

containing ethanol, or who wish to obtain a testing exemption.

**Title:** Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives; Gasoline Volatility; Reporting Requirements for Refiners, Blenders, Importers, and Transferors of Gasoline Containing Ethanol, and Reporting Requirements for Parties Seeking a Testing Exemption (40 CFR 80.27), EPA ICR Number 1367.06, OMB Control Number 2060-0178, expiring 12-31-01.

**Abstract:** Gasoline volatility, as measured by Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) in pounds per square inch (psi), is controlled in the spring and summer in order to minimize evaporative hydrocarbon emissions from motor vehicles. RVP ranges generally from about 7 psi to 9 psi, depending on location. The addition of ethanol to gasoline increases the RVP by about 1 psi. Gasoline that contains at least 9 volume percent ethanol is subject to a standard that is 1 psi greater. As an aid to industry compliance and EPA enforcement, the product transfer document which accompanies a shipment of gasoline containing ethanol is required by regulation to contain a legible and conspicuous statement that the gasoline contains ethanol and the percentage concentration of ethanol. This is intended to deter the mixing within the distribution system, particularly in retail storage tanks, of gasoline which contains ethanol with gasoline which does not contain ethanol. Such mixing would likely result in a gasoline with an ethanol concentration of less than 9 volume percent but with an RVP above the standard. Parties wishing a testing exemption must submit certain information to EPA. 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:** EPA estimates that there are 3,000,000 shipments annually of gasoline containing ethanol. Thus the required statement must be placed on 3,000,000 product transfer documents annually. Such documents are a customary business practice, so the burden is limited to the placement of the statement, which is generally computer-generated or hand-stamped. EPA estimates an average burden of 5 seconds per document, for a total annual burden for 3,000,000 documents of 4,170 hours. At an estimated industry labor cost of \$60 per hour, EPA estimates the labor cost burden at \$250,200 for about 1,000 parties which produce or import gasoline containing ethanol. Thus the cost per party is about \$250 annually. There are no start-up costs, as they were incurred some years ago at the start of the program. There are no annualized capital costs and no operation and maintenance costs because the product transfer documents are in use for other reasons and there are no recordkeeping requirements. There are no purchase-of-services costs. There is no burden for transferors of gasoline containing ethanol because the product transfer document that accompanies each shipment is already handled as a customary business practice. It is estimated that EPA will receive 2 requests annually for testing exemptions, at 4 hours burden and \$240 labor cost per request. An operating and maintenance cost for postage and copying of \$10 per request is estimated. 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: June 22, 2001.

**Michael G. Shields,**

*Acting Director, Transportation and Regional Programs Division.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[FRL-7006-5]**

### **Program To Build Local Capacity To Conduct Assessments of the Impacts of Climate Change and Variability on Aquatic Ecosystems and Water Quality**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds and request for applications for cooperative agreements.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Global Change Research Program is issuing a Request for Applications (RFA) for Cooperative Agreements to Provide Assistance to State/Tribal/Other Local Environmental Protection Agencies to Conduct Location-Specific Assessments of the Impacts of Climate Change and Variability on Aquatic Ecosystems and Water Quality. (For the purposes of this solicitation, "local" describes any entity that operates at a smaller spatial scale than the regional or national scale. Examples include states, tribes, U.S. territories, counties, municipalities, and watersheds.) In addition, universities and non-profit organizations may apply for assistance under this program if they will use EPA funds to provide support to state/tribal/other local government environmental protection agencies.

Specifically, funding recipients will assess the potential effects of climate change and variability on water quality (with respect to drinking water, wastewater treatment, surface water, and/or ground water) and/or the effects on aquatic ecosystems (streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries, and/or coral reefs). The purpose of these cooperative agreements is to build local capacity by providing physical resources (through cooperative agreement funding) and technical assistance necessary to conduct pilot assessment projects. These pilot projects will help groups that receive funds to develop the capacity to conduct additional assessments on their own, and will generate model methodologies and approaches that can be applied by other local authorities. Applicants are encouraged to develop cooperative

relationships with other organizations, educational institutions, citizens groups, water quality authorities (e.g., water suppliers, treatment plants) and/or other non-federal governmental entities to achieve these purposes. Any transactions with such groups involving transfer of EPA funds must comply with applicable regulations. Awards are estimated to range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 total over a one- to three-year period. Depending on funding availability, up to approximately \$300,000 will be available to fund approximately three to six awards.

**DATES:** Applications must be postmarked, dated by a delivery service, or marked received by NCEA/Global personnel by October 18, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Solicitation packages are available on NCEA's web site (<http://www.epa.gov/ncea/>) and on the Global Change Research Program's web site (<http://www.epa.gov/globalresearch/>). A list of resources that may be useful to applicants is also posted on the Global Change Research Program web site. Information about the full application process and application forms are found in the "Application Kit for Assistance." Paper copies may be requested from the EPA contact person at the address and phone number below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Kelley, preferably by email: [kelley.dave@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.dave@epa.gov); also by mail: National Center for Environmental Assessment (8623D); Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460; physical location and overnight delivery: 808 17th Street, N.W., 5th floor, Washington, DC 20006; telephone: 202-564-3263; or facsimile: 202-564-2268.

Dated: June 21, 2001.

**Arthur F. Payne,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7006-2]

### Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of Texas

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

**ACTION:** Notice of tentative approval.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the State of Texas is revising its approved Public Water System

Supervision Program. Texas has adopted an Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule to improve control of microbial pathogens in drinking water, including specifically the protozoan *Cryptosporidium*, and a Stage 1 Disinfectant/Disinfection Byproducts Rule, setting new requirements to limit the formation of chemical disinfectant byproducts in drinking water. Texas has also adopted drinking water regulations requiring consumer confidence reports from all community water systems, has adopted a revised definition for public water system, and has revised Texas administrative penalty authority. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA intends to approve these program revisions.

All interested parties may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by August 2, 2001 to the Regional Administrator at the EPA Region 6 address shown below. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by August 2, 2001, a public hearing will be held. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, this determination shall become final and effective on August 2, 2001. Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information: The name, address, and telephone number of the individual organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and a brief statement of the information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing; and the signature of the individual making the request, or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

**ADDRESSES:** All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices: Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Water Permits and Resource Management Division, Public Drinking Water Section (MC-155), Building F, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753; and United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Drinking Water Section (6WQ-SD), 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Poeton, EPA Region 6, Drinking Water Section at the Dallas address given above or at telephone (214) 665-2757.

**Authority:** (Section 1420 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (1996), and 40 CFR part 142 of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations)

Dated: June 25, 2001.

**Sam Becker,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 99-216; DA 01-1485]

### The Commission Will No Longer Accept Applications for Certification and Petitions for Waiver of Technical Criteria

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On June 22, 2001, the Commission released a public notice announcing that after July 23, 2001, the Commission will no longer accept applications for certification of terminal equipment and petitions for waiver of technical criteria. The intended effect of this action is to make the public aware of the changes to the rules.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Howden at (202) 418-2343, [whowden@fcc.gov](mailto:whowden@fcc.gov) or Susan Magnotti, at (202) 418-0871, [smagnotti@fcc.gov](mailto:smagnotti@fcc.gov). The address is: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, The Portals, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite 6A207, Washington, DC 20554. The fax number is: (202) 418-2345. The TTY number is: (202) 418-0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to *In the Matter of 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review of Part 68 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations*, CC Docket 99-216, *Report and Order*, FCC 00-400, 66 FR 7579 (January 24, 2001) (*Order*), the Commission will no longer accept applications for certification of terminal equipment under 47 CFR part 68 as of July 23, 2001. Also, petitions for waiver of the part 68 rules that were eliminated in the *Order*, including those pertaining to the Commission's streamlined waiver process for stutter dial tone (section 68.312(i)) and ADSL/RADSL terminal equipment (section 68.308(e)(1)), should