

September 30, 1999. This is an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Sources are required to meet monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements under NSPS, Subparts N and Na. Specifically, the standards require that a source conduct the following activities:

- Keep records of: startups, shutdowns, malfunctions, periods where the continuous monitoring system is inoperative (60.7(b)); time and duration of each steel production cycle (60.143(a)); time and duration of the rates or levels of any diversion of exhaust gases from the main stack servicing the BOPF (60.143(a)); the various rates or levels of exhaust ventilation at each phase of the cycle through each duct of the secondary emission capture system (60.143a(a)); time and duration of the visible emission data sets (60.145a(d)); particulate matter concentration (i.e., opacity levels) exiting the control device and discharged into the atmosphere (60.142(a-b)); pressure loss through the venturi constriction of the scrubber continuously (60.143(a)(1)); and water supply pressure to the venturi scrubber control equipment continuously (60.143(a)(2)). Industry is required to maintain records at the facility for a minimum of two years.

- Provide notification of: construction/reconstruction (60.7(a)(1)); anticipated startup (60.7(a)(2)); actual startup (60.7(a)(3)); initial and any other performance tests (60.8(d)); demonstration of continuous monitoring system (60.7(a)(5)); and physical or operational change (60.7(a)(4) and 60.145(a)).

- Report on: initial performance test results (60.8 (a)); and monitoring results (e.g., opacity) that average more than 10 % below the average level maintained during the most recent performance test on a semiannual basis (60.7(c), 60.143(c) and 60.143a(d)).

An owner or operator could elect to reduce operating expenses by not installing, maintaining, or otherwise operating the control technology required by the standards. In the absence of the information collection requirements, compliance with the standards could be ensured only through continuous on-site inspections by regulatory agency personnel. Consequently, not collecting the information would result in either greatly increased expenditures of resources, or the inability to ensure compliance with the standards.

The information collected from recordkeeping and reporting requirements is also used for targeting

inspections, and is of sufficient quality to be used as evidence in court. The enforcement personnel may elect to conduct an inspection to ensure that the equipment is properly installed and operated, as was indicated in the performance test report. They may also conduct periodic inspections to obtain additional data on source operation and maintenance and to make compliance determinations.

All reports are sent to the delegated State or Local Agency. In the event that there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA Regional Office.

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 are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 47280) on September 4, 1998; no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 18.0 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Owners and Operators of Iron and Steel Plants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11.33.

Frequency of Response: Initial and semiannual.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,795 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$34,400.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing

respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No 1069.06 and OMB Control No. 2060-0029 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 (or E-Mail Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov); and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 6, 1999.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6418-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives—Health-Effects Research Requirements

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Health-effects Research Requirements for Manufacturers (40 CFR part 79—subpart F) (OMB Control Number 2060-0297, expiration date: October 31, 1999). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 13, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-Mail at Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1696.03.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Health-effects Research Requirements for Manufacturers (40 CFR part 79—subpart F), (OMB Control Number 2060–0297, EPA ICR Number 1696.03) expiring October 31, 1999. This is a request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: In accordance with the Clean Air Act regulations at 40 CFR part 79, manufacturers (including importers) of gasoline, diesel fuel, and additives for gasoline or diesel fuel, are required to have their products registered by the EPA prior to their introduction into commerce. Registration involves providing a chemical description of the fuel or additive, and certain technical, marketing, and health-effects information. The health-effects research is the subject of this ICR. The other information collection requirements at 40 CFR part 79 are covered by a separate ICR (EPA ICR Number 309.09, OMB Control Number 2060–1050). The health-effects research is divided into three tiers of requirements for specific categories of fuels and additives. Tier 1 requires an emissions characterization and a health-effects literature search for those emissions. Tier 1 data were submitted in 1997 and 1998 and will be applicable for most new products seeking registration. Tier 2 requires short-term inhalation exposures of laboratory animals to emissions to screen for adverse health effects, unless comparable data are already available. Alternative Tier 2 testing can be required in lieu of the standard Tier 2 if EPA concludes that such testing would be more appropriate. EPA reached that conclusion with respect to baseline gasoline, oxygenated gasoline additives, and Ethyl Corporation's manganese gasoline additive MMT. Certain small businesses are exempt from some or all of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 requirements. Tier 3 provides for follow-up research, if necessary. However, no Tier 3 requirements have been established. Thus, it is not covered in this document. This information will be used to determine if there are any products whose evaporative or combustion emissions may pose an unreasonable risk to public health, thus meriting further investigation and potential regulation. In accordance with the Clean Air Act, the results of this research shall not be considered confidential. An agency may not conduct or 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's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter

15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information, was published on April 7, 1999 (64 FR 16960); one comment was received. It was a brief statement from the Ethyl Corporation referencing the continuing dialogue over the appropriate testing for MMT.

Burden Statement: It is likely that only limited additional Tier 1 research will be done. New fuels and additives subject to Tier 1 will almost exclusively be those that can group with existing Tier 1 data, and come from manufacturers that have already paid for the Tier 1 data. Thus, over the next three years only one Tier 1 submission is anticipated. Standard Tier 2 activity will also be very limited. The EPA has concluded that existing data cover Tier 2 for baseline diesel. Alternative Tier 2 testing will be conducted over the next five years and covers baseline gasoline, the six major nonbaseline gasoline oxygenates, and the atypical gasoline additive MMT. Thus, only up to four standard Tier 2 submissions are anticipated over the next three years. The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection is estimated to average 20,695 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Manufacturers of gasoline, diesel fuel, and fuel additives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 67,467 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O & M Cost Burden: \$6.5 million.

Send comments 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, to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR Number 1696.03 and OMB Control

Number 2060–0297 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460;

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Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6419–2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Information Collection Activities Associated With EPA's Energy Star Buildings Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's Energy Star Buildings Program, OMB# 2060–0347, expires September 30, 1999. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 13, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260–2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1772.02.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's Energy Star Buildings Program, OMB# 2060–0347, ICR# 1772.02, expires September 30, 1999. This is a request for an