

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU

Supporting Statement - Information Collection Request

OMB Control Number 1513-0023

TTB F 5000.29 - Environmental Information

TTB F 5000.30 - Supplemental Information on Water Quality Considerations –
Under 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)

A. Justification

1. What are the circumstances that make this collection of information necessary and what legal or administrative requirements necessitate the collection?

TTB has developed these two environmental forms in order to comply with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4332 (TTB F 5000.29) and the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a) (TTB F 5000.30). Implementing regulations are found in 40 CFR 1500.6 (42 U.S.C. 4332) and 40 CFR 123.3 (33 U.S.C. 1341).

2. How, by whom and for what purpose is this information used?

Information regarding solid and liquid waste, air and noise pollution, etc. as collected on TTB F 5000.29 is evaluated to determine if a formal environmental impact statement or an environmental permit is necessary for a proposed operation. This environmental type information is collected from manufacturers, namely distilled spirits plants, wineries, breweries, and tobacco products factories.

TTB F 5000.30 is also submitted by manufacturers who discharge something into navigable waters. Applicants are required to describe any biological, chemical, thermal, or other characteristic of the discharge as well as any methods or equipment used to monitor the condition of the discharge. Based upon this data, TTB makes a determination as to whether a certification or waiver by the applicable State water quality agency is required.

Should a manufacturer be required to submit both forms (TTB F 5000.29 and 5000.30) he/she may incorporate by reference any redundant information especially regarding solid and liquid waste.

3. To what extent does this collection of information involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology? What consideration is given to use information technology to reduce burden?

TTB will approve on a case-by-case basis, the use of improved information technology for the submission of these information collections.

4. What efforts are used to identify duplication? Why can't any similar information already available be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above?

TTB F 5000.29 and TTB F 5000.30 collect information that is pertinent to each respondent and applicable to the specific operations of each applicant. As far as we can determine, similar information is not available anywhere else.

5. If this collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, what methods are used to minimize burden?

To ensure compliance with environmental laws all entities, regardless of size, are required to complete these forms. TTB would not be able to ensure compliance with environmental laws if it waived the requirement to submit this information based on the size of the permittee's business. Specifically, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a) applies to any business.

6. What consequences to Federal program or policy activities and what, if any, technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden will occur if this collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently?

If this information were not collected on TTB F 5000.29, TTB might issue an operating permit to a manufacturer who would excessively pollute the air because of his/her solid waste disposal or heat and power generating equipment or would perhaps excessively create a large amount of disturbing noise.

If this information were not collected on TTB F 5000.30, TTB might issue an operating permit to a manufacturer who could create a potentially hazardous water pollution situation such as a chemical discharge which would endanger both human and marine life.

In both circumstances, there would be risks to violations of 42 U.S.C. 4332 and/or 33 U.S.C. 1341(a).

7. Are there any special circumstances associated with this information collection?

There are no special circumstances associated with this information collection.

15. What is the reason for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-I?

There are no program changes or adjustments associated with this collection.

16. Outline plans for tabulation and publication for collections of information whose results will be published.

The results of this collection will not be published.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection, what are the reasons that the display would be inappropriate?

We will display the expiration date of OMB approval for this collection.

18. What are the exceptions to the certification statement?

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

This collection does not employ statistical methods.