

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB) (Renewal)

1. Identification of the Information Collection

1(a) Title of the Information Collection

NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB) (Renewal), EPA ICR Number 1055.11, OMB Control Number 2060-0021.

1(b) Short Characterization/Abstract

The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Kraft Pulp Mills were proposed on September 24, 1976, and promulgated on February 23, 1978. Revisions to the standard were promulgated on May 20, 1986 and most recently on April 4, 2014 (79 FR 18966). The 2014 amendment promulgated at a new Subpart BBa added monitoring and recordkeeping requirement for new sources; burden associated with this amendment is included separately in EPA ICR Number 2060-0690.

The Subpart BB regulations apply to the following facilities at kraft pulp mills: recovery furnaces, smelt dissolving tanks, lime kilns, digester systems, brown stock washer systems, black liquor oxidation systems, multiple effect evaporator systems and condensate stripper systems that were constructed, modified or reconstructed after the date of proposal. In pulp mills where kraft pulping is combined with neutral sulfite semi-chemical pulping, the provisions of this Subpart are applicable when any portion of the material charged to an affected facility is produced by the kraft pulping operation. Facilities may be exempt from the total reduced sulfur (TRS) standard if the facility can demonstrate that TRS emissions from a new, modified, or reconstructed brown stock washer can be neither technically nor economically feasible to control. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB.

In general, all NSPS standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports by the owners/operators of the affected facilities. They are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance, and are required of all affected facilities subject to NSPS.

Any owner/operator subject to the provisions of this part shall maintain a file of these measurements, and retain the file for at least two years following the date of such measurements, maintenance reports, and records. All reports are sent to the delegated state or local authority. In the event that there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regional office.

Based on our consultations with industry representatives, there is an average of one affected facility at each plant site and that each plant site has only one respondent (i.e., the

owner/operator of the plant site).

Over the next three years, an average of 110 existing respondents per year will be subject to the standard, and two additional respondents per year will become subject to the standard.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the currently active ICR without any “Terms of Clearance.”

All of the kraft pulp mills in the U.S. are owned and operated by the pulp and paper industry (the “Affected Public”). None of the facilities in the U.S. are owned by state, local, tribal, or the Federal government; all of these facilities are privately-owned, for-profit businesses. The burden to the “Affected Public” may be found in Table 1: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB) (Renewal). The “Federal Government” burden is attributed entirely to work performed by federal employees or government contractors and may be found in Table 2: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB) (Renewal).

2. Need for and Use of the Collection

2(a) Need/Authority for the Collection

The EPA is charged under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), as amended, to establish standards of performance for new stationary sources that reflect:

. . . application of the best technological system of continuous emissions reduction which (taking into consideration the cost of achieving such emissions reduction, or any non-air quality health and environmental impact and energy requirements) the Administrator determines has been adequately demonstrated.
Section 111(a)(1).

The Agency refers to this charge as selecting the best demonstrated technology (BDT). Section 111 also requires that the Administrator review and, if appropriate, revise such standards every four years. In addition, section 114(a) states that the Administrator may require any owner/operator subject to any requirement of this Act to:

(A) Establish and maintain such records; (B) make such reports; (C) install, use, and maintain such monitoring equipment, and use such audit procedures, or methods; (D) sample such emissions (in accordance with such procedures or methods, at such locations, at such intervals, during such periods, and in such manner as the Administrator shall prescribe); (E) keep records on control equipment parameters, production variables or other indirect data when direct monitoring of emissions is impractical; (F) submit

compliance certifications in accordance with Section 114(a)(3); and (G) provide such other information as the Administrator may reasonably require.

In the Administrator's judgment, particulate matter (PM) and TRS emissions from kraft pulp mills cause or contribute to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. Therefore, the NSPS were promulgated for this source category at 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB.

2(b) Practical Utility/Users of the Data

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements in the standard ensure compliance with the applicable regulations which were promulgated in accordance with the Clean Air Act. The collected information is also used for targeting inspections and as evidence in legal proceedings.

Performance tests are required in order to determine an affected facility's initial capability to comply with the emission standard. Continuous emission monitors are used to ensure compliance with the standard at all times. During the performance test a record of the operating parameters under which compliance was achieved may be recorded and used to determine compliance in place of a continuous emission monitor.

The notifications required in the standard are used to inform the Agency or delegated authority when a source becomes subject to the requirements of the regulations. The reviewing authority may then inspect the source to check if the pollution control devices are properly installed and operated, leaks are being detected and repaired, and the standard is being met. The performance test may also be observed.

The required semiannual reports are used to determine periods of excess emissions, identify problems at the facility, verify operation/maintenance procedures and for compliance determinations.

3. Nonduplication, Consultations, and Other Collection Criteria

The requested recordkeeping and reporting are required under 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB.

3(a) Nonduplication

If the subject standards have not been delegated, the information is sent directly to the appropriate EPA regional office. Otherwise, the information is sent directly to the delegated state or local agency. If a state or local agency has adopted its own similar standards to implement the Federal standards, a copy of the report submitted to the state or local agency can be sent to the Administrator in lieu of the report required by the Federal standards. Therefore, no duplication exists.

3(b) Public Notice Required Prior to ICR Submission to OMB

An announcement of a public comment period for the renewal of this ICR was published in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 30117) on May 27, 2014. No comments were received on the burden published in the *Federal Register*.

3(c) Consultations

The Agency has consulted industry experts and internal data sources to project the number of affected facilities and industry growth over the next three years. The primary source of information as reported by industry, in compliance with the recordkeeping and reporting provisions in the standard, is Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO), which is operated and maintained by EPA's Office of Compliance. ECHO is EPA's database for the collection, maintenance, and retrieval of all compliance data. The growth rate for the industry is based on our consultations with the Agency's internal industry experts.

Industry trade associations and other interested parties were provided an opportunity to comment on the burden associated with the standard as it was being developed. In developing this ICR, we contacted both the National Paper Trade Association at (312) 321-6836 and the American Forest and Paper Association at (202) 463-2700.

It is our policy to respond after a thorough review of comments received since the last ICR renewal as well as those submitted in response to the first *Federal Register* notice.

3(d) Effects of Less Frequent Collection

Less frequent information collection would decrease the margin of assurance that facilities are continuing to meet the standards. Requirements for information gathering and recordkeeping are useful techniques to ensure that good operation and maintenance practices are applied and emission limitations are met. If the information required by these standards was collected less frequently, the proper operation and maintenance of control equipment and the possibility of detecting violations would be less likely.

3(e) General Guidelines

These reporting or recordkeeping requirements do not violate any of the regulations promulgated by OMB under 5 CFR Part 1320, Section 1320.5.

3(f) Confidentiality

Any information submitted to the Agency for which a claim of confidentiality is made will be safeguarded according to the Agency policies set forth in Title 40, chapter 1, part 2, subpart B - Confidentiality of Business Information (see 40 CFR 2; 41 FR 36902, September 1, 1976; amended by 43 FR 40000, September 8, 1978; 43 FR 42251, September 20, 1978; 44 FR 17674, March 23, 1979).

3(g) Sensitive Questions

The reporting or recordkeeping requirements in the standard do not include sensitive questions.

4. The Respondents and the Information Requested

4(a) Respondents/SIC Codes

The respondents to the recordkeeping and reporting requirements are kraft pulp mills. The United States Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code for the respondents affected by the standards is SIC 2611, which corresponds to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 322110 for Pulp Mills.

4(b) Information Requested

(i) Data Items

In this ICR, all the data that is recorded or reported is required by the NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB).

A source must make the following reports:

Notifications	
Notification of construction or reconstruction	60.7(a)(1), 60.15
Notification of actual startup	60.7(a)(3)
Notification of initial performance test	60.8(d)
Initial performance test results	60.8(a)
Demonstration of continuous system performance	60.7(a)(5)
Physical or operational changes	60.7(a)(4)
Opacity or visible emissions observations	60.7(a)(6)

Reports	
Semiannual report	60.7(c), 60.284(d)
Excess emissions report	60.7(c), 60.284(d)

A source must keep the following records:

Recordkeeping	
Startup, shutdown, or malfunction period where the continuous monitoring system is inoperative	60.7(b)
Record continuous monitoring system parameter data	60.284(a)-(c)
Maintain and retain files for at least two years	60.7(f)

Electronic Reporting

Some of the respondents are using monitoring equipment that automatically records parameter data. Although personnel at the affected facility must still evaluate the data, internal automation has significantly reduced the burden associated with monitoring and recordkeeping at a plant site.

(ii) Respondent Activities

Respondent Activities
Familiarization with the regulatory requirements.
Install, calibrate, maintain, and operate a continuous monitoring system (CMS) to monitor and record opacity of gases discharged from any recovery furnace: the concentration of TRS emissions on a dry basis and the percent of oxygen by volume in the gases discharged from any lime kiln, recovery furnace, digester system, brown stock washer system, multi-effect evaporator system or condensate stripper system; the combustion temperature at the point of incineration of effluent gases which are emitted from a digester system; the scrubbing liquid supply pressure and pressure loss of the gas stream to the scrubber emission control device that is discharges from any lime kiln or smelt dissolving tank.
Perform initial performance test, Reference Method 5, 17, 3B, 9, 16, 16A, 16B tests, and repeat performance tests if necessary.
Write the notifications and reports listed above.
Enter information required to be recorded above.
Submit the required reports developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information.
Develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of processing and maintaining information.
Develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of disclosing and providing information.

Respondent Activities
Train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information.
Transmit, or otherwise disclose the information.

5. The Information Collected: Agency Activities, Collection Methodology, and Information Management

5(a) Agency Activities

EPA conducts the following activities in connection with the acquisition, analysis, storage, and distribution of the required information.

Agency Activities
Review notifications and reports, including performance test reports, and excess emissions reports, required to be submitted by industry.
Audit facility records.
Input, analyze, and maintain data in Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS) and ECHO.

5(b) Collection Methodology and Management

Following notification of startup, the reviewing authority could inspect the source to determine whether the pollution control devices are properly installed and operated. Performance test reports are used by the Agency to discern a source's initial capability to comply with the emission standard, and note the operating conditions under which compliance was achieved. Data and records maintained by the respondents are tabulated and published for use in compliance and enforcement programs. The semiannual reports are used for problem identification, as a check on source operation and maintenance, and for compliance determinations.

Information contained in the reports is reported by state and local governments in the ICIS Air database which is operated and maintained by EPA's Office of Compliance. ICIS is EPA's database for the collection, maintenance, and retrieval of compliance data for industrial and government-owned facilities. EPA uses ICIS for tracking air pollution compliance and enforcement by local and state regulatory agencies, EPA regional offices and EPA headquarters. EPA and its delegated Authorities can edit, store, retrieve and analyze the data.

The records required by this regulation must be retained by the owner/operator for two

years.

5(c) Small Entity Flexibility

A majority of the respondents are large entities (i.e., large businesses). However, the impact on small entities (i.e., small businesses) was taken into consideration during the development of the regulation. Due to technical considerations involving the process operations and the types of control equipment employed, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements are the same for both small and large entities. The Agency considers these to be the minimum requirements needed to ensure compliance and, therefore, cannot reduce them further for small entities. To the extent that larger businesses can use economies of scale to reduce their burden, the overall burden will be reduced.

5(d) Collection Schedule

The specific frequency for each information collection activity within this request is shown in below Table 1: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB) (Renewal).

6. Estimating the Burden and Cost of the Collection

Table 1 documents the computation of individual burdens for the recordkeeping and reporting requirements applicable to the industry for the subpart included in this ICR. The individual burdens are expressed under standardized headings believed to be consistent with the concept of burden under the Paperwork Reduction Act. Where appropriate, specific tasks and major assumptions have been identified. Responses to this information collection are mandatory.

The 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.

6(a) Estimating Respondent Burden

The average annual burden to industry over the next three years from these recordkeeping and reporting requirements is estimated to be 16,652 (Total Labor Hours from Table 1). These hours are based on Agency studies and background documents from the development of the regulation, Agency knowledge and experience with the NSPS program, the previously approved ICR, and any comments received.

6(b) Estimating Respondent Costs

(i) Estimating Labor Costs

This ICR uses the following labor rates:

Managerial \$129.93 (\$61.87 + 110%)

Technical	\$103.97 (\$49.51 + 110%)
Clerical	\$51.79 (\$24.66 + 110%)

These rates are from the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 2014, "Table 2. Civilian Workers, by occupational and industry group." The rates are from column 1, "Total compensation." The rates have been increased by 110 percent to account for the benefit packages available to those employed by private industry.

(ii) Estimating Capital/Startup and Operation and Maintenance Costs

The type of industry costs associated with the information collection activities in the subject standard are both labor costs which are addressed elsewhere in this ICR and the costs associated with continuous monitoring. The capital/startup costs are one-time costs when a facility becomes subject to the regulation. The annual operation and maintenance costs are the ongoing costs to maintain the monitors and other costs such as photocopying and postage.

(iii) Capital/Startup vs. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Costs

Annual Capital/Startup vs. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Costs						
(A) Continuous Monitoring Device	(B) Capital/Startup Cost for One Respondent	(C) Number of New Respondents	(D) Total Capital/Startup Cost, (B X C)	(E) Annual O&M Costs for One Respondent	(F) Number of Respondents with O&M	(G) Total O&M, (E X F)
Opacity monitor	\$40,000	2	\$80,000	\$8,600	110	\$946,000
TRS monitor	\$108,000	2	\$216,000	\$23,000	110	\$2,530,000
Incinerator temperatur e monitor	\$8,600	2	\$17,200	\$4,600	110	\$506,000
Scrubber liquid supply pressure monitor	\$350	2	\$700	\$0	0	\$0
Scrubber liquid flow rate monitor	\$15,500	2	\$31,000	\$0	0	\$0
Total cost			\$344,900			\$3,982,000

The total capital/startup costs for this ICR are \$344,900. This is the total of column D in the above table.

The total operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for this ICR are \$3,982,000. This is the total of column G.

The average annual cost for capital/startup and operation and maintenance costs to industry over the next three years of the ICR is estimated to be \$4,327,000.

6(c) Estimating Agency Burden and Cost

The only costs to the Agency are those costs associated with analysis of the reported information. EPA's overall compliance and enforcement program includes activities such as the examination of records maintained by the respondents, periodic inspection of sources of emissions, and the publication and distribution of collected information.

The average annual Agency cost during the three years of the ICR is estimated to be \$51,000.

This cost is based on the average hourly labor rate as follows:

Managerial	\$62.90 (GS-13, Step 5, \$39.31 + 60%)
Technical	\$46.67 (GS-12, Step 1, \$29.17 + 60%)
Clerical	\$25.25 (GS-6, Step 3, \$15.78 + 60%)

These rates are from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), 2014 General Schedule, which excludes locality rates of pay. The rates have been increased by 60 percent to account for the benefit packages available to government employees. Details upon which this estimate is based appear below in Table 2: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB) (Renewal).

6(d) Estimating the Respondent Universe and Total Burden and Costs

Based on our research for this ICR, on average over the next three years, approximately 110 existing respondents will be subject to the standard. It is estimated that an additional 2 respondents per year will become subject. The overall average number of respondents, as shown in the table below, is 112 per year.

The number of respondents is calculated using the following table that addresses the three years covered by this ICR.

Number of Respondents					
	Respondents That Submit Reports		Respondents That Do Not Submit Any Reports		
Year	(A) Number of New	(B) Number of	(C) Number of Existing	(D) Number of	(E) Number of

Number of Respondents					
	Respondents ¹	Existing Respondents	Respondents that keep records but do not submit reports	Existing Respondents That Are Also New Respondents	Respondents (E=A+B+C-D)
1	2	108	0	0	110
2	2	110	0	0	112
3	2	112	0	0	114
Average	2	110	0	0	112

¹ New respondents include sources with constructed, reconstructed and modified affected facilities.

Column D is subtracted to avoid double-counting respondents. As shown above, the average Number of Respondents over the three year period of this ICR is 112.

The total number of annual responses per year is calculated using the following table:

Total Annual Responses				
(A) Information Collection Activity	(B) Number of Respondents	(C) Number of Responses	(D) Number of Existing Respondents That Keep Records But Do Not Submit Reports	(E) Total Annual Responses E=(BxC)+D
Notification of construction/reconstruction	2	1	0	2
Notification of actual startup	2	1	0	2
Notification of performance test	2	1.2	0	2.4
Notification of CMS demonstration	2	1	0	2
Notification of physical or operational changes	2	1	0	2
Notification of opacity or visible emission Observations	2	1	0	2
Report of performance test	2	1.2	0	2.4
Semiannual report	110	2	0	220
Excess emissions report	110	2	0	220
			Total	454.8

The number of Total Annual Responses is 455.

The total annual labor costs are \$1,674,600. Details regarding these estimates may be found below in Table 1: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB) (Renewal).

6(e) Bottom Line Burden Hours and Cost Tables

The detailed bottom line burden hours and cost calculations for the respondents and the Agency are shown in Tables 1 and 2, respectively, and summarized below.

(i) Respondent Tally

The total annual labor hours are 16,700. Details regarding these estimates may be found in Table 1: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB) (Renewal).

We assume that burdens for managerial tasks take 5% of the time required for technical tasks because the typical tasks for managers are to review and approve reports. Clerical burdens are assumed to take 10% of the time required for technical tasks because the typical duties of clerical staff are to proofread the reports, make copies and maintain records.

Furthermore, the annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 40 hours per response.

The total annual capital/startup and O&M costs to the regulated entity are 4,327,000. The cost calculations are detailed in Section 6(b)(iii), Capital/Startup vs. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Costs.

(ii) The Agency Tally

The average annual Agency burden and cost over next three years is estimated to be 1,100 labor hours at a cost of \$50,600. See Table 2: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB) (Renewal).

We assume that burdens for managerial tasks take 5% of the time required for technical tasks because the typical tasks for managers are to review and approve reports. Clerical burdens are assumed to take 10% of the time required for technical tasks because the typical duties of clerical staff are to proofread the reports, make copies and maintain records.

6(f) Reasons for Change in Burden

There is an adjustment increase in the estimated burden cost as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. The increase is not due to any program changes. The change in burden is due to 1) an industry growth since the last ICR renewal, resulting in an

increased number of respondents subject to the standard, and 2) the use of updated labor rates, which increases the hourly labor cost.

6(g) Burden Statement

The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 40 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; 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.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Numbers for EPA regulations are listed at 40 CFR Part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

To comment on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including the use of automated collection techniques, EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OECA-2014-0034. An electronic version of the public docket is available at <http://www.regulations.gov/> which may be used to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. When in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document. The documents are also available for public viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the docket center is (202) 566-1927. Also, you can send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA. Please include the EPA Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OECA-2014-0034 and OMB Control Number 2060-0021 in any correspondence.

Part B of the Supporting Statement

This part is not applicable because no statistical methods were used in collecting this information.

Burden item	(A) Person hours per occurrence	(B) No. of occurrences per respondent per year	(C) Person hours per respondent per year (AxB)	(D) Respondent s per year ^a	(E) Technical person- hours per year (Cx D)	(F) Managem ent person hours per year (Ex0.05)	(G) Clerical person hours per year (Ex0.1)	(H) Total cost per year ^b
A. Read instructions	See 3A							
B. Plan activities	See 3B							
C. Implement Activities	See 3B							
D. Develop record system	N/A							
E. Time to enter and transmit information								
Records of operating parameter ^g	0.25	365	91.25	110	10,038	502	1,004	\$1,160,791.71
Subtotal for Recordkeeping Requirements					11,543			\$1,160,791.71
TOTAL LABOR BURDEN AND COST (rounded)					16,652			\$1,674,582
Capital and O&M Costs								\$4,326,900
Grand Total (Labor Cost + Capital/O&M)								\$6,001,482

Assumptions:

^a We have assumed an average of 110 existing respondents and 2 new respondents per year over the next three years.

^b This ICR uses the following labor rates: \$129.93 per hour for Executive, Administrative, and Managerial labor; \$103.97 per hour for Technical labor, and \$51.79 per hour for Clerical labor. These rates are from the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 2014 "Table 10. Private industry, by Occupational and Industry group." The rates are from column 1, "Total Compensation." The rates have been increased by 110 percent to account for the benefit packages available to those employed by private industry.

^c We have assumed that it will take 374 hours for each new respondent to perform the initial performance test.

^d We have assumed that 20 percent of respondents would repeat performance test due to failure.

^e We have assumed that all respondents will each take eight hours to complete the semiannual report.

^f We have assumed that each respondent will take eight hour to two times per year to complete the excess emissions report.

⁸ We have assumed that it will take each respondent 15 minutes per day to record operating parameter.

ⁱ Totals have been rounded to three significant values. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.

Table 2: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB) (Renewal)

Activity	(A) EPA person- hours per occurrence	(B) No. of occurrences per plant per year	(C) EPA person- hours per plant per year (AxB)	(D) Plants per year ^a	(E) Technical person- hours per year (Cx D)	(F) Management person- hours per year (Ex0.05)	(G) Clerical person- hours per year (Ex0.1)	(H) Cost, \$ ^b
Initial performance tests ^c								
New plant	24	1	24	2	48	2.4	4.8	\$2,512.32
Repeat performance test ^d								
New plant	24	1	4.8	0.4	9.6	0.48	0.96	\$502.46
Report Review								
New plant								
Notification of construction	2	1	2	2	4	0.2	0.4	\$209.36
Notification of performance test	0.5	1.2	0.6	2	1.2	0.06	0.12	\$62.81
Notification of actual startup	0.5	1	0.5	2	1	0.05	0.1	\$52.34
Notification of CMS demonstration	0.5	1	0.5	2	1	0.05	0.1	\$52.34
Notification of physical/operational changes	0.5	1	0.5	2	1	0.05	0.1	\$52.34
Notification of opacity or visible emissions observations	0.5	1	0.5	2	1	0.05	0.1	\$52.34
Review test results	8	1.2	9.6	2	19.2	0.96	1.92	\$1,004.93
Existing plants								
Semiannual reports ^e	4	2	8	110	880	44	88	\$46,059.20
TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN AND COST (rounded)						1,110.9 1,111		\$50,560.44 \$50,560

Assumptions:

^a We have assumed an average of 110 existing respondents and 2 new respondents per year over the next three years.

^b This cost is based on the following hourly labor rates times a 1.6 benefits multiplication factor to account for government overhead expenses: \$62.90 (GS-13, Step 5, \$39.31 + 60%) for Managerial, \$46.67 (GS-12, Step 1, \$29.17 + 60%) for Technical, and \$25.25 (GS-6, Step 3, \$15.78 + 60%) for Clerical. These rates

are from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) “2014 General Schedule” which excludes locality rates of pay.

^c We have assumed that it will take twenty-four hours for each new respondent to perform the initial performance test.

^d We have assumed that 20 percent of respondents would repeat performance test due to failure.

^e We have assumed that each respondent will take four hours to review the semiannual report.

^f Totals have been rounded to three significant values. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.