

EPA ICR No. 1198.10; OMB Control No. 2070-0067

ATTACHMENT 3

Copy of Consultations Message Sent by EPA to Potential Respondents

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Subject: Request for Comment: Renewal of ICR # 1198.10; OMB Control # 2070-0067; TSCA Section 8a Chemical-Specific Reporting Rules
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On November 22, 2013, EPA published a Federal Register Notice (FRN) (**78 FR 70037**; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request) soliciting public comment on the proposed renewal of an Information Collection Request (ICR) by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for chemical specific information reporting rules issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under section 8(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). (A copy of the FRN is attached.) The Notice provided a 60-day public comment period ending on January 21, 2014.

In addition to the FRN, Federal agencies are required by OMB (5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)) to consult with potential respondents and data users about specific aspects of the ICR before submitting it to OMB for review and approval, regardless of whether changes have, or have not, been made to the ICR.

As part of this required consultation, I am contacting you to solicit your input. Note that, if you take this opportunity to provide input, your name, affiliation, and phone number and any information you provide (e.g., copies of emails) will be incorporated into, and attached to, the ICR supporting statement, which will be a public document. In addition, you may be contacted by the OMB Desk Examiner for the ICR to verify the accuracy of any comments as reported in the ICR by EPA.

EPA solicits your input on the following questions:

1. Are the data EPA seeks under this ICR available from any public source, or already collected by another EPA office or by another agency? If so, where can the data be found?
2. Is it clear what is required for data submission? If not, are there any suggestions for clarifying instructions?
3. Would you be interested in an electronic/data submission option? What type of alternative would you be most likely to utilize – Webform, diskette, CD-ROM?
4. For electronic submission, how should signature requirements be handled – Private Key Infrastructure, PINS and passwords, signed paper cover sheet? How does CBI affect your choice or use of an electronic medium? Would you be more inclined to submit CBI on diskette than on paper and what benefits would you realize (burden reduction? Greater efficiency in compiling information? Etc.).
5. Do you agree with EPA's estimated burden and costs (the ICR addresses only costs associated with paperwork)? Are the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) labor rates accurate? If you have any reason to consider the BLS labor rates inaccurate or inappropriate as used by EPA, explain your rationale.

Your timely response would be greatly appreciated. We hope to get your responses back by January 21, 2014, so that we can consider your responses along with any public comments resulting from the FRN at the same time. Thank you for your assistance.