

# Proposed Information Collection Request; Water Quality Standards Program (Renewal): Response to Public Comments

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This document provides EPA's response to comments on the Federal Register notice *Proposed Information Collection Request: Water Quality Standards Program (Renewal)*, 86 FR 15665, March 24, 2021. The comments received are available individually in the docket for the notice. To access the docket, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter "EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0465" in the Search box.

## EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0465-0028: Anonymous public comment

*Comment:* We support cleaner water standards.

*EPA response:* EPA acknowledges and appreciates the comment and its support for water quality standards. Because the comment does not provide views or information directly relevant to the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR), however, it was not considered in developing the ICR.

## EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0465-0029: Comment submitted by Kim D (no surname provided)

*Comment:* I support clean water standards and the effort the EPA needs to take in order to collect information to review and assess Water Quality Standards. Understanding that it can be a significant burden to states and authorized tribes associated with the information collections, I believe it is important to maintain clean water sources for all individuals and this is not the place to cut corners.

*EPA response:* EPA acknowledges and appreciates the comment and its support for water quality standards and the collections described in the ICR. As described in the supporting statement for the ICR, EPA will continue to work with state and tribal respondents to minimize the burden of collections as appropriate.

## EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0465-0030: Anonymous public comment

*Comment:* I support cleaner water standards. I believe we should have tools and processes in place to enhance the quality and clarity of information collected. These rules should be standardized across the board.

*EPA response:* EPA acknowledges and appreciates the comment and its support for water quality standards. EPA agrees with the need to enhance information quality and clarity and will continue to work with state and tribal co-regulators to that end, including providing guidance and tools and exercising its oversight role as necessary.

EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0465-0031: Anonymous public comment, postmarked May 24, 2021

*Comment:* As a Florida resident, I support cleaner water standards.

*EPA response:* EPA acknowledges and appreciates the comment and its support for water quality standards. Because the comment does not provide views or information directly relevant to the proposed ICR, however, it was not considered in developing the ICR.

EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0465-0032: Anonymous public comment, postmarked May 24, 2021

*Comment:* We support cleaner water standards!

*EPA response:* EPA acknowledges and appreciates the comment and its support for water quality standards. Because the comment does not provide views or information directly relevant to the proposed ICR, however, it was not considered in developing the ICR.