

footgear. Participants must provide their own sack lunches.

To plan on helicopter use in advance of the visit, the City must identify the number of individuals interested in the site visit. Therefore, if you intend on visiting the proposed project site, you must register with Ms. Christy Jamieson at (907) 874-2381, no later than May 20, 1998. If inclement weather prevents a site visit on May 28, the alternative date will be May 29 at the same time and location.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting under the APEA process, the Commission will not conduct a NEPA scoping meeting after the application and draft EA are filed with the Commission.

Both scoping meetings will be recorded by a stenographer or tape recorder, and will become part of the formal record of the proceedings for this project.

Those who choose not to speak during the scoping meetings may instead submit written comments on the project. Written comments must be submitted by June 26, 1998, and should be mailed to: Mr. Stephen M. Hart, P.E., R.W. Beck, Inc., 1001 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2500, Seattle, Washington 98154-1004. All correspondence should show the following caption on the first page:

Scoping Comments, Sunrise Lake Water Supply and Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 11591, Alaska.

For further information please contact Stephen M. Hart at (206) 695-4720, or Nick Jayjack of the Commission at (202) 219-2825.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00239; FRL-5785-3]

Toxic Substances; Generic Collection of Economic and Program Support Data; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.

3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the procedures described in 5 CFR 1320.12. Before submitting the following ICR to OMB for review and reapproval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection, which is briefly described under Unit I. and Unit II. of this document. The ICR is a continuing ICR entitled "Collection of Economic and Program Support Data; Request for Generic Clearance," EPA ICR No. 1170.06, OMB No. 2070-0034. This ICR covers the reporting of economic or other data that EPA may use in developing regulatory or voluntary actions. 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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Each comment must bear the docket control number "OPPTS-00239" and administrative record number 196. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

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

All comments that 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 document. 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: For general information contact: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551, e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov. For technical information contact: Robert Lenahan, Economics, Exposure, and Technology Division (7406), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 260-1672; Fax: (202) 260-0981; e-mail: lenahan.robert@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability:

Internet

Electronic copies of the ICR are available from the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register** - Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

Fax-on-Demand

Using a faxphone call (202) 401-0527 and select item 4061 for a copy of the ICR.

I. Background

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are persons in the United States who manufacture, distribute, process, import, use or dispose of chemical substances or mixtures.

For the collection of information addressed in this notice, EPA would like to solicit comments to:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. 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.

II. Information Collection

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR, as well as the Agency's intention to renew the corresponding OMB approval, which is currently scheduled to expire on August 31, 1998.

Title: Collection of Economic and Program Support Data; Request for Generic Clearance.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1170.06, OMB No. 2070-0032.

Abstract: Staff of EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) are obliged to provide a wide array of analyses in support of Agency activities. These analyses allow OPPT staff to provide statistically valid information to assist in the development of regulations and voluntary activities that minimize costs and maximize net societal benefits. While some questions can be answered satisfactorily through information that EPA has in its possession or through existing secondary sources of data, there are others for which no relevant sources exist. Moreover, much of the work OPPT does requires information in a timely manner. Because of various pressures, the Agency often has to make decisions quickly. The ability for OPPT to collect information in relatively short periods to support such decisions is essential in ensuring that EPA makes sound decisions.

OPPT is required, through statute, to consider the economic impacts of actions taken to control the manufacture, distribution, processing, use, or disposal of chemical substances or mixtures that present unreasonable risks of injury to human health or the environment. OPPT uses cost-benefit analyses to determine that a proposed regulatory action maximizes the net benefits to society when compared to the alternatives. Given the record regarding the lack of publicly available information on many chemicals, and other situations that arise during the course of determining regulatory options, an information collection activity often is required to collect the needed data. OPPT and other EPA staff then use these data to evaluate the regulatory options available, to determine the impact of a specific program, or to develop non-regulatory, voluntary options.

Responses to this collection of information are voluntary.

Burden statement: The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 6,000 hours per year with an annual cost of \$490,000. These totals are based on an average burden of 1.5 hour per response for an estimated 4,000 respondents making one or more

responses annually. These estimates include the time needed to determine applicability; 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.

III. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this document, as well as the public version, has been established for this document under docket control number "OPPTS-00239" (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 rulemaking 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-00239" and administrative record number 196. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Information collection requests,
Reporting and recordkeeping.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

Lynn R. Goldman,

*Assistant Administrator for Prevention,
Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6013-7]

Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses; Public Review of a Notification of Intent To Certify Equipment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Agency receipt of a notification of intent to certify equipment and initiation of 45-day public review and comment period.

SUMMARY: Johnson Matthey Incorporated (JM) has submitted to EPA a notification of intent to certify urban bus retrofit/rebuild equipment pursuant to 40 CFR Part 85, Subpart O. The equipment, referred to by JM as the Cam Converter Technology (CCT™) upgrade kit, consists of proprietary cam shafts, a CEM II™ catalytic exhaust muffler containing an oxidation catalyst, specified engine rebuild parts, and a set of instructions. The candidate kit is applicable to all Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC) 6V92TA DDEC two-cycle urban bus diesel engines from model years 1985 to 1993 with power ratings of 253 and 277 horsepower (hp).

JM intends this equipment to be certified to the particulate matter standard of 0.10 grams per brake-horsepower-hour (g/bhp-hr). JM has not submitted life cycle cost information and does not intend that certification of the equipment trigger (initiate) any new program requirements for urban bus operators.

Pursuant to § 85.1407(a)(7), today's **Federal Register** notice summarizes the notification, announces that the notification is available for public review and comment, and initiates a 45-day period during which comments can be submitted. EPA will review this notification of intent to certify, as well as any comments it receives, to determine whether the equipment described in the notification of intent to certify should be certified. If certified, the equipment can be used by urban bus operators to reduce the particulate matter of urban bus engines.

The notification of intent to certify, as well as other materials specifically relevant to it, are contained in Category XXI-A of Public Docket A-93-42, entitled "Certification of Urban Bus Retrofit/Rebuild Equipment". This docket is located at the address listed below.

Today's notice initiates a 45-day period during which EPA will accept written comments relevant to whether or not the equipment included in this