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5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.

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#### **What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply to?**

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those who manufacture, import, distribute and sell gasoline.

*Title:* Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Regarding the Sulfur Content of Motor Vehicle Gasoline Under the Tier 2 Rule.

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No.1907.04, Control No. 2060–0437.

*ICR status:* This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on 4/30/07. 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 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 in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* The requirements covered under this ICR are included in the final Tier 2 rule, published on the February 10, 2000 (65 FR 6698). A minor additional ICR requirement was added to the Tier 2 rule on June 12, 2002 (67 FR 40169).

The scope of the recordkeeping and reporting requirements for each type of party in the gasoline distribution system, and therefore the cost to that party, reflects the party's opportunity to create, control or alter the sulfur content of gasoline. As a result, refiners and importers have significant requirements, which are necessary both for their own tracking and that of downstream parties, and for EPA enforcement, while parties downstream from the gasoline production or import point, such as distributors and pipelines, have

minimal burdens under the rule. Many of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements for refiners and importers regarding the sulfur content of gasoline on which the Tier 2 sulfur program relies currently exist under EPA's reformulated gasoline (RFG) and conventional gasoline (CG) anti-dumping programs. The ICR for the RFG/CG programs covered the majority of the start-up costs associated with the reporting of gasoline sulfur content. Consequently, much of the cost associated with the sulfur-control requirements under the sulfur program has already been accounted for under the ICR for the RFG/CG programs.

The information under this ICR will be collected by EPA's Transportation and Regional Programs Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), and by EPA's Air Enforcement Division, Office of Regulatory Enforcement, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). The information collected will be used by EPA to evaluate compliance with the gasoline sulfur control requirements under the Tier 2 rule. This oversight by EPA is necessary to ensure attainment of the air quality goals of the Tier 2 program. Proprietary information will be submitted by refiners and importers for demonstrating compliance with the sulfur standards. Confidentiality is handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and EPA regulations at 40 CFR Part 2.

*Burden Statement:* The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.024 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 which have subsequently changed; 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 80 refiners; 39 importers; 1200 terminals; 60 pipelines.

*Frequency of response:* Annual and periodic.

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 405 per refiner; 27 per importer; 3 per terminal; 12 per pipeline.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 38,742 hours.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$2,405,185. There are no capital investment or maintenance and operational costs associated with this rule.

#### **Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?**

EPA does not anticipate any changes in the estimates from the last ICR approval.

#### **What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?**

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: November 27, 2006.

**Margo Tsirigotis Oge,**

*Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.*

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA–HQ–OAR–2006–0894; FRL–8250–3]**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives—Requirements for Manufacturers; EPA ICR No. 309.12, OMB Control No. 2060–0150**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing

approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2007. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 30, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0894, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epa.gov).

- Fax: (202) 566-1741.

- Mail: Air and Radiation Docket, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0894, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 6102T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- Hand Delivery: EPA Docket Center, Room 3334, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0894. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The

<http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact

you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

James W. Caldwell, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Mailcode: 6406J, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 343-9303; fax number: (202) 343-2802; e-mail address: [caldwell.jim@epa.gov](mailto:caldwell.jim@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?**

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0894, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket is 202-566-1742.

Use [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

**What Information Is EPA Particularly Interested in?**

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

- (i) 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;

- (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (iv) 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.

**What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?**

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

- 1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
- 2. Describe any assumptions that you used.

- 3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.

- 4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.

- 5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.

- 6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under DATES.

- 7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

**What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply to?**

**Affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are the manufacturers of motor-vehicle gasoline, motor-vehicle diesel fuel, and additives for those fuels.

**Title:** Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives—Requirements for Manufacturers.

**ICR numbers:** EPA ICR No. 309.12, OMB Control No. 2060-0150.

**ICR status:** This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on March 31, 2007. 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 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 in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

**Abstract:** In accordance with the regulations at 40 CFR 79, Subparts A, B, C, and D, Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives, manufacturers (including importers) of motor-vehicle gasoline, motor-vehicle diesel fuel, and additives for those fuels, are required to have these 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 development of health-effects data, as required by 40 CFR 79, Subpart F, is covered by a separate information collection. Manufacturers are also required to submit periodic reports (annually for additives, quarterly and annually for fuels) on production volume and related information. The information is used to identify products whose evaporative or combustion emissions may pose an unreasonable risk to public health, thus meriting further investigation and potential regulation. The information is also used to ensure that gasoline additives comply with EPA requirements for protecting catalytic converters and other automotive emission controls. The data have been used to construct a comprehensive data base on fuel and additive composition. The Mine Safety and Health Administration of the Department of Labor restricts the use of diesel additives in underground coal mines to those registered by EPA. Most of the information is confidential.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average two 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 which have subsequently changed; 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

*Estimated total number of potential respondents:* 1050.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion, quarterly, annually.

*Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent:* 8.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 17,150.

*Estimated total annual costs:* \$1.4 million. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$1.37 million and an estimated cost of \$0.04 million for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

#### **Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?**

There is an increase of 2,340 hours in the total estimated annual respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase reflects EPA's updating of burden estimates. The increase is due to an increase in the number of fuel manufacturers producing new fuels, particularly biodiesel.

#### **What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?**

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: November 27, 2006.

**Margo Tsirigotis Oge,**

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[**ER-FRL-6681-7**]

#### **Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments**

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental

Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 7, 2006 (71 FR 17845).

#### **Draft EISs**

*EIS No. 20060204, ERP No. D-AFS-L65512-OR*, Mt. Hood National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Site-Specific Invasive Plant Treatments, Forest Plan Amendments #16, Mt. Hood National Forest and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah and Wasco Counties, OR.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concerns about the mix of options presented in the DEIS for controlling invasive, and suggested there be more consideration of IPM, biological controls and the use of prescribed fire and careful consideration when using herbicides.

Rating EC1.

*EIS No. 20060218, ERP No. D-FHW-C40167-NY*, Williamsville Toll Barrier Improvement Project, Improvements from New York Thruway, Interstate 90 between Interchange 48A and 50, Funding, Erie and Genesee Counties, NY.

**Summary:** EPA has environmental concerns about wetlands and water quality impacts, and recommends an expanded cumulative effects analysis.

Rating EC2.

*EIS No. 20060239, ERP No. D-NPS-L65515-WA*, Olympic National Park General Management Plan, Implementation, Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson and Mason Counties, WA.

**Summary:** While EPA has no objections to the proposed action, but requested that future monitoring include more quantitative measures of water quality.

Rating LO.

*EIS No. 20060286, ERP No. D-BLM-L65518-ID*, Eastside Township Fuels and Vegetation Project, Address the Forest Health, Fuels, Safety, and Watershed Issues, Elk City, Idaho County, ID.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality impacts, and requested that the assessment of cumulative impacts include other watershed restoration activities.

Rating EC1.

*EIS No. 20060345, ERP No. D-AFS-L65521-WA*, Buckhorn Access Project, To Utilize the Marias Creek