**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subparts KKK and LLL) (Renewal)**

**1. Identification of the Information Collection**

**1(a) Title of the Information Collection**

NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subparts KKK and LLL) (Renewal), EPA ICR Number 1086.11, OMB Control Number 2060-0120.

**1(b) Short Characterization/Abstract**

The NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK) were proposed on January 20, 1984, promulgated on June 24, 1985, and amended on both October 17, 2000 and August 16, 2012. These regulations apply to Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions at the following types of existing facilities located at onshore natural gas processing plants: compressors in equipment leaks of VOC service or in wet gas service, and the groups of all equipment (except compressors) within a process unit. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK.

The NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL were proposed on January 20, 1984, promulgated on October 1, 1985, and amended on both October 17, 2000 and August 16, 2012. These regulations apply to sulfur dioxide (SO2) emissions at the following types of existing facilities located at onshore natural gas processing plants: each sweetening unit, and each sweetening unit followed by a sulfur recovery unit. The provisions of Subpart LLL do not apply to sweetening facilities that produce acid gas that is completely re-injected into oil or gas bearing geologic strata or that is otherwise not released to the atmosphere, or to affected facilities with design capacities of less than two long tons per day (LT/D) of hydrogen sulfide in the acid gas, expressed as sulfur. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL.

This ICR accounts for the burden of existing facilities that have not been modified and are required to report under Subparts KKK and LLL. On August 16, 2012, EPA issued a new NSPS rule at Subpart OOOO addressing new and revised requirements for natural gas processing facilities, that are either new or modified sources after August 23, 2011 subject to Subparts KKK and LLL, which will now report under this new rule. Although Subpart OOOO addresses other portions of the oil and gas sector, some of which has not been regulated before, the burden associated with these other rule requirements are not specifically addressed in this ICR.

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 containing these documents, and retain the file for at least two years following the generation date of such 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regional office.

The “Affected Public” applies to owners and operators of onshore natural gas processing plants. The “burden” to the Affected Public may be found below in Tables 1a: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK) (Renewal) and 1b: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL) (Renewal). The burden to the Federal Government is attributed entirely to work performed by either Federal employees or government contractors. The burden to the Federal Government can be found below in Tables 2a: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK) (Renewal) and 2b: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL) (Renewal). All natural gas processing plants subject to these standards are privately-owned, for-profit businesses. We assume that they will all respond to all EPA inquiries.

Over the next three years, approximately 426 respondents per year will be subject to Subpart KKK and approximately 58 respondents per year will be subject to Subpart LLL. Any new or modified sources will become subject to NSPS Subpart OOOO.

**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)(l).

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 eight 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, VOC and SO2 emissions from onshore natural gas processing plants either cause or contribute to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health and/or welfare. Therefore, the NSPS were promulgated for this source category at 40 CFR Part 60,Subparts KKK and LLL.

**2(b) Practical Utility/Users of the Data**

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements in these standards 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 these emission standards. Continuous emission monitors are used to ensure compliance with these same standards 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 these standards 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 standards are 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. Non-duplication, Consultations, and Other Collection Criteria**

The requested recordkeeping and reporting are required under 40 CFR Part 60, Subparts KKK and LLL.

**3(a) Non-duplication**

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 these Federal standards. Therefore, duplication does not exist.

**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 (81 FR 26546) on May 3, 2016. 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 the Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS). ICIS is EPA’s database for the collection, maintenance, and retrieval of compliance data for industrial and government-owned facilities. 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 these standards as they were being developed and these standards have been reviewed previously to determine the minimum information needed for compliance purposes. In developing this ICR, we contacted both the GPA Midstream Association, at (918) 493-3872, and the American Petroleum Institute, at (202) 682-8000.

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. In this case, no comments were received.

**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, then 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 (CBI) (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 these standards 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 onshore natural gas processing plants. The United States Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code for the respondents affected by the standards is SIC 1321, which corresponds to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 211130 for Natural Gas Extraction.

**4(b) Information Requested**

**(i) Data Items**

In this ICR, all the data that is recorded or reported is required by the NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK and LLL) (Renewal).

A source must make the following reports:

| **Notifications** | | |
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| Notification of construction or reconstruction | 60.7(a)(1) | |
| Notification of actual startup date | 60.7(a)(3) | |
| Notification of modification | 60.7(a)(4) | |
| **Reports** | | |
| Semiannual reports of excess emissions | | 60.7(c) |
| Performance test results | | 60.8(a), 60.636(a), 60.487(e) |
| Semiannual reports (Subpart KKK) | | 60.636(a)-(c), 60.487(a) |
| Semiannual report on excess emissions from and performance of continuous monitoring system, and/or summary report forms (Subpart LLL) | | 60.647(b) |

A source must keep the following records:

| **Recordkeeping** | |
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| Maintain records of startups, shutdowns, malfunctions of affected facilities; malfunctions of control devices; and periods where the continuous monitoring system is inoperative. | 60.7(b) |
| Keep records of measurements, performance evaluations, calibration checks, adjustments and maintenance related to continuous monitoring systems. | 60.7(f) |
| Keep records of parts of closed vent systems designated as unsafe or difficult to inspect (Subpart KKK). | 60.632(a), 60.482-10(l)(1), (2) |
| Keep records of inspections of closed vent systems during which no leaks are detected (Subpart KKK). | 60.632(a), 60.482-10(l)(4), (5) |
| Perform attachment of identification numbers to leaking equipment (Subpart KKK). | 60.635(a), (b)(1),  60.486(b)(1) |
| Keep records of leak detection and repair for two years (Subpart KKK). | 60.632(a), 60.486(c), 60.635(a), (b)(2), 60.482-10(l)(3) |
| Keep records of design requirements for and operation of closed vent systems and control devices (Subpart KKK). | 60.635(a), 60.486(d) |
| Keep records listing all equipment subject to the standard (Subpart KKK) | 60.635(a), 60.486(e) |
| Keep records of compliance tests (Subpart KKK). | 60.635(a), 60.486(e)(4) |
| Keep records of valves designated as unsafe or difficult to monitor (Subpart KKK). | 60.635(a), 60.486(f) |
| Keep records of design criterion that indicate failure (Subpart KKK). | 60.635(a), 60.486(h) |
| Keep records of parts not in VOC service or otherwise exempt (Subpart KKK). | 60.635(a), (c), 60.486(j) |
| Keep records of calculations and measurements (Subpart LLL). | 60.647(a) |
| Facilities that choose to comply with 60.646(e) shall keep, for the life of the facility, records demonstrating that the facility design capacity is less than 150 long tons per day (LT/D) of hydrogen sulfide expressed as sulfur (Subpart LLL). | 60.647(d) |

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** |
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| Familiarization with the regulatory requirements. |
| Install, calibrate, maintain, and operate CMS for opacity, or for pressure drop and liquid supply pressure for the control device. |
| Perform initial performance test, Reference Method 21 test, 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. |
| 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** |
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| 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 the Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) and ICIS. |

**5(b) Collection Methodology and Management**

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 below in Tables 1a: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK) (Renewal) and 1b: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL) (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 each of the Subparts 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 73,000 for Subpart KKK (Total Labor Hours from Table 1a) and 28,800 for Subpart LLL (Total Labor Hours from Table 1b). 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 $144.33 ($68.73+ 110%)

Technical $108.28 ($51.56 + 110%)

Clerical $53.34 ($25.40 + 110%)

These rates are from the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2016, “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 standards 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**

| **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 b | (G)  Total O&M,  (E X F) c |
| SO2 CEM, control outlet (only for Subpart LLL) a | $73,000 | 0 | $0 | $17,100 | 4 | $68,400 |

a Costs reflect installation and maintenance of an in-situ SO2 CEM after the control device and assume installation occurred during the construction of the facility.

b We expect 4 existing facilities to have annual O&M costs for monitoring under Subpart LLL.

c Totals have been rounded to 3 significant figures. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.

The total capital/startup costs for this ICR are $0. This is the total of column D in the above table.

The total operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for this ICR are $68,400. 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 $64,800. These are recordkeeping costs.

**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 such activities 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 $368,000 for Subpart KKK and $50,000 for Subpart LLL.

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

Managerial $64.80 (GS-13, Step 5, $40.50 + 60%)

Technical $48.08 (GS-12, Step 1, $30.05 + 60%)

Clerical $26.02 (GS-6, Step 3, $16.26 + 60%)

These rates are from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), 2017 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 Tables 2a: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK) (Renewal) and 2b: Average Annual EPA Burden and Costs – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL) (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 484 existing respondents will be subject to these standards. It is estimated that no additional respondents will become subject to either standard over the next three years. The overall average number of respondents, as shown in the table below, is 484 per year. New and modified sources after August 23, 2011 will become subject to the standards at Subpart OOOO.

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 Existing Respondents that would now report under Subpart OOOO a | (B)  Number of Existing Respondents | (C)  Number of Existing Respondents that keep records but do not submit reports b | (D)  Number of Existing Respondents That Are Also New Respondents | (E)  Number of Respondents  (E= B+C-A-D) |
| Subpart KKK | | | | | |
| 1 | 27 | 480 | 0 | 0 | 453 |
| 2 | 27 | 453 | 0 | 0 | 426 |
| 3 | 27 | 426 | 0 | 0 | 399 |
| **Average** | **27** | **453** | **0** | **0** | **426** |
| Subpart LLL | | | | | |
| 1 | 3 | 67 | 3 | 0 | 61 |
| 2 | 3 | 64 | 3 | 0 | 58 |
| 3 | 3 | 61 | 3 | 0 | 55 |
| **Average** | **3** | **64** | **3** | **0** | **58** |
| **Total c** |  |  |  |  | **484** |

a We expect 27 of the existing facilities to undergo modifications in each year, which would indicate these facilities would report under Subpart OOOO and no longer report under Subpart KKK. For Subpart LLL, we expect three facilities to perform a modification and report under Subpart OOOO.

b Affected facilities with design capacities of less than two long tons per day (LT/D) of hydrogen sulfide (H2S) in the acid gas, expressed as sulfur, have no reporting requirements pursuant to Subpart LLL. Three respondents have sources capacities below this threshold.

c This is the total average of existing respondents subject to both Subparts KKK and LLL.

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 484.

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 |
| Subpart KKK | | | | |
| Semiannual Reports | 426 | 2 | N/A | 852 |
| Subtotal for Subpart KKK |  |  |  | 852 |
| Subpart LLL | | | | |
| Semiannual Report | 58 | 2 | N/A | 116 |
| Subtotal for Subpart LLL |  |  |  | 116 |
|  |  |  | **Total** | **968** |

The number of Total Annual Responses is 968.

The total annual labor costs are $7,670,000 for Subpart KKK and $3,110,000 for Subpart LLL. Details regarding these estimates may be found below in Tables 1a: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK) (Renewal) and 1b: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL) (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 1a & 1b, and 2a & 2b, respectively, and summarized below.

**(i) Respondent Tally**

The total annual labor hours are 73,000 hours for Subpart KKK and 28,800 hours for Subpart LLL. Details regarding these estimates may be found below in Tables 1a: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK) (Renewal) and 1b: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL) (Renewal).

Furthermore, the annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 105 hours per response.

The total annual capital/startup and O&M costs to the regulated entity are $68,400. 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 7,840 labor hours, at a cost of $368,000, for Subpart KKK and 1,070 labor hours, at a cost of $50,000, for Subpart LLL. See below in Tables 2a: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK) (Renewal) and 2b: Average Annual EPA Burden and Costs – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60 Subpart LLL) (Renewal).

**6(f) Reasons for Change in Burden**

There is an adjustment decrease in the estimated labor hours and number of responses as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. The decrease is due to a projected decline in the number of sources subject to the regulation, as new and modified sources will become subject to NSPS Subpart OOOO. We expect on average 27 existing facilities under Subpart KKK and 3 facilities under Subpart LLL will undergo modifications each year such that they will become subject to Subpart OOOO. The burden of NSPS Subpart OOOO is accounted for under EPA ICR Number 2437.04 (OMB Control Number 2060-0673).

**6(g) Burden Statement**

The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 105 hours per response. “Burden” means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information either 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-2013-0316. 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), WJC 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) 566-1752. 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-2013-0316 and OMB Control Number 2060-0120 in any correspondence.

**Part B of the Supporting Statement**

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

**Table 1a: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost –NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK) (Renewal)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Burden Item** | **(A)  Person- hours per occurrence** | **(B)  No. of occurrences per respondent per year** | **(C)  Person- hours per respondent per year (AxB)** | **(D)**  **Respondents per year a** | **(E) Technical person- hours per year  (CxD)** | **(F)  Management person-hours per year (Ex0.05)** | **(G)  Clerical person-hours per year  (Ex0.1)** | **(H)  Cost b** |
| 1. Applications | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Survey and Studies | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Reporting requirements |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Familiarization with Regulatory Requirements | 1 | 1 | 1 | 426 | 426 | 21.3 | 42.6 | $51,474.22 |
| B. Required activities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Notification of construction/reconstruction c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of modification | 8 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of anticipated startup c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of actual startup c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of electing to comply with alternative standards for valves c | 8 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of initial performance test c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Affirmative defense | 30 | 1 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Semiannual reports d | 8 | 2 | 16 | 426 | 6,816 | 340.8 | 681.6 | $823,587.50 |
| C. Create Information |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Initial performance test c | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D. Gather existing information | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. Write report | See 3B |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ***Reporting Subtotal*** |  |  |  |  | **8,328** | | | **$875,062** |
| 4. Recordkeeping requirements |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Familiarization with Regulatory Requirements | See 4C |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B. Plan activities | See 4C |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. Implement activities | See 3E |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Filing and maintaining records e | 80 | 1 | 80 | 426 | 34,080 | 1704 | 3,408 | $4,117,937.52 |
| Startup, shutdown, or malfunction | 80 | 1 | 80 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Recalibrate monitors | 4 | 12 | 48 | 426 | 20,448 | 1,022.4 | 2,044.8 | $2,470,762.51 |
| Method 21 performance evaluation | 2 | 2 | 4 | 426 | 1,704 | 85.2 | 170.4 | $205,896.88 |
| D. Develop record system | See 4C |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. Time to enter information | See 4C |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F. Train personnel | See 4C |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G. Audits | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ***Recordkeeping Subtotal*** |  |  |  |  | **64,667** | | | **$6,794,596.91** |
| **TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN AND COST (Rounded) f** |  |  |  |  | **73,000** | | | **$7,670,000** |
| **Capital and O&M Costs (See Section 6(b)(iii)) f** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **$0** |
| **TOTAL COST (Rounded) f** |  |  |  |  | **73,000** | | | **$7,670,000** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Assumptions:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a We have assumed that the average number of existing respondents that will be subject to Subpart KKK will be 426. This estimated average accounts for modified facilities after August 23, 2011 subject to Subpart KKK that will become subject to Subpart OOOO and therefore, would no longer report under these rules. | | | | | | | | |
| b This ICR uses the following labor rates: $44.33 per hour for Executive, Administrative, and Managerial labor; $108.28 per hour for Technical labor, and $53.34 per hour for Clerical labor. These rates are from the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2016, “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. | | | | | | | | |
| c New respondents will be subject to Subpart OOOO. | | | | | | | | |
| d We have assumed that each existing respondent will take 8 hours, two times per year to write semiannual reports. | | | | | | | | |
| e We have assumed that each existing respondent will take 80 hours to file and maintain records. | | | | | | | | |
| f Totals are rounded to three significant figures. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding. | | | | | | | | |

**Table 1b: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost –NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL) (Renewal)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Burden Item** | **(A)  Person- hours per occurrence** | **(B)  No. of occurrences per respondent per year** | **(C)  Person- hours per respondent per year (AxB)** | **(D)**  **Respondents per year a** | **(E)  Technical person- hours per year  (CxD)** | **(F) Management person-hours per year  (Ex0.05)** | **(G)  Clerical person-hours per year  (Ex0.1)** | **(H)  Cost b** |
| 1. Applications | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Survey and Studies | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Reporting requirements |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Familiarization with Regulatory Requirements | 1 | 1 | 1 | 58 | 58 | 2.9 | 5.8 | $7,008.23 |
| B. Required activities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Initial performance test c | 60 | 1 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Repeat performance test | 60 | 0.2 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Demonstration of CEMS | 80 | 0.2 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Repeat Demonstration of CEMS | 80 | 0.2 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| C. Create Information | See 3B |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D. Gather existing information | See 3B |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. Write report |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Notification of construction/reconstruction c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of modification c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of anticipated startup c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of actual startup c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of initial performance test c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of CMS demonstration c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| CMS demonstration | See 3B |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semiannual report d | 40 | 2 | 80 | 58 | 4,640 | 232 | 464 | $560,658 |
| ***Reporting Subtotal*** |  |  |  |  | **5,403** | | | **$585,004.36** |
| 4. Recordkeeping requirements |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A. Familiarization with Regulatory Requirements | See 3A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B. Plan activities | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. Implement activities | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D. Develop record system e | 40 | 1 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| E. Time to enter information |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Records of startup, shutdown, or malfunction | 1.5 | 12 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Records of continuous recording | 0.5 | 700 | 350 | 58 | 20,300 | 1,015 | 2,030 | $2,452,879 |
| Records of capacity data | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 0.3 | 0.6 | $724.99 |
| F. Train personnel | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G. Audits | N/A |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ***Recordkeeping Subtotal*** |  |  |  |  | **23,352** | | | **$2,453,604.44** |
| **TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN AND COST (Rounded) f** |  |  |  |  | **28,800** | | | **$3,040,000** |
| **Capital and O&M Costs (See Section 6(b)(iii)) f** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **$68,400** |
| **TOTAL COST (Rounded) f** |  |  |  |  | **28,800** | | | **$3,110,000** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Assumptions:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a We have assumed that the average number of existing respondents that will be subject to Subpart LLL will be 58. This estimated average accounts for modified facilities after August 23, 2011 subject to Subpart LLL that will become subject to Subpart OOOO and therefore, would no longer report under these rules. | | | | | | | | |
| b This ICR uses the following labor rates: $44.33 per hour for Executive, Administrative, and Managerial labor; $108.28 per hour for Technical labor, and $53.34 per hour for Clerical labor. These rates are from the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2016, “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. | | | | | | | | |
| c New respondents will be subject to Subpart OOOO. | | | | | | | | |
| d We have assumed that each existing respondent will take 40 hours, two times per year to write semiannual reports. | | | | | | | | |
| e We have assumed that each existing respondent will take 40 hours to develop record system. New respondents will be subject to Subpart OOOO recordkeeping requirements. However, Subpart LLL sources that have modified would need to track capacity data during the year it modified. | | | | | | | | |
| f Totals are rounded to three significant figures. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding. | | | | | | | | |

**Table 2a: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK) (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  (CxD)** | **(F)  Management person-hours per year  (Ex0.05)** | **(G)  Clerical person-hours per year  (Ex0.1)** | **(H)  Cost b** |
| Notification of construction/reconstruction c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review notification of modification c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review notification of anticipated startup c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review notification of actual startup c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Notification of demonstration of CEMS c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review initial CEMS demonstration report c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review notification of performance test c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review results of performance test c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review semiannual reports d | 8 | 2 | 16 | 426 | 6,816 | 340.8 | 681.6 | $367,532.35 |
| **TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN AND COST (Rounded) e** |  |  |  |  | **7,840** | | | **$368,000** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Assumptions:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a We have assumed that the average number of existing respondents that will be subject to Subpart KKK will be 507. This estimated average accounts for modified facilities after August 23, 2011 subject to Subpart KKK will become subject to Subpart OOOO and therefore, would no longer report under these rules. | | | | | | | | |
| b The cost is based on the following labor rate which incorporates a 1.6 benefits multiplication factor to account for government overhead expenses. Managerial rates of $64.80 (GS-13, Step 5, $38.92 × 1.6), Technical rate of $48.08 (GS-12, Step 1, $28.88 × 1.6), and Clerical rate of $26.02 (GS-6, Step 3, $15.63 × 1.6). These rates are from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), 2016 General Schedule, which excludes locality, rates of pay. | | | | | | | | |
| c New respondents will become subject to Subpart OOOO. | | | | | | | | |
| d We have assumed that it will take each existing respondent eight hours, two times per year to review semiannual reports. | | | | | | | | |
| e Totals are rounded to three significant figures. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding. | | | | | | | | |

**Table 2b: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL) (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  (CxD)** | **(F)  Management person-hours per year  (Ex0.05)** | **(G)  Clerical person-hours per year  (Ex0.1)** | **(H)  Cost b** |
| Review notification of construction/reconstruction c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review notification of modification c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review notification of anticipated startup c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review notification of actual startup c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review notification of demonstration of CEMS c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review of CEMS demonstration report c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review notification of initial performance test c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| Review of semiannual reports d | 8 | 2 | 16 | 58 | 928 | 46.4 | 92.8 | $50,039.62 |
| Review results of performance test c | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $0 |
| **TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN AND COST (Rounded) e** |  |  |  |  | **1,070** | | | **$50,000** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Assumptions:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a We have assumed that the average number of existing respondents that will be subject to Subpart LLL will be 70. This estimated average accounts for modified facilities after August 23, 2011 subject to Subpart LLL will become subject to Subpart OOOO and therefore, would no longer report under these rules. | | | | | | | | |
| b The cost is based on the following labor rate which incorporates a 1.6 benefits multiplication factor to account for government overhead expenses. Managerial rates of $64.80 (GS-13, Step 5, $38.92 × 1.6), Technical rate of $48.08 (GS-12, Step 1, $28.88 × 1.6), and Clerical rate of $26.02 (GS-6, Step 3, $15.63 × 1.6). These rates are from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), 2016 General Schedule, which excludes locality, rates of pay. | | | | | | | | |
| c New respondents will become subject to Subpart OOOO. | | | | | | | | |
| d We have assumed that it will take each existing respondent eight hours, two times per year to review semiannual reports. | | | | | | | | |
| e Totals are rounded to three significant figures. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding. | | | | | | | | |