application of uniform guidelines and validation techniques.

For CWNS 2012, EPA is offering States two options for participating: (1) The Traditional Method and (2) the Gap Approach Option. The Gap Approach Option enables a State to comprehensively assess at the State level, for various facility size groupings, wastewater facility revenues and capital and operation maintenance (O&M) expenses over 20 years. This comprehensive facility economic analysis supports State and EPA sustainable infrastructure programs. The Traditional Method enables States to assess the capital needs for each facility within the state. This spatially comprehensive assessment of capital needs, along with current and projected populations receiving various levels of wastewater treatment, supports holistic watershed management approaches.

Under the "Traditional Method" of documenting water pollution control needs, states submit capital needs for all facilities in the state:

- Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- Separate Sewer Systems.
- Combined Sewer Systems.
- Stormwater Management.
- Decentralized Wastewater Treatment.
- Nonpoint Source (NPS) Control.

For each need, states submit one or more supporting documents (Facility Plan, Engineer's Estimate, etc.). Revenue and operation and maintenance (O&M) needs data are not collected in the Traditional Method.

Under the "Gap Approach" to documenting water pollution control needs, states submit capital & O&M needs and revenues for a sample of these facilities:

- Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- Separate Sewer Systems.
- Combined Sewer Systems.

For these sampled facilities, revenues are submitted and asset condition analysis data is used to estimate capital and O&M needs. Results from the sample set of facilities are extrapolated to provide State level estimates at ±25% accuracy. Average sample rates are:

- 10–25% for facilities serving less than 10,000 people.
- 30–60% for facilities serving between 10,000 and 100,000 people.
- 100% (census survey) for the largest 3% of facilities in each state.

EPA is interested in comments and information on an alternate sample design that would provide state level estimates at ±10% accuracy. Under this alternative, average sample rates would be:

- 15–45% for facilities serving less than 10,000 people.
- 35–80% for facilities serving between 10,000 and 100,000 people.
- 100% (census survey) for the largest 3% of facilities in each state.

Since in CWNS the Gap Approach is only applicable to Wastewater Treatment Plants, Separate Sewer Systems, and Combined Sewer Systems, States selecting the Gap Approach will use the Traditional Method for all other facilities (Stormwater Management, Decentralized Wastewater Treatment, NPS Control).

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.55 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Frequency of response: Every 4 years.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 56 States (States, District of Columbia, U.S. Territories) and 5,122 Local Facilities.

Estimated total average number of responses for each State respondent: 271.

Estimated total annual State burden hours: 7,053.

Estimated total average number of responses for each Local Facility respondent: 5,122.

Estimated total annual Local Facility burden hours: 2,031.

Estimated total annual costs: $284,372 for States and $85,666 for Local Facilities. These costs are all capital costs, there are no maintenance and operational costs.

Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

There is an increase of 277 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. The 277 hour increase is the net result of a decrease of 182 State burden hours combined with an increase of 459 hours in Local Facility burden hours. These changes are estimated impacts of 10 States selecting the Gap Approach Option. In this option, total state effort is projected to decrease slightly due to the sampling design (the greater State effort per facility is slightly more than offset by entering data for a sampled portion of facilities rather than for all facilities). For Local Facilities, the projected increased burden results from the extra per facility effort being slightly more than the burden saved by switching from a census to a sampling approach.

What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

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 pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: May 20, 2010.

Sheila E. Frace,

Acting Director, Office of Wastewater Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9154–9]

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2, the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) is a necessary committee which is in the public interest. Accordingly, NACEPT will be renewed for an additional two-year period. The purpose of NACEPT is to provide advice and recommendations to the

Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy, technology and management issues. Inquiries may be directed to Sonia Altieri, U.S. EPA, (Mail Code 1601M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564–0243, or *altieri.sonia@epa.gov.*

Dated: May 20, 2010.

Rafael DeLeon,

Director, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPP–2010–0434; FRL–8826–6]

Inorganic Nitrates–Nitrite, Carbon and Carbon Dioxide, and Sulfur Registration Review; Draft Ecological Risk Assessment and Endangered Species Effects Determination; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA's draft ecological risk assessment for the registration review of inorganic nitrates – nitrites, carbon and carbon dioxide, and gas cartridge uses of sulfur, and opens a public comment period on this document. Comments and input may address, among other things, the Agency's risk assessment methodologies and assumptions, as applied to this draft risk assessment. Interested parties may also provide suggestions for mitigation of the risk identified in the draft ecological risk assessment. As part of the registration review process, the Agency has completed a comprehensive draft ecological risk assessment, including an endangered species assessment that identifies those species for which exposure and effects may occur for all inorganic nitrates–nitrites, carbon and carbon dioxide uses, as well as gas cartridge uses of sulfur. The risk assessment includes a species specific analysis and effects determination on 3 of 11 species found in the San Francisco Bay area that are listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Concurrent with this public comment opportunity, EPA is initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. After reviewing comments received during this public comment period, EPA will issue a revised risk assessment, explain any changes to the draft risk assessment, and respond to comments. The Agency may request further public input on risk mitigation before developing a proposed registration review decision for inorganic nitrates – nitrites, carbon and carbon dioxide, and sulfur. After a revised risk assessment is completed, EPA will also initiate further consultation, as needed, when appropriate, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding potential risks to federally listed threatened or endangered species and their designated critical habitat.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The mailing address for each Chemical Review Manager listed in the table in Unit II. is: Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001. Submit your comments identified by the docket identification (ID) number for the specific pesticide of interest provided in the table in Unit II. by one of the methods listed below:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: *http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail*: Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001.

• *Delivery*: OPP Regulatory Public Docket (7502P), Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. Deliveries are only accepted during the Docket Facility's normal hours of operation (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

Instructions: Direct your comments to the docket ID numbers listed in the table in Unit II. for the pesticides you are commenting on. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at *http://www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through regulations.gov or e-mail. The regulations.gov website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available at *http://www.regulations.gov*. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at *http://www.regulations.gov*, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPP Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For pesticide specific information contact*: The Chemical Review Manager identified in the table in Unit II. for the pesticide of interest.

For general questions on the registration review program, contact: Kevin Costello, Pesticide Re-evaluation Division (7508P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–5026; fax number: (703) 308–8090; e-mail address: *costello.kevin@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, farm worker, and agricultural advocates; the