

Total estimated cost: \$521,339 (per year), including \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: This is a new collection, and so does not involve any program changes or burden adjustments.

Courtney Kerwin,

Director, Regulatory Support Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OCFO-2024-0072; FRL-12560-01-OMS]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving and Government to Government Programs: Progress and Final Reporting Information Collections (New)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Environmental Justice CPS and G2G Programs: Progress and Final Reporting Information Collections (EPA ICR Number 2807.01, OMB Control Number 2035-NEW) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a request for approval of a new collection. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on February 21, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2023-0531, to EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to Docket_OMS@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

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.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aarti Iyer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; email address: iyer.aarti@epa.gov; phone: 202-564-0214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a request for approval of a new collection. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on February 21, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 13079). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. 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 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 <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) makes competitive financial assistance awards to support projects that tackle environmental, public health, and energy challenges across the country. This is accomplished by working directly with community-based organizations (CBOs) and state, local, territorial, and tribal governments that have strong ties to the communities in which they are working. EPA fosters a collaborative approach to tackling some of the most critical challenges in the most overburdened communities by encouraging projects that involve multiple stakeholders including States, local governments, and tribal governments. To help get resources and funding to underserved and overburdened communities EPA offers Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving (EJCPS) and

Environmental Justice Government to Government (EJG2G) cooperative agreement programs. With this Information Collection Request (ICR), EPA seeks authorization to collect post-award information in the form of semi-annual progress reports and final reports from each grantee to track their progress, with respect to effectiveness (e.g., the extent to which projects achieved their objectives, goals, and targets), efficiency (e.g., the extent to which projects delivered activities and outputs on schedule and within budget), and equity (e.g., the extent to which investments and benefits flowed to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution). Collection of this information enables EPA to assess and manage the EJCPS and EJG2G programs, which ensures responsible stewardship of public funds; rigorous evidence-based learning and improvement; and transparent accountability to the American public.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Recipients of financial assistance awards.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory for recipients of financial awards to obtain or retain a benefit (2 CFR parts 200 and 1500).

Estimated number of respondents: 217.

Frequency of response: Varies.

Total estimated burden: 17,360 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$994,554 (per year), including \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: This is a new collection, and so does not involve any program changes or burden adjustments.

Courtney Kerwin,

Director, Regulatory Support Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0448; FRL-12439-01-OCSP]

Vinyl Chloride; Draft Scope of the Risk Evaluation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is announcing the availability of and seeking public comment on the draft scope of the risk evaluation to be conducted under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for vinyl chloride (ethene, chloro-; CASRN 75-01-4). Under TSCA, the scope documents must include the conditions of use, hazards, exposures, and the potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations that EPA expects to consider in conducting the risk evaluation for this chemical substance. The purpose of risk evaluations under TSCA is to determine whether a chemical substance presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment under the conditions of use, including unreasonable risk to potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations identified as relevant to the risk evaluation by EPA, and without consideration of costs or non-risk factors.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0448, online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For technical information: Marcy Card, Existing Chemicals Risk Assessment Division (7403M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-1202; email address: VinylChloride.TSCA@epa.gov.

For general information: The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Executive Summary

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general and may be of particular interest to those involved in the manufacture (defined under TSCA section 3(9) to include import), processing, distribution, use, and

disposal of vinyl chloride, related industry trade organizations, non-governmental organizations with an interest in human and environmental health, state and local governments, Tribal Nations, and/or those interested in the assessment of risks involving chemical substances and mixtures regulated under TSCA. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that this action might apply to. If you need help determining applicability, consult the technical contact listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?

The draft scope of the risk evaluation is issued pursuant to TSCA section 6(b)(4)(D), 15 U.S.C. 2605(b)(4)(D), and EPA's implementing regulations at 40 CFR 702.39(b).

C. What action is the Agency taking?

EPA is announcing the availability of and seeking public comment on the draft scope of the risk evaluation to be conducted under TSCA for vinyl chloride (ethene, chloro-; CASRN 75-01-4). Under TSCA, the scope documents must include the conditions of use, hazards, exposures, and the potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations that EPA expects to consider in conducting the risk evaluation for this chemical substance. The purpose of risk evaluations under TSCA is to determine whether a chemical substance presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment under the conditions of use, including unreasonable risk to potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations identified as relevant to the risk evaluation by EPA, and without consideration of costs or non-risk factors.

D. What should I consider as I prepare my comments?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit CBI to EPA through <https://www.regulations.gov> or email. If you wish to include CBI in your comment, please follow the applicable instructions at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets#rules> and clearly mark the information that you claim to be CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR parts 2 and 703, as applicable.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

II. Background

A. What is vinyl chloride?

Vinyl chloride (ethene, chloro-), also known as chloroethylene, is a chlorinated ethene that does not occur naturally in the environment. Its primary use is as a reactant (monomer) in the production of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) in consumer, commercial, and industrial applications. Since 1986, the national aggregate production volume of vinyl chloride, as reported under the Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule, formerly known as the Inventory Update Rule (IUR) (40 CFR part 711), has been consistently over 1 billion pounds. In 2011, over 16 billion pounds were reported to CDR and since 2012 production volume has been reported between 10 billion and 20 billion pounds.

Due to its physical state as a gas at room temperature and pressure, vinyl chloride is expected to be primarily present in the atmosphere in vapor phase and is not expected to partition to airborne particles. Exposure to vinyl chloride may result in a range of harmful health effects such as liver toxicity, neurotoxicity, immunotoxicity, and developmental toxicity. EPA previously determined that vinyl chloride is a "known human carcinogen."

B. Draft Scope for the Risk Evaluation of Vinyl Chloride

In December 2024, EPA announced its designation of vinyl chloride as a high priority substance for risk evaluation under TSCA (Ref. 1), which initiated the risk evaluation phase and started the 3 to 3.5 year statutory timeframe in which the risk evaluation is to be completed. The draft scope of the risk evaluation for this chemical substance (Ref. 2) includes the conditions of use, hazards, exposures, and the potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations EPA expects to consider in the risk evaluation (15 U.S.C. 2605(b)(4)(D)). Development of the scope is the first step of a risk evaluation, and includes the following components (40 CFR 702.39(b)):

- The conditions of use, as determined by the Administrator, that EPA expects to consider in the risk evaluation;
- The potentially exposed populations, including any potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations identified as relevant to the risk evaluation by EPA under the conditions of use that EPA expects to evaluate;
- The ecological receptors that EPA expects to evaluate;

- The hazards to health and the environment that EPA expects to evaluate;
- A description of the reasonably available information and the science approaches that the Agency expects to use;
- A conceptual model that describes the actual or predicted relationships between the chemical substance, its associated conditions of use through predicted exposure scenarios, and the identified human and environmental receptors and human and ecological health hazards;
- An analysis plan that describes how EPA intends to assess hazards and exposures, and characterize risks; and
- A plan for peer review.

III. Request for Comment

EPA seeks feedback on the approaches presented in the draft scope of the risk evaluation, use profile (Ref. 3), and draft chemistry and fate technical support document (Ref. 4), copies of which are available in the docket. EPA encourages commenters to provide information they believe might be missing or may further inform the risk evaluation. To the extent possible, the Agency asks commenters to please cite any public data related to or that supports the comments provided, and, to the extent permissible, describe any supporting data that is not publicly available.

IV. Next Steps

EPA will consider comments received and prepare the final scope of the risk evaluation for vinyl chloride. EPA intends to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the final scope of the risk evaluation within six months of the designation of vinyl chloride as a high-priority substance for risk evaluation under TSCA (Ref. 1), *i.e.*, by June 2025.

For more information about the TSCA risk evaluation process for existing chemicals, go to <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca>.

V. References

The following is a listing of the documents that are specifically referenced in this document. The docket includes these documents and other information considered by EPA, including documents that are referenced within the documents that are included in the docket, even if the referenced document is not physically located in the docket. For assistance in locating these other documents, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

1. EPA. High-Priority Substance Designations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and Initiation of Risk Evaluation on High-Priority Substances; Notice of Availability. **Federal Register**. 89 FR 102900, December 18, 2024 (FRL-11581-07-OCSP)

2. EPA. Vinyl Chloride; Draft Scope of the Risk Evaluation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). January 2025.

3. EPA. Use Report for Vinyl Chloride. January 2025.

4. EPA. Draft Chemistry and Fate Technical Support Document for Vinyl Chloride, January 2025.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*

Dated: January 10, 2025.

Michal Freedhoff,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0530; FRL 12558-01-OMS]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) (EPA ICR Number 2683.03, OMB Control Number 2040-0304) 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 original UCMR 5 ICR, which is currently approved through January 31, 2025. Public comments on the ICR renewal were previously requested during a 60-day comment period via the **Federal Register** on July 30, 2024. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before February 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0530, to EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. 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.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Bowden, Standards and Risk Management Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (MS 140), Environmental Protection Agency, 26 West Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45268; telephone number: (513) 569-7961; email address: bowden.brenda@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through January 31, 2025. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Public comments on the ICR renewal were previously requested during a 60-day comment period via the **Federal Register** on July 30, 2024 (89 FR 61112). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at 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: Section 1445(a)(2) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that once every five years, beginning in 1999, EPA issue a new list of not more than 30 priority unregulated contaminants in drinking water to be monitored by public water systems (PWSs). Information collected under the program informs EPA's decision making regarding whether or not to regulate particular contaminants in drinking water. UCMR 5 requires monitoring for 30 chemical contaminants and was published in the **Federal Register** on