

Abstract: In response to a request from Congress, the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences established the Committee to Review EPA's Mobile Source Emissions Factor (MOBILE) Model. The Committee was charged to evaluate MOBILE and to develop recommendations for improving the model. The Committee also examined EPA's NONROAD emissions model. With regard to improving MOBILE, the Committee recommended that EPA should develop a program to enable more accurate determination of in-use emissions, using more real-world approaches such as direct emissions monitoring systems. With regard to improving NONROAD, the Committee recommended that EPA develop a plan for compiling needed data, to include population and activity data and real-world emission factors.

The EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Assessment and Standards Division, through contractors, intends to solicit the general public to voluntarily participate in survey and testing activities involving mobile sources. EPA will use the information from this survey and testing to provide inputs to various emission models. These models are used by EPA, state and local air pollution agencies, the automotive industry, and other parties that are interested in estimating mobile source emissions. These models provide a basis for developing State Implementation Plans (SIPs), Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) reports, and attainment status assessments for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The legislative basis for gathering this data is section 103(a)(1)(2)(3) of the Clean Air Act, which requires the Administrator to "conduct * * * research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, and control of air pollution" and "conduct investigations and research and make surveys concerning any specific problem of air pollution in cooperation with any air pollution control agency * * *."

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Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.3 hours per response hours 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: The general public and a few businesses that own on-highway vehicles and nonroad equipment.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 52,300.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly and annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 48,510.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0619.09 and OMB Control No. 2060-0078 in any correspondence.

Changes in Burden: Because this ICR is being modified to include an expanded data collection program, the burden hours has increased from 1,649 to 48,510.

Dated: December 21, 2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reformulated Gasoline and Conventional Gasoline

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Reformulated Gasoline and Conventional Gasoline, OMB Control No. 2060-0277, expiration date December 31, 2000. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1591.13 and OMB Control No. 2060-0277, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-mail at Farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1591.13. For technical questions about the ICR contact James W. Caldwell, (202) 564-9303, fax (202) 565-2085, caldwell.jim@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reformulated Gasoline and Conventional Gasoline: Requirements for Refiners, Oxygenate Blenders, and Importers of Gasoline; Requirements for Parties in the Gasoline Distribution Network (40 CFR part 80—subparts D, E and F), OMB Control No. 2060-0277, EPA ICR No. 1591.13, expiring December 31, 2000. This is a request for an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Gasoline combustion is the major source of air pollution in most urban areas. The Clean Air Act (Act) requires that gasoline dispensed in certain areas with severe air quality problems be reformulated to reduce toxic and ozone-forming (smog) emissions. The Act also requires that in the process of producing reformulated gasoline (RFG), dirty components removed in the reformulation process not be "dumped" into the remainder of the country's gasoline, known as conventional gasoline (CG). The EPA promulgated regulations at 40 CFR part 80 establishing standards for RFG and CG, as specified in the Act, and establishing mandatory reporting and recordkeeping requirements for demonstrating compliance and as an aid to enforcement. The primary requirements are to test each batch of gasoline for various properties, report the results to EPA, and demonstrate compliance with the standards on an annual basis.

The collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency and have practical utility. Section 211(k) of the Act specifically recognizes the need for recordkeeping, reporting and sampling/testing requirements for enforcement of this program. This is understandable given the complicated performance requirements and the averaging and trading provisions set forth in the Act. These provisions make it impossible for EPA to determine compliance merely by taking samples of gasoline at various facilities, unlike some other fuels programs. Moreover, in the negotiated regulation process, EPA agreed to accept industry's desire for national averaging, credits, yearly averaging periods, etc. EPA cannot enforce the regulations, as negotiated, without the recordkeeping controls included in the rule, some of which were specifically agreed to by industry (e.g., covered area sampling and testing surveys and quarterly RFG refiner reporting). For example, EPA believes the attest procedures (discussed later) have led to discovery of significant violations and the prevention of future violations and believes that this process is very important. Further, the World Trade Organization ruled that the original RFG regulations discriminate against foreign refiners. EPA revised the RFG regulations to be GATT-consistent. If EPA could not use these enforcement tools for domestic refineries it would not be able to use them for foreign refineries. This would greatly hinder EPA's ability to regulate foreign refiners.

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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 **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 13, 2000, (65 FR 60939). One comment was received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours 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: Refiners, Oxygenate blenders, Importers of gasoline, Parties in the gasoline distribution network.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,190.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, quarterly, annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 101,586 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden: \$23 million.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1591.13 and OMB Control No. 2060-0277 in any correspondence.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7157 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa
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Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000456, DRAFT EIS, AFS, AK, Chomondeley Timber Sales, Implementation, Harvesting Timber, Tongass Forest Plan, Tongass National Forest, Craig Ranger District, West of Ketchikan and South of Prince of Wales Island, AK, Due: February 19, 2001, Contact: Dale Kanen (907) 826-3271.

EIS No. 000457, DRAFT EIS, NPS, TX, Fort Davis National Historic Site, General Management Plan, Implementation, Fort Davis, TX, Due: March 05, 2001, Contact: Jerry R. Yarbrough (915) 426-3225.

EIS No. 000458, FINAL EIS, AFS, WY, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Oil and Gas Leasing in Management Areas: 21-Hoback Basin; 45 Moccasin Basin; 71 Union Pass and 72 Upper Basin River, Fremont, Sublette and Teton Counties, WY, Due: February 28, 2001, Contact: Richard Anderson (307) 739-5558.

EIS No. 000459, DRAFT EIS, IBR, CA, Grassland Bypass Project (2001 Use Agreement), To Implement the New Use Agreement for the period from October 1, 2001 through December 21, 2009, San Joaquin River and Merced River, Fresno, Merced and Stanislaus Counties, CA, Due: February 27, 2001, Contact: Michael Delamore (559) 487-5039.

EIS No. 000460, DRAFT EIS, GSA, OR, Eugene/Springfield New Federal Courthouse, Construction, Lane County, OR, Due: October 30, 2000, Contact: Michael Levine (253) 931-7263.

Due to an Administrative Error by the U.S. General Services Administration, the above Draft EIS was not properly filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. GSA has confirmed that distribution of the DEIS was made available to all federal agencies and interested parties for the 45-day review period. For further information contact Mr. Michael Levine at (253)931-7263.

EIS No. 000461, FINAL EIS, GSA, OR, Eugene/Springfield New Federal Courthouse, Construction, Lane