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*Comments:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 28, 2018.

Dated: August 23, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0563; FRL-9982-36]

### General Dynamics Information Technology; Transfer of Data

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that pesticide related information submitted to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), including information that may have been claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) by the submitter, will be transferred to General Dynamics Information Technology in accordance with the CBI regulations. General

Dynamics Information Technology has been awarded multiple contracts to perform work for OPP, and access to this information will enable General Dynamics Information Technology to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

**DATES:** General Dynamics Information Technology will be given access to this information on or before September 4, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Northern, Information Technology and Resources Management Division (7502P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6478 email address: [northern.william@epa.gov](mailto:northern.william@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

##### A. Does this action apply to me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

##### B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0563, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pesticide Programs Regulatory Public Docket (OPP Docket) in the Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001. The 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 Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPP Docket is (703) 305-5805. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

#### II. Contractor Requirements

The Contractor shall provide progress reporting monitoring performance and finances associated with this task order. The Technical and Quality Assurance Progress Report shall provide a general outline of the effort, state the percentage of work completed for the Task Order during the reporting period, and relate it to the overall effort.

This performance work statement (PWS) does not provide specific details on the types of solutions to be offered or the comprehensiveness of any specific solutions. However, the government requires the contractor to

offer comprehensive solutions that (1) are based on an understanding of the current EPA IT infrastructure and the systems engineering, remote sensing and GIS environments, (2) provide the scope and breadth of remote sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS) services responsive to present and future needs of EPA, ORD, and partner user communities, (3) ensure an appropriate level of security based on government regulations, agency requirements, and industry best practices, and (4) meet performance levels or metrics associated with specific areas.

The Contractor shall prepare a Quality Management Plan (QMP) describing the technical approach, organizational resources and management controls to be employed to meet the cost, performance and schedule requirements throughout task order execution. The contractor shall employ a program management structure to ensure the efficient execution of all tasks and subtasks, and the capability to report on the status of work performed. The contractor shall use a single point of contact (POC) for all matters regarding project administration and reporting.

This contract will involve no subcontractors.

OPP has determined that the contracts described in this document involve work that is being conducted in connection with FIFRA, in that pesticide chemicals will be the subject of certain evaluations to be made under this contract. These evaluations may be used in subsequent regulatory decisions under FIFRA.

Some of this information may be entitled to confidential treatment. The information has been submitted to EPA under FIFRA sections 3, 4, 6, and 7 and under FFDCA sections 408 and 409.

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3), the contracts with General Dynamics Information Technology prohibits use of the information for any purpose not specified in these contracts; prohibits disclosure of the information to a third party without prior written approval from the Agency; and requires that each official and employee of the contractor sign an agreement to protect the information from unauthorized release and to handle it in accordance with the *FIFRA Information Security Manual*. In addition, General Dynamics Information Technology is required to submit for EPA approval a security plan under which any CBI will be secured and protected against unauthorized release or compromise. No information will be provided to General Dynamics Information Technology until the

requirements in this document have been fully satisfied. Records of information provided to General Dynamics Information Technology will be maintained by EPA Project Officers for these contracts. All information supplied to General Dynamics Information Technology by EPA for use in connection with these contracts will be returned to EPA when General Dynamics Information Technology has completed its work.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*; 21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*

Dated: August 14, 2018.

**Delores Barber,**

*Director, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0516; FRL-9981-64]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Extension of an Existing Collection (EPA ICR No. 0586.14); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ICR, entitled: "TSCA Section 8(a) Preliminary Assessment Information Rule (PAIR)" and identified by EPA ICR No. 0586.14 and OMB Control No. 2070-0054, represents the renewal of an existing ICR that is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2019. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection that is summarized in this document. The ICR and accompanying material are available in the docket for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 29, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0516, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI)

or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- **Mail:** Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- **Hand Delivery:** To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information contact: Andrea Mojica, Chemical Control Division (7405M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-0599; email address: [mojica.andrea@epa.gov](mailto:mojica.andrea@epa.gov).

For general information contact: The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. What information is EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

### II. What information collection activity or ICR does this action apply to?

**Title:** TSCA Section 8(a) Preliminary Assessment Information Rule (PAIR).

**ICR number:** EPA ICR No. 0586.14.

**OMB control number:** OMB Control No. 2070-0054.

**ICR status:** This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on April 30, 2019. An 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. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

**Abstract:** On June 22, 1982, EPA promulgated the generic section 8(a) PAIR (40 CFR part 712) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). EPA uses PAIR to collect information to help identify, assess, and manage human health and environmental risks from chemical substances, mixtures and categories of chemical substances and mixtures. PAIR requires chemical manufacturers (including importers) to complete and submit standardized information about production, use, or exposure-related data to help evaluate the potential for human health and environmental risks caused by the manufacture of identified chemical substances or mixtures. The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act amending TSCA was enacted on June 22, 2016; however, the underlying authority for a Section 8(a) PAIR rule was not modified. While the Agency has not issued a Section 8(a) PAIR rule since 2006, given the new requirement under amended TSCA Section 6(b)(1) to prioritize chemicals for risk evaluation, it is possible that the Agency may start requesting section 8(a) reporting more frequently.

EPA or other federal agencies (e.g., the agencies that are part of the Interagency Testing Committee (ITC) as authorized under TSCA section 4(e)) can identify chemicals for a TSCA section 8(a) PAIR expedited rulemaking that have a justifiable need for production, use, or exposure-related data. In instances, such as when EPA must reach a decision on whether testing of a chemical is necessary, the information that EPA receives from a PAIR report may