

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (Renewal)**

**1. Identification of the Information Collection**

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

NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (Renewal), EPA ICR Number 1057.15, OMB Control Number 2060-0041.

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

The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (Renewal) were proposed on August 17, 1971; promulgated on December 23, 1971; and amended most-recently on February 27, 2014 (79 FR 11250). These regulations apply to both existing facilities and new facilities. New facilities include those that commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction after the date of proposal. A sulfuric acid plant is any facility producing sulfuric acid ( $H_2SO_4$ ) by the contact process by burning elemental sulfur, alkylation acid, hydrogen sulfide, organic sulfides and mercaptans, or acid sludge. A sulfuric acid plant does not include facilities where conversion to sulfuric acid is used primarily as a means of preventing emissions to the atmosphere of sulfur dioxide ( $SO_2$ ) or other sulfur compounds. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H.

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. If there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regional office.

The “Affected Public” are those facilities engaged in the manufacture of sulfuric acid. The ‘burden’ to the Affected Public may be found at the end of this document in Table 1: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (Renewal). The ‘burden’ to the Federal Government is attributed entirely to work performed by either Federal employees or government contractors and may be found at the end of this document in Table 2: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (Renewal).

There are approximately 53 sulfuric acid facilities, which are owned and operated by the sulfuric acid industry. None of these 53 facilities in the United States are owned by either state, local, or tribal entities or by the Federal government. They are all owned and operated by privately-owned, for-profit businesses. We assume that they will all respond to EPA inquiries.

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

Over the next three years, approximately 53 respondents per year will be subject to these standards, and no additional respondents per year will become subject to these same standards.

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

## **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 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, SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from sulfuric acid 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, Subpart H.

### **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 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 the 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 that 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, Subpart H.

#### **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 the 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* (86 FR 8634) on February 8, 2021. No comments were received on the burden published in the *Federal Register* for this renewal.

### **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 these standards, 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. Approximately 53 respondents will be subject to these standards over the three-year period covered by this ICR.

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 that these standards have been reviewed previously to determine the minimum information needed for compliance purposes. In developing this ICR, we contacted ChemTrade, at (416) 496-5856; Southern States Chemical/Dulany Industries, at (912) 232-1101; and The Sulfur Institute, at (202) 331-9660.

It is our policy to respond after a thorough review of comments received since the last ICR renewal, as well as for 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 these 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 (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 sulfuric acid plants. The United States Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code for the respondents affected by the standards is SIC 2819 which corresponds to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 325180 for Other Basic Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing.

**4(b) Information Requested**

**(i) Data Items**

In this ICR, all the data that are recorded or reported is required by the NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H).

A source must make the following reports:

<b>Notifications</b>	
Notification of construction/reconstruction	§60.7(a)(1)
Notification of actual startup	§60.7(a)(3)
Notification of physical or operational change	§60.7(a)(4)
Notification of continuous monitoring system (CMS) demonstration	§60.7(a)(5)
Initial performance test results	§60.8(a)
Initial performance test	§60.8(d)
Reference Test Method 9	§60.11(b)

<b>Reports</b>	
Semiannual report of excess emissions	§60.7(c)

A source must keep the following records:

<b>Recordkeeping</b>	
Maintain records of startup, shutdown, or malfunction period where the continuous monitoring system is inoperative	§60.7(b)
Maintain records for two years	§60.7(f)
Maintain annual performance test, as required	§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**

<b>Respondent Activities</b>
Familiarization with the regulatory requirements.
Install, calibrate, maintain, and operate CMS for opacity, or for pressure drop and liquid supply pressure for the scrubbers and fiber mist eliminators.
Perform initial performance test, Reference Method 3, 8, and 9 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 collecting, validating, and verifying information.
Develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for processing and maintaining information.
Develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for 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

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

Agency Activities
Observe initial performance tests and repeat performance tests if necessary.
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

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 standards 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. The EPA uses ICIS for tracking air pollution compliance and enforcement by local and state regulatory agencies, EPA regional offices, and EPA headquarters. The 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

The 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 these regulations. 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 at the end of this document in Table 1: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (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 neither conduct nor 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 13,500 hours (Total Labor Hours from Table 1 below). These hours are based on Agency studies and background documents from the development of the regulations, 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	\$149.84 (\$71.35 + 110%)
Technical	\$122.66 (\$58.41 + 110%)
Clerical	\$60.88 (\$28.99 + 110%)

These rates are from the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2020, “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 these regulations. 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**

<b>Capital/Startup vs. Operation and Maintenance (O&amp;M) Costs</b>						
Continuous Monitoring Device	Capital/Startup Cost for One Respondent <sup>a</sup>	Number of New Respondents	Total Capital/Startup Cost, (B X C)	Annual O&M Costs for One Respondent <sup>a</sup>	Number of Respondents with O&M	Total O&M, (ExF)
CMS	\$155,703	0	\$0	\$5,839	53	\$309,459
SO <sub>2</sub> testing	\$10,380	0	\$0			
<b>Totals <sup>b</sup></b>			<b>\$0</b>			<b>\$309,000</b>

<sup>a</sup> Capital/Startup and Annual O&M costs have been updated from 2005 to 2019 using the CEPCI Index.

<sup>b</sup> 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 \$309,000. 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 \$309,000. These are the 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. The 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 \$24,400.

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

Managerial	\$69.04 (GS-13, Step 5, \$43.15 + 60%)
Technical	\$51.23 (GS-12, Step 1, \$32.02 + 60%)
Clerical	\$27.73 (GS-6, Step 3, \$17.33 + 60%)

These rates are from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), 2021 General Schedule, which excludes locality rates of pay. The rates have been increased by 60 percent to account for the benefit packages available to Federal government employees. Details upon which this estimate is based appear at the end of this document in Table 2: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (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 53 existing respondents will be subject to these standards. It is estimated that no additional respondents per year will become subject to these same standards. The overall average number of respondents, as shown in the table below, is 53 per year.

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

<b>Number of Respondents</b>					
	Respondents That Submit Reports		Respondents That Do Not Submit Any Reports		
Year	(A) Number of New Respondents <sup>a</sup>	(B) Number of Existing Respondents	(C) Number of Existing Respondents that keep records but do not submit reports	(D) Number of Existing Respondents That Are Also New Respondents	(E) Number of Respondents (E=A+B+C-D)
1	0	53	0	0	53
2	0	53	0	0	53
3	0	53	0	0	53
Average	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>

<sup>a</sup> 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 53.

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

<b>Total Annual Responses</b>					

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(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 or modification	0	1	N/A	0
Notification of actual startup	0	1	N/A	0
Notification of physical or operational change	0	1	N/A	0
Notification of demonstration of CMS	0	1	N/A	0
Notification of initial performance test	0	1	N/A	0
Semiannual report of excess emissions	53	2	N/A	106
			<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>

The number of Total Annual Responses is 106.

The total annual labor costs are \$1,600,000. Details regarding these estimates may be found at the end of this document in Table 1: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (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 at the end of this document, respectively, and summarized below.

#### **(i) Respondent Tally**

The total annual labor hours are 13,500. Details regarding these estimates may be found below in Table 1: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (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 127 hours per response.

The total annual capital/startup and O&M costs to the regulated entity are \$309,000. 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 488 labor hours at a cost of \$24,400; see below in Table 2: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (Renewal).

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

There is no increase in burden from the most recently-approved ICR as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. This is due to several considerations: 1) the regulations have not changed over the past three years and are not anticipated to change over the next three years; and 2) the growth rate for this industry is very low or non-existent, so there is no significant change in the number of respondents. Since there are no changes in the regulatory requirements and there is no significant industry growth, there are also no changes in the capital/startup costs. Operation and maintenance (O&M) costs have been adjusted using the CEPCI Index to reflect the increase in costs since 2005. There is a slight increase in labor costs, which is wholly due to the use of updated labor rates. This ICR uses labor rates from the most-recent Bureau of Labor Statistics report (September 2020) to calculate respondent burden costs.

### **6(g) Burden Statement**

The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 127 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 neither conduct nor 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-OAR-2020-0628. 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-OAR-2020-0628 and OMB Control Number 2060-0041 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 1: Annual Respondent Burden and Cost – NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (Renewal)**

Burden item	(A) Person hours per occurrence	(B) No. of occurrences per respondent per year	(C) Person hours per respondent per year (C = A x B)	(D) Respondents per year <sup>a</sup>	(E) Technical person- hours per year (E = C x D)	(F) Managemen t person hours per year (E x 0.05)	(G) Clerical person hours per year (E x 0.1)	(H) Total Cost Per year <sup>b</sup>
1. Applications	N/A							
2. Survey and Studies	N/A							
3. Reporting requirements								
A. Familiarization with rule requirements <sup>c</sup>	1	1	1	53	53	2.65	5.3	\$7,220.72
B. Required activities								
Initial performance tests <sup>d</sup>	300	1	300	0	0	0	0	\$0
Reference Method 9 test <sup>e</sup>	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	\$0
Repeat of performance tests <sup>f</sup>	300	1	300	0	0	0	0	\$0
C. Create information	See 3B							
D. Gather existing information	See 3B							
E. Write Report								
Application of construction or modification	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	\$0
Notification of actual startup	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	\$0
Notification of physical or operational change	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	\$0
Notification of demonstration of CMS	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	\$0
Notification of initial performance test	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	\$0
Semiannual report of excess emissions <sup>g</sup>	40	2	80	53	4,240	212	424	\$577,657.60
<b>Subtotal for Reporting Requirements</b>						<b>4,937</b>		<b>\$584,878</b>
4. Recordkeeping requirements								
A. Familiarization with rule requirements	See 3A							

B. Plan activities	See 3A							
C. Implement Activities	See 3A							
D. Develop record system	N/A							
E. Time to enter information								
Records of operating parameters <sup>h</sup>	0.25	350	87.5	53	4637.5	231.88	463.75	\$631,813.00
Record of conversion factors/calculation <sup>j,k</sup>	0.05	1,050	52.5	53	2782.5	139.13	278.25	\$379,087.80
F. Time to train personnel	N/A							
G. Time for audits	N/A							
<b>Subtotal for Recordkeeping Requirements</b>						<b>8,533</b>		<b>\$1,010,901</b>
<b>Total Labor Burden and Costs (rounded) <sup>j</sup></b>						<b>13,500</b>		<b>\$1,600,000</b>
<b>Total Capital and O&amp;M Cost (rounded) <sup>j</sup></b>								<b>\$309,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (rounded) <sup>j</sup></b>						<b>13,500</b>		<b>\$1,900,000</b>

**Assumptions:**

- <sup>a</sup> We have assumed that there are approximately 53 respondents, with no additional new or reconstructed sources becoming subject to the rule over the next three years.
- <sup>b</sup> This ICR uses the following labor rates: \$122.66 (technical), \$149.84 (managerial), and \$60.88 (clerical). These rates are from the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2020, “Table 2. Civilian workers, by occupational and industry group.” The rates are from column 1, “Total compensation.” They have been increased by 110 percent to account for the benefit packages available to those employed by private industry.
- <sup>c</sup> We have assumed that it will take one hour for each respondent to read instructions.
- <sup>d</sup> We have assumed that it will take 300 hours for each respondent to complete an initial performance test.
- <sup>e</sup> We have assumed that it will take four hours for each respondent to complete a reference Method 9 test.
- <sup>f</sup> We have assumed that it will take 300 hours to repeat performance test due to failures.
- <sup>g</sup> We have assumed that it will take 40 hours, twice a year, for each respondent to write an excess emission report.
- <sup>h</sup> We have assumed that each respondent will enter information on records of operating parameters 350 times per year.
- <sup>i</sup> We have assumed that records of conversion factors will be recorded three times daily, at 350 days per year, for a total of  $3 \times 350 = 1,050$  times per year.
- <sup>j</sup> Totals have been rounded to 3 significant figures. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.

**Table 2: Average Annual EPA Burden and Cost – NSPS for Sulfuric Acid Plants (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart H) (Renewal)**

Activity	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
	EPA person-hours per occurrence	No. of occurrences per plant per year	EPA person-hours per plant per year (C=AxB)	Plants per year <sup>a</sup>	Technical person-hours per year (E=CxD)	Management person-hours per year (Ex0.05)	Clerical person-hours per year (Ex0.1)	Cost, \$ <sup>b</sup>
New facility								
Initial performance test <sup>c</sup>	50	1	50	0	0	0	0	\$0
Repeat performance test/observed <sup>d</sup>	24	1	24	0	0	0	0	\$0
Review reports								
Notification of construction	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	\$0
Notification of actual startup	0.5	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	\$0
Notification of initial test	0.5	1.2	0.6	0	0	0	0	\$0
Review test results	8	1.2	9.6	0	0	0	0	\$0
Notification of CMS demonstration	0.5	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	\$0
Existing facility	0.5	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	\$0
Excess emission reports <sup>e</sup>	4	2	8	53	424	21.2	42.4	\$24,360.92
<b>TOTAL (rounded)<sup>f</sup></b>						<b>488</b>		<b>\$24,400</b>

**Assumptions:**

<sup>a</sup> We have assumed that there are approximately 53 respondents, with no additional new or reconstructed sources becoming subject to the rule over the next three years.

<sup>b</sup> This ICR uses the following labor rates: \$51.23 (technical), \$69.04 (managerial), and \$27.73 (clerical). These rates are from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), 2021 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.

<sup>c</sup> We have assumed that it will take fifty hours for Agency observation of the initial performance test.

<sup>d</sup> We have assumed that it will take twenty-four hours for Agency observation of a repeat of the performance test due to failure.

<sup>e</sup> We have assumed that it will take four hours, twice per year, to review the excess emission reports.

<sup>f</sup> Totals have been rounded to 3 significant figures. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.