

which must be met in order to install the Nelson converter on non-rebuilt engines. These criteria include maintenance of the engine in accordance with the original engine manufacturer's specifications, adjustment of all adjustable parameters in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, and oil consumption criteria. For 6-cylinder engines, the oil consumption may be no greater than 1.5 quarts per 10 hours of service. For 8-cylinder engines, the oil consumption may be no greater than 2.0 quarts per 10 hours of service. These criteria are intended to ensure that the engine is operating within the worse-case PM level of 0.5 g/bhp-hr. In addition, Nelson states that certification testing demonstrated a PM removal of 0.16 g/bhp-hr on an engine emitting at 0.30 g/bhp-hr. Nelson states that it is reasonable to assume that an even greater mass of PM would be removed from an engine operating at 0.50 g/bhp-hr. Even if this is not the case, conservatively using a 0.16 g/bhp-hr of PM removal on such an engine results in a 32% reduction, which is still greater than the 25% reduction to which the equipment is certified. EPA believes that Nelson's response is adequate to support certification for applicable non-rebuilt engines. In addition, Nelson clarified that certification for use on engines rebuilt with new DDC certified rebuild kits is limited to instances where the Nelson converter is installed on the engine at the same time as the DDC rebuild kit.

As discussed in the July 11, 1997 **Federal Register** notice requesting public comment, EPA believes that the Nelson test engine meets the criteria for worse-case test engine, described at § 85.1406(a), for all two-stroke cycle engines (exclusive of the 1990 model year DDC 6L71TA), including both mechanically and electronically fuel injected engines. EPA reserves the right to request additional information showing that PM reduction does not vary significantly among engine families. However, because the Nelson test data indicate over a 50 percent PM reduction on the DDC 6V92TA MUI test engine, EPA believes it reasonable to expect that electronically-controlled engines, with the Nelson catalyst installed, will be capable of meeting the 25 percent reduction standard for which Nelson is requesting certification. EPA received no comments contrary to this position, and thus approves certification for both mechanically and electronically fuel injected engines as shown in Table A.

Finally, EPA notes that Nelson is required to provide a 100,000 mile

emission defect warranty on the Nelson converter, and a 150,000 mile emission performance warranty per 40 CFR 85.1409. Use of the Nelson Converter on an engine utilizing a DDC certified upgrade kit does not in any way relieve Nelson of the required warranty responsibilities outlined above.

III. Certification

The Agency has reviewed this notification, along with comments received from interested parties, and finds that the equipment described in this notification of intent to certify:

(1) Reduces particulate matter exhaust emissions 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 Sections 85.1401 through 85.1415). The Agency therefore certified this equipment in a letter to Nelson dated October 14, 1997, for use in the urban bus retrofit/rebuild program as discussed below in section IV.

IV. Transit Operator Requirements

Based on this certification, no new requirements are placed on operators and no operator will be required to purchase this equipment. For the 1979 through 1989 6V92TA MUI engine models, EPA has previously certified equipment which triggered the requirement to use equipment certified to the 0.10 g/bhp-hr level beginning September 15, 1997. Therefore, under Program 1, operators who rebuild or replace 1979 through 1989 model year DDC 6V92TA MUI engines after this date will be required to use equipment certified to meet the 0.10 g/bhp-hr PM level. For all other engine models to which this certification applies, EPA has previously certified equipment which triggered the requirement to use equipment certified as providing a minimum 25 percent reduction in PM beginning December 1, 1995. The Nelson converter is certified to reduce PM by at least 25 percent, and can be used under program 1 to meet this requirement for these other engine models until such time that equipment is certified to trigger the 0.10 g/bhp-hr emission standard for these engines for less than a life cycle cost of \$7,940 (in 1992 dollars).

Operators who choose to comply with Program 2 and install the Nelson equipment, will use the specified PM emission levels in Table A in their calculation of fleet level attained.

Dated: November 19, 1997.

Robert Brenner,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5927-8]

Request for Great Lakes Preproposals Through "FY 98-99 Great Lakes Priorities and Funding Guidance"

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) is now requesting the submission of preproposals for GLNPO funding. This request is part of the *FY98-99 Great Lakes Priorities and Funding Guidance* (Funding Guidance). The Great Lakes Funding Guidance identifies Great Lakes priorities, solicits preproposals for assistance projects, and describes other Federal Great Lakes funding opportunities.

DATES: The deadline for submission of Preproposals is January 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the document are available by calling Larry Brail at 312-886-7474. It is also available through the GLNPO Internet home page (<http://www.epa.gov/glnpo>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Russ, EPA-GLNPO, G-17J, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604, (312-886-4013/russ.michael@epamail.epa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Great Lakes Funding Guidance, Preproposals are requested for a total of up to \$3.7 million in funding targeted to: Contaminated Sediments (\$1.4 million), Pollution Prevention \$700 thousand), Assessment/Indicators (\$200 thousand), Habitat Protection and Restoration (\$1.1 million), and Exotic Species (\$300 thousand). A "roadmap" section describes some of the other Great Lakes Federal funding available through USEPA, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Dated: November 18, 1997.

Gary V. Gulezian,

Director, Great Lakes National Program Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Toxics Data Reporting Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, EPA gives notice of a 2-day meeting of the Toxics Data Reporting Committee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology. This will be the second meeting of the Toxics Data Reporting (TDR) Committee, whose mission is to provide advice to EPA regarding the Agency's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program.

DATES: The public meeting will take place on December 9-10, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Written and electronic comments in response to this notice should be received by December 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at: L'Enfant Plaza, 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20024, (202) 484-1000.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this action. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made

available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

At the 2-day meeting, the TDR Committee will continue the discussions begun at the September 29-30 meeting regarding the Agency's interpretation of the EPCRA definition of "release." In section 5 of the Form R, there have been a number of issues raised with regard to the definition of "release," particularly with respect to Class I underground injection wells and RCRA Subtitle C Landfills. Several commenters believe that EPA's interpretation of the EPCRA definition of "release" will lead to the misperception that a reported EPCRA section 313 "release" necessarily results in an actual exposure of people or the environment to a toxic chemical. The TDR Committee will continue to discuss possible recommendations on ways to collect (including nomenclature and format changes) and disseminate the data that are consistent with the Agency's interpretation of the EPCRA definition of "release" and would address the concerns raised regarding public misperception.

In addition to the discussions on section 5, the TDR Committee will also be discussing how EPA characterizes the TRI data through the annual public data release. Concerns have been raised that EPA's presentation of the TRI data can lead to public misperception of the data. Some commenters have stated that because EPA uses the word "release," TRI data leads to the misperception that a reported EPCRA section 313 "release" necessarily results in actual exposure of people or the environment to a toxic chemical. The Committee will be discussing possible recommendations on ways to more clearly present release data to the public to distinguish between the various methods of disposal while still making it possible to present meaningful statistics on a national basis about releases.

A meeting summary from the September 29-30 TDR Committee meeting will shortly be available on the TRI Home Page. The address of the TRI Home Page is <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/tri>. This summary can be found under the heading "TRI Stakeholder Dialogue." In addition, the agenda and

an issue paper outlining topics for discussion at the December 9-10 Committee meeting will also be available at this same site prior to the meeting. Oral presentations or statements by interested parties will be limited to 5 minutes. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Cassandra Vail, to schedule presentations before the Committee.

II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been established for this action under docket control number "OPPTS-400120" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPPTS-400120." Electronic comments on this action may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

Cassandra Vail,

Designated Federal Official, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Open Public Advisory Committee Meetings

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that two committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted