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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, EPA 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>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) 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; (ii) 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; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) 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. 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 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347 establishes a national policy for the environment. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) oversees the NEPA implementation. CEQ's Regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 set the standard for NEPA compliance. They also require agencies to establish their own NEPA implementing procedures. EPA's procedures for implementing NEPA are found in 40 CFR Part 6. Through this part, EPA adopted the CEQ Regulations

and supplemented those regulations for actions by EPA that are subject to NEPA requirements. EPA actions subject to NEPA include the award of wastewater treatment construction grants under Title II of the Clean Water Act, EPA's issuance of new source National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act, certain research and development projects, development and issuance of regulations, EPA actions involving renovations or new construction of facilities, and certain grants awarded for projects authorized by Congress through the Agency's annual Appropriations Act. EPA is collecting information from certain applicants as part of the process of complying with either NEPA or Executive Order 12114 ("Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions"). EPA's NEPA regulations apply to the actions of EPA that are subject to NEPA in order to ensure that environmental information is available to the Agency's decision-makers and the public before decisions are made and before actions are taken. When EPA conducts an environmental assessment pursuant to its Executive Order 12114 procedures, the Agency generally follows its NEPA procedures. Compliance with the procedures is the responsibility of EPA's Responsible Officials, and for applicant proposed actions applicants may be required to provide environmental information to EPA as part of the environmental review process. For this Information Collection Request (ICR), applicant-proposed projects subject to either NEPA or Executive Order 12114 (and that are not addressed in other EPA programs' ICRs) are addressed through the NEPA process.

**Form Numbers:** None.

**Respondents/affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are certain grant or permit applicants who must submit environmental information documentation to EPA for their projects to comply with NEPA or Executive Order 12114, including Wastewater Treatment Construction Grants Program facilities, State and Tribal Assistance Grant recipients and new source National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permittees.

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

**Estimated number of respondents:** 312.

**Frequency of response:** On occasion

**Total estimated burden:** 38,472 hours

**Total estimated cost:** \$3,503,245, includes \$7,638 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

**Changes in Estimates:** The above estimates are based on information and data available through the current ICR supporting documentation. However, it is anticipated that there will be slight decrease in hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This slight decrease is due to changes in the number of respondents and their associated EPA actions eligible for categorical exclusions which results in a reduction in total hours and burden.

Dated: February 15, 2013.

**Cliff Rader,**

*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

**Responsible Agency:** Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 02/11/2013 Through 02/15/2013 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

### Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

**EIS No. 20130034, Final EIS, BLM, WY,** Lander Field Office Planning Area Project, Proposed Resource Management Plan, Review Period Ends: 03/25/2013, Contact: Kristen Yannone 307-332-8400.

**EIS No. 20130035, Draft Supplement, FHWA, WA, SR-167 Puyallup to SR 509, SR 167 Puyallup River Bridge Replacement, Comment Period Ends: 04/08/2013, Contact: Dean Moberg 360-534-9344.**

**EIS No. 20130036, Final EIS, NNSA, NV, Site-Wide EIS—Continued Operation of the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada National Security Site and Off-Site Location in Nevada, Review Period Ends: 03/25/2013, Contact: Linda Cohn 702-295-0077.**

**EIS No. 20130037, Draft EIS, FHWA, VA, Tier 1—Interstate 66 Corridor,**

from US Route 15 in Prince William County to Interstate 495 in Fairfax County, Comment Period Ends: 04/08/2013, Contact: John Simkins 202-366-5866.

*EIS No. 20130038, Draft EIS, USACE, FL, Everglades Agricultural Area A-1 Shallow Flow Equalization Basin, Comment Period Ends: 04/08/2013, Contact: Alisa Zarbo 561-472-3506.*

*EIS No. 20130039, Final Supplement, USACE, KS, John Redmond Dam and Reservoir, Storage Reallocation, Review Period Ends: 03/26/2013, Contact: Patricia Newell 918-669-4937.*

*EIS No. 20130040, Draft EIS, USFS, CA, Whisky Ridge Ecological Restoration Project, Comment Period Ends: 04/08/2013, Contact: Aimee Smith 559-877-2218.*

*EIS No. 20130041, Draft EIS, USFS, AZ, Salt River Allotments Vegetative Management Project, Comment Period Ends: 04/08/2013, Contact: Debbie Cress 928-467-3220.*

*EIS No. 20130042, Draft Supplement, USFS, CA, Eldorado National Forest Travel Management, Comment Period Ends: 04/08/2013, Contact: Diana Erickson 530-621-5214.*

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20120394, Draft EIS, USFS, OR, Tollgate Fuels Reduction Project, Umatilla National Forest, Walla Walla Ranger District, Comment Period Ends: 03/15/2013, Contact: Kempton Cooper 509-522-6009.*

Revision to FR Notice Published 12/31/2012; Extending Comment Period to 03/15/2013.

*EIS No. 20130033, Draft Supplement, USFS, CA, Southern California National Forests Land Management Plan Amendment, Comment Period Ends: 05/16/2013, Contact: Robert Hawkins 916-849-8037.*

Revision to FR Notice Published 2/15/2013; Change Comment Period from 05/17/2013 to 5/16/2013.

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**Cliff Rader,**

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9784-3]

### Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2011

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Draft Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2011 is available for public review. Annual U.S. emissions for the period of time from 1990 through 2011 are summarized and presented by source category and sector. The inventory contains estimates of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFC), perfluorocarbons (PFC), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) emissions. The inventory also includes estimates of carbon fluxes in U.S. agricultural and forest lands. The technical approach used in this report to estimate emissions and sinks for greenhouse gases is consistent with the methodologies recommended by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and reported in a format consistent with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) reporting guidelines. The Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2011 is the latest in a series of annual U.S. submissions to the Secretariat of the UNFCCC.

**DATES:** To ensure your comments are considered for the final version of the document, please submit your comments within 30 days of the appearance of this notice. However, comments received after that date will still be welcomed and be considered for the next edition of this report.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to Mr. Leif Hockstad at: Environmental Protection Agency, Climate Change Division (6207J), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Fax: (202) 343-2359. You are welcome and encouraged to send an email with your comments to [hockstad.leif@epa.gov](mailto:hockstad.leif@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Leif Hockstad, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Climate Change Division, (202) 343-9432, [hockstad.leif@epa.gov](mailto:hockstad.leif@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For this year's public review, EPA is calling attention to two specific areas where interested stakeholders could provide feedback to improve the quality of the emission estimates. First, EPA is seeking comments on approaches for using facility-level data reported under EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP), particularly data from reporters that began reporting in 2011. For selected source categories, EPA could use data elements reported under the GHGRP, such as facility-level data

that can be aggregated at the national level, to derive country-specific emission factors for use in estimating industrial process emissions. Categories with GHGRP-related updates under consideration include nitric acid, petrochemical production, phosphoric acid, titanium dioxide, lime production, and several fluorinated gas categories. Interested stakeholders should review detailed methodological approaches in Chapter 4 (Industrial Processes) of the report. Depending on stakeholder feedback, EPA may include revised estimates in the final published inventory report that use these emission factors derived from the specified GHGRP data elements.

The second area is the natural gas sector, which in recent years has experienced significant growth and changes in industry practices. EPA recently solicited and received new information and data related to emissions estimates for the oil and gas industry through a variety of mechanisms, including the formal public notice and comment process of the oil and gas New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) to control VOCs, a stakeholder workshop on the natural gas sector emissions estimates, and data submitted under the GHGRP. In developing the draft inventory report for this public comment period, EPA carefully evaluated relevant information, and has made updates to two key sources: liquids unloading, and completions with hydraulic fracturing and refracturing. EPA also made additional changes to the report to allow for more transparency. EPA seeks feedback on these updates, and on incorporation of GHGRP data, and requests recommendations for improving the overall quality of the inventory report to be finalized in April 2013, as well as subsequent Inventory reports.

The draft report can be obtained by visiting the U.S. EPA's Climate Change Site at: <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/ghgemissions/usinventoryreport.html>.

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