

who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate forms of information technology. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** The Natural Gas STAR Program and Methane Challenge Partnership (“Gas STAR Programs”) are voluntary programs sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that have encouraged oil and natural gas companies to adopt cost effective technologies and practices that improve operational efficiency and reduce methane emissions. Methane is the primary component of natural gas and a potent greenhouse gas. The Programs have worked with oil and natural gas companies in the production, gathering & boosting, processing, transmission & storage, and distribution segments to remove barriers that inhibit the implementation of technologies and practices that reduce methane emissions. EPA has recently taken historic steps to tackle wasteful methane emissions from the oil and gas sector beyond voluntary action. The Inflation Reduction Act directed EPA to implement a suite of actions to swiftly reduce methane emissions through the creation of the Methane Emissions Reductions Program (MERP). On December 2, 2023, EPA announced final New Source Performance Standards and Emissions Guidelines (NSPS/EG) to regulate the oil and gas industry under the Clean Air Act, resulting in ambitious requirements to reduce methane from both new and existing sources. The Department of Transportation has also imposed requirements on the transmission segment including implementation of the PIPES Act of 2020. Based on the limited remaining potential for voluntary actions to reduce methane emissions, EPA will be sunsetting the Methane Challenge Partnership, and transitioning its outreach efforts to advance ambitious, sector-wide methane reductions through technical assistance and outreach under the Methane Emissions Reduction Program. This follows EPA’s sunsetting of the partnership agreements, implementation plans, and the reporting component of the Natural Gas STAR Program in 2022. Updating the ICR for the Methane Challenge Partnership and the Natural Gas STAR Program to reflect these programmatic changes is expected

to significantly decrease burden by removing all partner reporting and partnership related data sharing aspects. The sole programmatic element involving voluntary collection of information the EPA plans to retain is the Oil and Gas Equipment and Service Providers Directory. This directory’s purpose is to share information about service and technology providers that can facilitate methane emission reduction activities in the oil and gas sector.

**Form Numbers:** The Natural Gas STAR Program’s Oil and Gas Equipment and Service Providers Directory collects information via a webform, *Service Providers Directory*: EPA Form No. 5900–502; located at the following URL: <https://www.epa.gov/natural-gas-star-program/forms/join-oil-and-gas-equipment-and-service-providers-directory>.

**Respondents/affected entities:** The Natural Gas STAR Program’s Oil and Gas Equipment and Service Providers Directory is open to companies that offer services, technologies, and/or equipment that can help oil and gas operators reduce their methane emissions. EPA does not specifically endorse any product, technology, equipment, or service listed in the Program’s Directory.

**Respondent’s obligation to respond:** Voluntary.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 50 vendors (total).

**Frequency of response:** Semi-annual.

**Total estimated burden:** 13 hours (per year) for the Natural Gas STAR Program. Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

**Total estimated cost:** \$3,549 (per year) for the Natural Gas STAR Program. There are no capital/start-up costs or O&M costs associated with this information collection.

**Changes in Estimates:** EPA expects that the burden associated with the final ICR submission for the Natural Gas STAR Program will decrease significantly compared to its previous estimated burden due to modifying this ICR to remove all Methane Challenge partnership agreement forms, implementation plans, reporting forms, and fact sheets.

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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m., Thursday, June 13, 2024.

**PLACE:** You may observe this meeting in person at 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102–5090, or virtually. If you would like to observe, at least 24 hours in advance, visit [FCA.gov](https://www.fca.gov), select “Newsroom,” then select “Events.” From there, access the linked “Instructions for board meeting visitors” and complete the described registration process.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The following matters will be considered:

- Approval of Minutes for May 9, 2024
- Quarterly Report on Economic Conditions and Farm Credit System Condition and Performance
- Semiannual Report on Office of Examination Operations

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

If you need more information or assistance for accessibility reasons, or have questions, contact Ashley Waldron, Secretary to the Board. Telephone: 703–883–4009. TTY: 703–883–4056.

**Ashley Waldron,**

*Secretary to the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces a Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting on “Evaluation and Coordinating Center for the AHRQ/PCORI Learning Health System Embedded Scientist Training and Research Centers (U18)”

**DATES:** July 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, (Video Assisted Review), 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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