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Respondents/Affected Entities: States and municipalities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32.

Frequency of Response: On occasion and annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 6016 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Non-labor Cost Burden: \$0.

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. 0909.06 and OMB Control No. 2040-0095 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: October 25, 1999.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6467-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Recycling and Emissions Reduction 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: National Recycling and Emissions Reduction Program, OMB Control Number: 2060-0256, expiration date: 12/31/99. 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 December 1, 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. 1626.07.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title:

National Recycling and Emissions Reduction Program (OMB Control No. 2060-0256; EPA ICR No. 1626.07) expiring 12/31/99. This is a request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: During 1993, EPA promulgated regulations under section 608 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Act) for the recycling of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) in air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. These regulations were published in 58 FR 28660 and are codified at 40 CFR subpart F (section 82.150 *et seq.*).

The continued collection of this information will allow the Agency to carry on enforcement of the Act by reducing emissions of class I and class II refrigerants to the lowest achievable level during the service, maintenance, repair, and disposal of appliances in accordance with section 608 of the Act. The Act (40 CFR subpart F (section 82.166)) requires affected entities to maintain records and report requested information to the Agency. The ICR renewal does not include any burden for third-party or public disclosures not previously reviewed and approved by OMB.

Entities affected by this action are refrigeration and air-conditioning contractors, refrigerated transport service dealers, scrap metal recyclers, and automobile dismantlers and recyclers. Additional entities affected include Clean Air Act section 608 technician certification programs, equipment testing organizations, refrigerant wholesalers and purchasers, refrigerant reclaimers, and other establishments that perform refrigerant removal, service, or disposal.

Affected entities are required to maintain records and submit reports. Recordkeeping requirements and

submission of reports to EPA vary depending on the entity and the length of time that the entity has been in service. Specific reporting and record keeping requirements were published in 58 FR 28660 and are codified under 40 CFR subpart F (section 82.166).

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 05/21/99 (99 FR 12941); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.18 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: 2,342,047.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,342,047.

Frequency of Response: Varies (occasional, annual, and semiannual).

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 419,546 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, Operating/Maintenance Cost Burden: \$0.

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. 1626.07 and OMB Control No. 2060-0256 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Regulatory Information Division

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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: October 26, 1999.

Richard T. Westlund,

*Acting Director, Regulatory Information
Division.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[AZNV017-FOI; FRL-6467-9]

Inadequacy Status of Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of inadequacy
determination.

SUMMARY: In this document, Region IX is augmenting the national list of adequacy determinations for State Implementation Plans (SIP) submittals for transportation conformity purposes as identified in 64 FR 31217-31219 (June 10, 1999). This notice describes a finding of inadequacy for the PM₁₀ attainment submittals with respect to emissions budget criteria for Clark County, Nevada and Yuma County, Arizona.

DATES: These budgets are effective November 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karina O'Connor, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR-2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 744-1247 or occonnor.karina@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 through a process providing for public notice and comment. Where EPA finds a budget inadequate, it cannot be used for 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/traq> from this website, click on the conformity button and look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity."

Status of Submitted Budgets

In Las Vegas, Nevada, the serious PM₁₀ attainment plan did not establish any PM₁₀ emission budgets for the annual or 24 hour PM₁₀ standard. Thus the plan does not contain emission budgets that are adequate for use in conformity determinations. In a letter dated July 12, 1999, from EPA to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Region IX determined that the area's budgets are inadequate and we are publishing that finding in this notice.

In Yuma, AZ, the only submitted budgets for transportation conformity purposes pertain to the area's moderate attainment demonstration for the pollutant PM₁₀. In a letter dated July 12, 1999, from EPA to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Region IX determined that the area's budgets are inadequate and we are publishing that finding in this notice.

As stated in the May 14, 1999, guidance, EPA's adequacy review is not to be used to prejudge EPA's ultimate approval or disapproval of the submitted SIPs. Approvability of the two SIPs mentioned in this notice will be addressed in a future rulemaking.

Because both areas have performed certain other emissions analyses, their transportation programs may continue despite this finding of inadequacy regarding submitted budgets. Furthermore, the areas can continue to use these alternative emission analyses for future conformity determinations.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: October 21, 1999.

Laura Yoshii,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6467-2]

State and Tribal Environmental Justice Grants Program; Request for Applications Guidance—FY 2000

Purpose of Notice

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications from eligible candidates under the State and Tribal Environmental Justice (STEJ) Grants Program, sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Justice.

For FY 1998 and FY 1999, EPA awarded five STEJ grants each fiscal year totaling \$500,000 to (4) states and (1) tribe. Thus, there have been ten grants awarded totaling \$1,000,000. A list of the recipients and their project descriptions are provided in Appendix E.

For FY 2000, EPA expects to once again award a total of \$500,000 to states and tribes to demonstrate how to effectively address environmental justice issues. A maximum of \$100,000 will be awarded to each recipient, contingent upon the availability of funds. A total of five grants are expected to be awarded. The standard project and budget periods are for one year. The grantee can request that the project and budget periods be extended up to three years, with the total budget of \$100,000 provided during the first year. This guidance outlines the purpose, authorities, eligibility, and general procedures for application and award of the FY 2000 STEJ Grants.

The application must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 28, 2000.

Grants Program Overview

The STEJ Grants Program was created to provide financial assistance to state and tribal environmental departments that are working to address environmental justice issues, and to support efforts to establish environmental justice programs.

A. Program Goals

The STEJ Grants Program is intended to assist states and tribes in ultimately achieving the following environmental justice goals and objectives:

- Reduce or prevent disproportionately high and adverse