

In order for technicians to service or maintain MVACs, they must pass a certification test as stipulated in Section 609 of the Act. In the interest of providing national harmony in promoting technician awareness in the proper handling of refrigerant, the Agency is charged through Section 609 with the establishment of minimum national standards for technician certification. The SPD uses the information submitted by technician certification programs to determine if programs meet the standards established by the Agency. In addition, the SPD uses the information to insure that the programs are at least as stringent as the SAE J standards of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

The information requested for all entities that service MVACs is required by Section 609(d) of the Act with regard to the following:

(1) *Technician certification programs:* Proposed automotive technician certification programs are required to be approved by EPA in accordance with Section 609(b)(4);

(2) *Business certification requirements:* Section 609(b)(2)(A) requires EPA approval of independent laboratories that certify equipment for the extraction and reclamation of refrigerant from MVACs;

(3) *Manufacturers' certification of recovery equipment:* The submission of data for EPA determination of substantially identical equipment is addressed by Section 609(b)(2)(B) (substantially identical equipment is equipment certified before the proposal of regulations under Section 609 that is substantially identical to equipment currently meeting EPA's standards);

(4) *Recordkeeping requirements:* The recordkeeping requirements for the motor vehicle recycling program are derived from Section 114 of the Act.

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 in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

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 annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average eight (8) minutes per response. 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.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* New and used motor vehicle dealers, gasoline service stations, truck rental and leasing without drivers, passenger car rental, top, body, upholstery repair and paint shops, general automotive repair shops and automotive repair shops not elsewhere classified.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 24,012.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 6,882.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost:* \$129,631.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards: Availability of Application and Nomination Information

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of nomination and application information for the U.S. EPA's 2005 Clean Water Act Recognition Awards. The awards recognize municipalities and industries for outstanding and innovative technological achievements in wastewater treatment and pollution abatement programs. Recognition is made for outstanding and noteworthy projects or programs in the following categories: operations and maintenance (O&M) at publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities; biosolids management; pretreatment programs; storm water management; and combined sewer overflow (CSO) controls. The awards are intended to educate the public about the contributions wastewater treatment facilities make to clean water; to encourage public support for municipal and industrial efforts in effective wastewater management, biosolids management, and wet weather pollution control; and, to recognize communities and industries that use innovative practices to meet CWA permitting requirements. Applicants must be in compliance with all applicable CWA requirements, or otherwise have a satisfactory record with respect to environmental quality.

**DATES:** Nomination and application deadline dates are available through EPA regions.

**ADDRESSES:** Nomination and application information can be obtained from the EPA regional offices listed on our Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/owm/mtb/intnet.htm>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Clean Water Act Section 501(a) and (e), and 33 U.S.C. 1361(a) and (e) authorizes the Recognition Awards program. Nominations and applications for the national award must be recommended by EPA regions. EPA regulations are contained at 40 CFR part 105.

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