

The United States, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and the State of Tennessee filed this lawsuit under the Clean Water Act and Tennessee State law. The complaint seeks penalties and injunctive relief alleging that the Defendant discharged to waters of the United States without an NPDES Permit and violated the operations and maintenance conditions of its NPDES permit and, for our co-plaintiff State of Tennessee, violated Tennessee state laws. The proposed Consent Decree secures injunctive relief at Hamilton County's wastewater treatment plant and collection and transmission systems primarily focused on eliminating sanitary sewer overflows and bypasses at the treatment plant. WWTA must pay a civil penalty of \$598,490, split evenly between the United States and the State of Tennessee.