

**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;

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.*

[FR Doc. 99–20864 Filed 8–11–99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560–50–P

## 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

extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** The Energy Star Buildings and Green Lights programs are voluntary programs aimed at preventing pollution. These programs focus on reducing utility-generated emissions by reducing the demand for energy. EPA first created the Green Lights program to encourage corporations, state and local governments, colleges and universities, and other organizations to adopt energy efficient lighting as a profitable means of preventing pollution and improving lighting quality. With the success of the Green Lights program, EPA developed the Energy Star Buildings program to encourage business of all sizes, state and local governments, Federal Agencies, academic and other non-profit organizations to make more comprehensive energy efficiency improvements in their buildings. In designing the Energy Star Buildings program, EPA made the energy efficient lighting upgrades of the Green Lights program the first stage of the Energy Star Buildings' five-stage upgrade program. Both of these programs need to collect initial information to establish participation in them, monitor progress in completing energy efficiency upgrades, and measuring reductions in energy usage. EPA will use information requested from participants to further evaluate the overall results of the program and make adjustments, if necessary. Participation in the Energy Star Buildings and Green Lights programs is voluntary and may be terminated by Partners, Allies, Endorsers or EPA at any time. EPA does not expect that organizations will deem any information collected under the program to be 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 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 on 4/19/99 (FR Vol 64., No. 74); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information will vary depending on the type of participant, and the specific collection activity. For example: the total estimated respondent burden for completing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is 5.1 hour per respondent. The burden for collection requirements associated with applying for the Energy Star label is estimated to

be 3.8 hours per respondent. 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:** Participants in EPA's Energy Star Buildings (Green Lights, Energy Small Business) voluntary program.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 4,318.

**Frequency of Response:** One-time, annually, and/or periodically, dependent upon type of respondent.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 217,714 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital, Operating/Maintenance Cost Burden:** \$14,716.

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. 1772.02 and OMB Control No. 2060-0347 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;

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.*

[FR Doc. 99-20867 Filed 8-11-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Region VII Tracking No. 081-1081; FRL-6418-8]

### Inadequacy Status of Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of inadequacy status.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, Region VII is augmenting the national list of submitted State Implementation Plans (SIP) with motor vehicle emissions budgets that have been reviewed for adequacy for transportation conformity purposes as identified in 64 FR 31217-31219 (June 10, 1999). This document describes a finding of inadequacy for the emissions budget for St. Louis, Missouri.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher D. Hess, U.S. EPA, Air Planning and Development Branch, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101; (913) 551-7213 or [hess.christopher@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:hess.christopher@epamail.epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule, 40 CFR part 93, requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do.

Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards. The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4).

On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations unless EPA has affirmatively found the conformity budget adequate. Where EPA finds a budget inadequate, it cannot be used for further conformity determinations.

The new process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets is contained in a May 14, 1999, memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision." EPA will be revising the conformity rule to codify this guidance. You can obtain this guidance at <http://www.epa.gov/oms/transp.htm>.