



Proposed Information Collection Request: Stormwater Management Including Discharges from Newly Developed and Redeveloped Sites

Summary

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit a proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request for a new collection, and EPA is requesting public comment. EPA will seek approval to distribute three mandatory questionnaires under the authority of the Clean Water Act, to inform a rulemaking to strengthen national stormwater regulations and to establish a comprehensive program to reduce stormwater discharges from newly developed and redeveloped sites.

Background on Stormwater

Developed sites, such as subdivisions and commercial shopping centers, can significantly alter the hydrology of the site and can have a negative impact on receiving waterbodies.

Generally, as sites are developed, there is an increase in areas where water cannot soak into the ground (i.e. impervious areas) leading to increases in stormwater volume. This additional stormwater volume, as well as the introduction of pollutants such as fertilizers and deposition of vehicle emissions, contributes to increased stormwater impacts. Development and redevelopment can also significantly reduce groundwater recharge, leading to lower water tables and a reduction in local stream levels between storms.

Proposed Questionnaires

The mandatory questionnaires will be sent to owners, operators, developers, and contractors of newly and redeveloped sites; owners and operators of municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s); and the states and territories.

The industry questionnaire is designed to gather information on stormwater management and controls, installation and maintenance costs, and financial conditions.

The MS4 and state/territory questionnaires will gather information to characterize the current scope of the various regulatory programs; incentives and disincentives for best management practices; and the current burden and expenditures to comply with and enforce existing requirements.

Additional Information

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You can view or download the complete text of the *Federal Register* notice, the questionnaires, and the ICR Support Statement on the Internet at:

<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/rulemaking>.