

• Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before September 25, 2000.

All commenters will be retained on our mailing list. If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to stay informed and receive copies of the Draft and Final EISs, you must return the attached Information Request (appendix 5). If you do not send comments or return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend a public scoping meeting the FERC will conduct in the project area.⁶ The location and time for this meeting is: Wednesday, September 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m., Radisson-Hotel Tampa at Sabal Park, 10221 Princess Palm Avenue, Tampa, FL 33610, (813) 246-7135.

The public meeting is designed to provide you with more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed project. FGT representatives will be present at the scoping meetings to describe their proposal. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the Draft EIS. A transcript of the meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

Site Visit

On September 13, 14, and 15, 2000, we will also be conducting limited site visits to FGT's proposed facility locations in Hillsborough, Citrus, Gilchrist, and Hernando Counties, Florida. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit may contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs identified at the end of this notice for more details and must provide their own transportation.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and

must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 4). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in the proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; SEA and Recordkeeping Requirements for On-Highway HD Engines, Nonroad Large CI Engines, On-Highway LD Vehicles and LD Trucks; Exemptions; Emission Defect Information and Voluntary Emission Recall Reports; Marine Certification and AB&T; Marine Production Line Testing; Marine In-Use Testing 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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Selective Enforcement Auditing and Recordkeeping Requirements for On-highway Heavy Duty Engines, Nonroad Large Compression Ignition Engines, On-highway Light Duty Vehicles and Light Duty Trucks, EPA ICR Number 0011.09, OMB Control Number 2060-0064, expiration date: 8/30/00; Pre-Certification and Testing Exemption Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, EPA ICR Number 0095.10, OMB Control Number 2060-0007, expiration date: 7/31/00; Emission Defect Information and Voluntary Emission Recall Reports, EPA ICR Number 0282.10, OMB Control Number 2060-0048, expiration date: 8/30/00; Spark Ignition Marine Engine Application for Emission Certification, and Participation in the Averaging, Banking, and Trading Program, EPA ICR Number 1722.02, Previous OMB Control Number 2060-0321, expiration date: 7/31/00. Marine Engine Manufacturers Production Line Testing Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, EPA ICR Number 1725.02, OMB Control Number 2060-0323, expiration date: 7/31/00; Marine Engine Manufacturer In-Use Testing Program, EPA ICR Number 1726.02, OMB Control Number 2060-0322, expiration date: 7/31/00.

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 October 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Certification and Compliance Division, Engine Compliance Programs Group, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Mail Code 6403J, Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may request a copy of the ICRs without charge from the contact person below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nydia Y. Reyes-Morales, tel.: (202) 564-9264; fax: (202) 565-2057; e-mail: reyes-morales.nydia@epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which manufacture engines.

Title: Selective Enforcement and Recordkeeping Requirements for On-Highway Heavy Duty Engines, Nonroad

⁶ Other scoping meetings were held for this project in Prichard, Alabama (February 28, 2000); Southport, Florida (February 29, 2000); Crystal River, Florida (March 1, 2000); and Sanford, Florida (March 2, 2000).

Large Compression Ignition Engines, On-Highway Light Duty Vehicles and Light Duty Trucks (OMB Control Number 2060-0064, EPA ICR Number 0011.09) expiring 8/30/00.

Abstract: As part of the Selective Enforcement Auditing (SEA) Programs, authorized by Section 206(d) and 213 (d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), manufacturers are required to submit periodic reports and information before and after SEAs. The information requested include pre-audit data (such as projected annual sales, production volumes and voluntary assembly line test data), and audit data (detailed production information, records for test equipment, test data and reports). This information is evaluated to determine if production engines comply with applicable exhaust emission standards.

Title: Pre-Certification and Testing Exemption Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements (OMB Control Number 2060-0007, EPA ICR Number 0095.10) expiring 7/31/00.

Abstract: EPA may grant pre-certification and testing exemptions for engines to be used under certain circumstances, such as displays, research, national security, and exportation. Pre-certification exemptions are granted to Independent Commercial Importers who want to bring an engine into the country to be tested, modified, and eventually certified and resold. Some engines are exempt without application, subject to the provisions of 40 CFR Subpart J. The application and/or exemption records kept under this information collection are used to ensure that uncertified engines are not introduced into commerce except for legitimate purposes and are not available for use unless they are covered by an exemption.

Title: Emission Defect Information and Voluntary Emission Recall Reports (OMB Control Number 2060-0048, EPA ICR Number 0282.10) expiring on 8/30/00.

Abstract: Engine manufacturers are required, under the authority of Section 208(a) of the CAA, to report emission-related defects found in a number of engines. Manufacturers submit Voluntary Emission Recall Reports to notify EPA when they initiate a recall campaign. Defect Information and Emission Recall Reports are used by EPA to target potentially non-conforming engines for future testing and to ensure that engines comply with emission standards throughout their useful life.

Title: Spark Ignition Marine Engine Application for Emission Certification, and Participation in the Averaging,

Banking, and Trading Program, EPA ICR Number 1722.02, Previous OMB Control Number 2060-0321, expiration date: 7/31/00.

Abstract: Under Title II of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521 et seq.; CAA or the Act), EPA is charged with issuing certificates of conformity for those engines which comply with applicable emission standards. Such a certificate must be issued before engines may be legally introduced into commerce. To apply for a certificate of conformity, manufacturers are required to submit descriptions of their planned production line, including detailed descriptions of the emission control system, and test data. This information is organized by "engine family" groups expected to have similar emission characteristics. There are also recordkeeping and labeling requirements.

Those manufacturers electing to participate in the Averaging Banking and Trading Program for marine engines are also required to submit information regarding the calculation of projected and actual generation and usage of credits in an initial report, end-of-the-year report and final report. These reports are used for certification and enforcement purposes. Manufacturers will also maintain records for eight years on the engine families included in the program.

Title: Marine Engine Manufacturers Production Line Testing Reporting and Record-keeping Requirements (OMB Control Number 2060-0323, EPA ICR Number 1725.02) expiring 7/31/00.

Abstract: The Production Line Testing Program (PLT) is a self-audit program, promulgated under the authority of Section 213(d) of the CAA, in which marine engine manufacturers test engines as they leave the assembly line. It's objective is for EPA and the manufacturers to determine with statistical certainty whether new engines in fact comply with emission standards. By detecting problems while engines are still in production, nonconformities are detected and corrected before engines are introduced into commerce or soon after production when engines are most easily located. EPA uses the data obtained through the PLT to determine compliance with emission regulations and whether a Selective Enforcement Audit is needed.

Title: Marine Engine Manufacturer-Based In-Use Emission Testing Program (OMB Control Number 2060-0322, EPA ICR Number 1726.02) expiring 7/31/00.

Abstract: This information collection requires manufacturers of marine engines to submit to EPA quarterly reports with emission data generated in

the manufacturer's own in-use testing program. This information, collected under the authority of Sections 207(c) and 213(d) of the CAA, is used to determine whether in-use marine engines comply with emission standards throughout their useful lives.

All the information requested by these collections is required for various programs' implementation and activities. The information is collected by the Engine Compliance Programs Group, Certification and Compliance Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, except for information pertaining to Light Duty Vehicles and Light Duty Trucks which is collected by the Vehicle Compliance Programs Group. Information submitted by manufacturers is held as confidential until the specific engine to which it pertains is available for purchase. Confidentiality to proprietary information is granted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, EPA regulations at 40 CFR 2, and class determinations issued by EPA's Office of General Counsel. 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 EPA would like to solicit comments 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.

Burden Statement: The burden of the existing ICRs is set forth in Table I. These burden estimates include the burden associated with the initial stages of the programs. Since manufacturers have already spent the time required to initiate the programs, we expect that, once we review the existing ICRs, the revised estimates will be substantially less.

TABLE I.—BURDEN STATEMENT

ICR	Estimated average burden hours/response	Frequency	Number of respondents (#engine families)	Cost per response (per engine family)	Capital and start up cost	Operation/maintenance costs	Purchase of services cost
SEA:							
On-Highway HDE	984.8	1	22	\$58,714	\$0	\$0	\$0
CI Engines	1,644.8	1	46	\$98,314	\$0	\$0	\$0
LDV/LDT	984.8	1	20	\$7,710	\$0	\$0	\$0
Exemptions:							
Pre-certification	30	1	10	\$1,140	\$0	\$0	\$0
Testing	190	1	40	\$7,220	\$0	\$0	\$0
Defect Information and Recall Reports	174	1	38	\$8,526	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marine Certification	9,321.5	1	10(67)	(\$559,290)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marine AB&T	728	4	10	\$42,524	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marine PLT	1,745	4	10	\$104,502	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marine In-Use Prog	938	14	11	\$53,576	\$0	\$0	\$0

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.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

Robert Brenner,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Good Neighbor Environmental Board Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB) will meet on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 19th, and for the full day on Wednesday, September 20, in El Paso, Texas, in its role as advisor to the President and Congress on creating and maintaining an environmentally sustainable U.S.-Mexico border region.

In addition, on the following day, September 21st, Good Neighbor Board members will take part in the currently scheduled plenary session of the U.S.-Mexico Border XXI Program National Coordinator's meeting, where they will report out on their activities and also facilitate a public comment session. The meetings of both groups are open to the public.

Location: The Good Neighbor Environmental Board meeting will take place at the Camino Real Hotel in El Paso, Texas. It is located at 101 South El Paso Street, El Paso, Texas, 79901. The hotel phone number is (915) 534-3000. The Camino Real is adjacent to the Convention Center and Performing Arts Theater. It has underground fee parking, and there is a bus stop about 3 blocks from the hotel.

Agenda: During the first afternoon, Tuesday the 19th, the draft agenda calls for discussing ongoing Board business including dissemination of the Fourth Report to the President and Congress, a briefing on border region watersheds, a roundtable with Border XXI to give input from the Board on its proposed next phase, and break-out sessions for the Board's four workgroups. The draft agenda for Wednesday includes more ongoing Board business such as report-outs on border activities, early planning for the Fifth Report, and a roundtable session with Consejo Region 1 of Mexico and representatives from non-governmental groups.

Public Attendance: The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting. Seating on both days is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public who plan to file written statements and/or make brief oral statements at the public comment session of the National Coordinator's meeting on September 21st, which Good Neighbor is scheduled

to facilitate, should contact the Designated Federal Officer of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board by Thursday, September 7th.

Background: The Good Neighbor Environmental Board was created by the Enterprise for the Americans Initiative Act of 1992. An Executive Order delegates implementing authority to the Administrator of EPA. The Board is responsible for providing advice to the President and the Congress on environmental and infrastructure issues and needs within the States contiguous to Mexico in order to improve the quality of life of persons residing on the United States side of the border. The statute calls for the Board to have representatives from U.S. Government agencies; the governments of the States of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas; and private organizations with expertise on environmental and infrastructure problems along the southwest border. The Board meets three times annually. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gives notice of this meeting of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elaine M. Koerner, Designated Federal Officer for the Good Neighbor Environmental Board: Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, Office of the Administrator, USEPA, MC1601A, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 564-1484, koerner.elaine@epa.gov, or access the GNEB web-site at www.epa.gov/ocem/gneb.htm.