

January 16, 2018

Data Quality Record for Strategic Measures

Strategic Measure Text: By September 30, 2022, eliminate unnecessary or duplicative reporting burdens to the regulated community by 10,000,000 hours

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 3: Rule of Law and Process/Objective 3.2: Create Consistency and Certainty

NPM Lead: Office of Policy (OP)

1a. Purpose of Strategic Measure:

The intent of reporting on reducing burden is to provide greater awareness of the paperwork burden we place on regulated entities, develop a process for managing that burden for continuous improvement, and reducing burden where possible. A positive trend would be reduction in EPA's overall ICR burden. That said, reducing burden may be difficult because of new burden required by implementation of new statutes.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

We will be looking at reducing hours of burden associated with EPA ICRs.

1c. Unit of Measure: The unit of measurement is an hour.

2a. Data Source:

EPA's ICR estimates. OMB's Information Collection Budget Reports and RegInfo.gov.

2b. Data needed for interpretation of (calculated) Performance Results:

We ran a baseline on October 2, 2017 of all EPA ICRs (Hours = 173,849,665) as well as the portion of that burden from ICR collections that are Mandatory and affect the Private Sector (Hours = 126,439,618). EPA submits these data to OMB and separately analyzes them. The data can change daily as ICRs are developed, renewed, withdrawn, or expired. These data are not collected under a QAPP.

3. Methodology:

The data are from OMB's RegInfo.gov for EPA's [current inventory](#), which updates daily. The table for all EPA ICRs can be generated using information directly pulled from the website, and it can be reported monthly by EPA office. OMB reports the ICR burden for each agency for the fiscal year annually (typically in December) in the Information Collection Budget, including the reasons for changes since the previous fiscal year. The estimate for the portion of burden from mandatory and private collections is the result of substantial processing of the more detailed [database](#) downloaded from RegInfo.gov, which can be reported annually.

4. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

The data is only as good as EPA's estimates are in creating the ICRs. EPA revises these estimates during the development process in response to public comments, but EPA often does not receive comments on these estimates, especially during the renewal process. The estimates of burden can change due to agency discretion (e.g., revising a regulation), adjustment (e.g., revising an earlier estimate due to new information), new statute, or violation (e.g., a collection with an approved ICR).

5. Technical Contact:

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6. Certification Statement/Signature:

I certify the information in the DQR is complete and accurate.

DAA Signature



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