

Agency expects such a standard to reduce the potential for fuel quality to be a problem. Further, TRT has indicated that it will adhere to the ASTM specifications for biodiesel as it evolves and is finalized.

Conversations with DDC indicate that, as a general policy, they would not cover under warranty the cost of repairing a problem which was caused by use of biodiesel. DDC's instructions to owners state that the recommended fuels are diesel #1 and #2. The Agency believes that the potential lack of coverage by the original engine manufacturer will not be a significant problem under the urban bus program because the affected engines are generally out of warranty due to age. There are, of course, other warranty provisions applicable to certification of retrofit/rebuild equipment under the urban bus program.

The EMA report also indicates that oil change intervals for vehicles operating on biodiesel blends need to be shortened to avoid durability problems. Operators using biodiesel may want to monitor oil parameters more closely until they determine appropriate change intervals.

The EMA reports concludes that biodiesel blends can improve visible smoke and particulate emissions in older diesel engines.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) provides comments on a number of concerns. Many of these comments apply to the testing performed by TRT on an engine calibrated to meet federal standards using diesel fuel meeting federal requirements, but not requirements of that State. The Agency recognizes the special situations existing in California, which are reflected in the unique emissions standards, engine calibrations, and fuel specifications of the State. While the requirements of the federal urban bus program apply to several metropolitan areas in California, the Agency understands CARB's view that equipment certified under the urban bus program, to be used in California, must be provided with an executive order exempting it from the anti-tampering prohibitions of that State. Those interested in additional information should contact the Aftermarket Part Section of CARB, at (818) 575-6848.

Engelhard commented on the use of its CMX™ exhaust catalyst in conjunction with biodiesel. Engelhard notes that the two technologies complement each other—biodiesel increases the SOF of particulates while the CMX™ catalyst reduces total particulates by oxidation of SOF. The

greater the SOF, the greater reductions obtained. No concerns were expressed by Engelhard regarding use of biodiesel with its catalyst.

Copies of all comments can be found in the public docket located at the above address.

IV. Certification

The Agency has reviewed the notification of intent to certify and other information provided by TRT, along with comments received from interested parties, and finds, based on available data, that the equipment described above:

(1) Reduces particulate matter exhaust emissions (some configurations by at least 25 percent), without causing the applicable engine families to exceed other exhaust emissions standards;

(2) Will not cause an unreasonable risk to the public health, welfare, or safety;

(3) Will not result in any additional range of parameter adjustability; and,

(4) Meets other requirements necessary for certification under the Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses (40 CFR 85.1401 through 85.1415).

Therefore, today's Federal Register notice announces certification of the above-described TRT equipment for use in the urban bus retrofit/rebuild program as discussed below in section V. The effective date of certification is the date of the letter, as noted above, provided earlier from the Director of the Engine Programs and Compliance Division to TRT. A copy of the letter can be found in the public docket at the address listed above.

V. Operator Requirements and Responsibilities

As discussed below, the certified TRT equipment announced in today's Federal Register notice may be used immediately in compliance with the urban bus program. Certain configurations apply only to compliance program 1. All configurations apply to compliance program 2.

In a Federal Register notice dated May 31, 1995 (60 FR 28402), the Agency certified an exhaust catalyst manufactured by the Engelhard Corporation, as a trigger of the program requirement to reduce PM by at least 25 percent. Until such time that the 0.10 g/bhp-hr standard is triggered, that certification of the Engelhard catalyst means that operators who elect to use compliance program 1 must use equipment certified to reduce PM emissions by at least 25 percent, when rebuilding or replacing engines. With the following exception, the certified

TRT equipment may be used by operators in compliance with these current program 1 requirements. The configuration of the TRT equipment using fuel injection timing retard of four (4) degrees is not certified to reduce PM by at least 25 percent and, therefore, cannot be used by operators to comply with program 1.

Operators who choose to comply with compliance program 2 may use any configuration of the certified TRT equipment announced in today's Federal Register notice. Under option 2, an operator must use sufficient certified equipment so that its actual fleet emission level complies with the target level for its fleet. These operators must use the appropriate PM emission level from Table 2 when calculating their fleet level attained (FLA).

As stated in the program regulations (40 CFR 85.1401 through 85.1415), operators should maintain records for each engine in their fleet to demonstrate that they are in compliance with the requirements beginning in January 1, 1995. These records include purchase records, receipts, and part numbers for the parts and components used in the rebuilding of urban bus engines. In accordance with the program requirements of § 85.1404(a), operators using the certified equipment of today's notice must maintain purchase or delivery records of the B20 blend if the operator purchases the premixed blend from a fuel supplier, or, of biodiesel and low-sulfur diesel fuel if the operator mixes the B20. During compliance audits of transit operators, the Agency may review fuel purchase records and sample fuel supplies to verify blend ratios. To be in compliance with program requirements, operators must be able to demonstrate that biodiesel of the proper specification is being used in the proper proportions required by this certification.

Dated: October 15, 1996.

Mary D. Nichols,
Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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Clean Air Act Advisory Committee Meeting

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) on November 19, 1990 to provide independent advice and counsel to EPA

on policy issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act of 1990. The Committee advises on economic, environmental, technical, scientific, and enforcement policy issues.

OPEN MEETING NOTICE: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2 Section 10(a)(2), notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold its next open meeting on Thursday, December 5, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sheraton Grande, 333 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. The Permits/NSR/Toxics Integration Subcommittee, the Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee and the Linking Transportation and Air Quality Concerns Subcommittee will conduct meetings on Wednesday, December 4, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Subcommittee meeting times may change at the discretion of the co-chairs.

INSPECTION OF COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS: The committee agenda and any documents prepared for the meeting will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with the CAAAC meeting minutes will be available by contacting Committee DFO Paul Rasmussen at (202) 260-6877.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MEETING OF THE CAAAC PLEASE

CONTACT: Paul Rasmussen, Office of Air and Radiation, US EPA (202) 260-6877, Fax (202) 260-4185, or by mail at US EPA, Office of Air and Radiation (Mail Code 6102), Washington, DC 20460. If you would like to receive an agenda for the CAAAC meeting, please leave your fax number on Mr. Rasmussen's voice mail and it will be forwarded to you.

Dated: October 10, 1996.
Mary D. Nichols,
Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.
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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 1996, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Vice Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., seconded by Director Joseph H. Neely (Appointive), concurred in by Director Eugene A. Ludwig (Comptroller of the Currency), Director Nicolas P. Retsinas (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), and Chairman Ricki Helfer, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2) and (c)(10) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (c)(10)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550-17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: October 17, 1996.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Robert E. Feldman,
Deputy Executive Secretary.
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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Announcing an Open Meeting of the Board, Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 24, 1996.

PLACE: Board Room, Second Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

STATUS: The entire meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED DURING PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Proposed Revised Community Support Regulation
Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka AHP
First-Time Homebuyer Set-Aside Program

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Elaine L. Baker, Secretary to the Board,
(202) 408-2837.

Rita I. Fair,
Managing Director.
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act, including whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company can "reasonably be expected to produce benefits to the public, such as greater convenience, increased competition, or gains in efficiency, that outweigh possible adverse effects, such as undue concentration of resources, decreased or unfair competition, conflicts of interests, or unsound banking practices" (12 U.S.C. 1843). Any request for a hearing must be accompanied by a statement of the reasons a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute, summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing, and indicating how the party commenting would be aggrieved by approval of the proposal. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 15, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (Genie D. Short, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272: