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Standard Paragraph

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Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal: National Recycling and Emissions Reduction Program, OMB Number: 2060-0256

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 the Information Collection Request (ICR): National Recycling and Emissions Reduction Program, OMB Number: 2060-0256, EPA Control Number: 1626.03, is coming up for renewal. Before submitting the renewal package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted in duplicate to the attention of Air Docket No. A-92-01 VIII.J at: Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. The Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center is located in Room

M-1500, Waterside Mall (Ground Floor), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. Dockets may be inspected from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying docket materials.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deborah Ottinger, (202) 233-9149. Facsimile number: (202) 233-9577. For questions only, you may use the electronic address:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Affected entities:* Entities affected by this action are refrigeration and air conditioning service and repair shops, plumbing, heating, and air conditioning contractors, refrigerated transport service dealers, scrap metal recyclers, and automobile dismantlers and recyclers. Additional entities affected include Clean Air Act Section 608 technician certification programs, equipment certification programs, refrigerant wholesalers and reclaimers, and other establishments that perform refrigerant removal at service and disposal.

Title: "National Recycling and Emissions Reduction Program" OMB Control Number: 2060-0256. EPA Control Number: 1626.03. Expiration Date: May 31, 1996.

Abstract: In 1993, EPA promulgated regulations under Section 608 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (Act) for the recycling of CFCs and HCFCs in air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. These regulations were published in 58 FR 28660, and are codified at 40 CFR Subpart F (§ 82.150 *et seq.*). The reasons the information is being collected, the way the information is to be used, and whether the requirements are mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain a benefit, are described below. The ICR renewal does not include any burden for third-party or public disclosures not previously reviewed and approved by OMB. 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.

Equipment Testing Organizations. Equipment testing organizations must apply to EPA to become approved. Approved equipment testing organizations must maintain records of the tests performed and their results, and must submit a list of all certified equipment to EPA annually. Testing organizations must notify EPA

whenever a new model of equipment is certified or whenever an existing certified models fails a recertification test. Information collected from equipment certifiers is required to ensure that recycling and recovery equipment meets the performance standards of the regulation and that all approved testing laboratories have the equipment and expertise to test equipment to these standards.

Servicing and Disposal

Establishments. Persons maintaining, servicing, repairing, or disposing of appliances must certify to EPA that they have acquired certified recycling or recovery equipment and are complying with the requirements of the rule. This certification must be renewed in the event of a change of ownership of the service or disposal establishment. In addition, service establishments are required to maintain adequate documentation of technician certification. These requirements help the Agency to target its enforcement efforts.

Reclaimers. Refrigerant reclaimers must maintain records of the names and addresses of persons sending them material for reclamation as well as the quantity of the material (the combined mass of refrigerant and contaminants) sent. In addition, reclaimers must maintain records of the mass of refrigerant reclaimed and the mass of waste products. Reclaimers must report this information (total quantities) to the Agency annually. This information helps the Agency track refrigerant use to insure that no refrigerant is vented at service or disposal.

Refrigerant Wholesalers. Wholesalers must maintain records indicating the names of purchasers, dates of sales, and quantities of refrigerant purchased. This information helps the Agency to track refrigerant use and identify points of noncompliance. The Agency believes that wholesalers already maintain such records. In addition to normal business records, wholesalers have to maintain records verifying that purchasers of refrigerant are properly certified. These records will be used by EPA inspectors to ensure that refrigerants are only sold to certified technicians. This is to guarantee that individuals who purchase refrigerant are aware of the legal restrictions on its use.

Disposers. Persons disposing of small appliances, room air conditioners, and MVACs must maintain copies of signed statements attesting that the refrigerant has been removed prior to final disposal of each appliance. This information helps EPA to verify that refrigerant is recovered at some point during the disposal process even if the final

disposer does not have recovery equipment.

Technicians. In order for technicians to use recycling and recovery equipment, they have to pass a certification test. Technicians have to maintain a wallet-sized certification card. The test is necessary to ensure that technicians understand refrigerant recovery procedures and regulations. The card is necessary to ensure that only certified technicians perform work on air conditioning and refrigeration equipment or purchase refrigerants.

Technician Certification Programs. Organizations operating technician certification programs have to apply to EPA to have their program approved. Approved technician certification programs have to maintain records including the names of certified technicians and the unique numbers assigned to each technician certified through their programs. Approved technician certification programs also have to submit a report to EPA every six months including the pass/fail rate and testing schedules.

The application process ensures that the technician certification programs meet minimum standards for generating, tracking, and grading tests, and keeping records. Record maintenance allows both the Agency and the certification program to verify certification claims and monitor the certification process. The semiannual reports give the Agency the ability to evaluate certification programs and modify the certification test if necessary.

Refrigeration and air conditioning equipment owners. Owners of refrigeration or air conditioning equipment that contain more than 50 pounds of refrigerant must maintain records of the quantity of refrigerant used during each service procedure performed for the equipment. This ensures that owners can determine when they are subject to leak repair requirements. In addition, equipment owners who decided not to repair leaks must develop and maintain a record of a plan that states that the equipment will be either retired, replaced or retrofitted. The development of such a plan ensures that equipment owners intend to take action to reduce emissions.

Owners of Industrial Process Refrigeration. Under an amendment to the section 608 rule that was promulgated on August 8, 1995 (60 FR 40420), owners of industrial process refrigeration equipment who wish to receive an extension or exclusion under the leak repair amendment are subject to the following reporting and

recordkeeping requirements. (The Office of Management and Budget approved the amendment to the ICR reflecting this amendment on September 28, 1995.)

(1) Those persons wishing to extend leak repair compliance beyond the required 30 days must maintain and submit to EPA information identifying the facility, the leak rate, the method used to determine the leak rate and full charge, the date a leak rate greater than allowable was discovered, the location of the leaks, any repair work completed thus far and date completed, a plan to fix other outstanding leaks to achieve allowable leak rate, reasons why greater than 30 days is needed, and an estimate of when repair work will be completed. Any dates and results of static and dynamic tests must also be maintained and submitted to EPA.

(2) Those persons wishing to extend retrofit compliance beyond the required one year must maintain and submit to EPA information identifying the facility, the leak rate, the method used to determine the leak rate and full charge, the date a leak rate of greater than the allowable rate was discovered, the location of leaks, any repair work that has been completed thus far and date completed, a plan to complete the retrofit or replacement of the system, the reasons why more than one year is necessary, the date of notification to EPA, an estimate of when retrofit or replacement work will be completed, if time changes for original estimates occur, documentation of the reason why, and the date of notification to EPA regarding a change in the estimate of when the work will be completed.

(3) Those persons wishing to exclude purged refrigerants that are destroyed from the annual leak rate calculations must maintain records on-site to support the amount of refrigerant claimed sent for destruction. These records must include flow rate, quantity or concentration of the refrigerant in the vent stream, and periods of purge flow.

(4) Those persons wishing to calculate the full charge of an affected appliance by establishing a range based on the best available data, regarding the normal operating characteristics and conditions for the appliance, must maintain records on-site to support the methodology used in selecting or modifying the particular range.

The sum of these changes represents an increase in reporting requirements only for those persons wishing to receive an extension or exclusion under the leak repair amendment.

These reporting and recordkeeping requirements allow determinations to be made regarding requested extensions

and exclusions under the amendments to the leak repair provisions, which were written in response to industry concerns and with the concurrence of industry. Specifically, the amendments allow for persons to extend their compliance deadlines, to exclude destroyed purged refrigerants from leak rate calculations, or to use a range rather than calculate the full charge, when certain circumstances exist. EPA would be unable to make determinations as to the viability of a claim regarding the need for an extension without the information under the recordkeeping and reporting requirements. In negotiating the settlement agreement with members of CMA, those members agreed with the proposed recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

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;

(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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The annual burden is reported in this Notice by annual respondent burden. The burden hours shown have been significantly reduced from the original ICR because most of the burden hours in the original ICR (technician certification, certification by service establishments, applications by equipment and technician certifiers) were associated with the start-up of the program. This estimate 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.

Collection activities	Burden hours
i. Equipment Testing Organizations:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Submit to EPA annual list of all equipment previously certified	1
Notify EPA of certification of new models	5
Maintain records of equipment tested and its performance	0
Notify EPA of equipment failing retests or inspections	2
Total Annual Burden: Hour total (8)×Number of Respondents (2)=16 hours.	
ii. Certification by Service Establishments that Change Ownership or Enter the Market:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Compile information, complete certification requirements25
Maintain proof of employee certification25
Total Annual Burden: Hour total (.5)×Number of Respondents (2,250)=1125 hours.	
iii. Certification by Disposal Establishments that Change Ownership or Enter the Market:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Compile information, complete certification requirements25
Maintain proof of employee certification25
Total Annual Burden: Hour total (.5)×Number of Respondents (25)=12.5 hours.	
iv. Maintenance of copies of signed statements by disposal establishments:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Maintain copies of signed statements verifying evacuation of refrigerant	20
Total Annual Burden: Hour total (20)×Number of Respondents (500)=10,000 hours.	
v. Certification by Refrigerant Reclaimers that Change Ownership or Enter the Market:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Completing certification and submitting it to EPA Headquarters	2
Total Annual Burden: Hour Total (2)×Number of respondents (20)=40.	
vi. Reclaimer Reporting:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Compiling information and submitting it to EPA Headquarters	5
Total Annual Burden: Hour Total (5)×Number of respondents (80)=400.	
vii. Refrigerant Wholesalers:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Maintain usual business records of refrigerant sales transactions	0
Maintain normal invoices	0
Maintain records of technician certification	8
Total Annual Burden: Hour total (8)×Number of respondents (5,000)=40,000.	
viii. Technician Certification Programs Applying for Approval:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Compiling information to become approved and submitting it to EPA Headquarters	30
Total Annual Burden: Hour Total (30)×Number of respondents (10)=300.	
ix. Recordkeeping by Existing Technician Certification Programs:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Maintain records of certified technicians, individuals taking the tests, test scores, locations, and dates of tests	0
Submit report to EPA every 6 months	16
Total Annual Burden: Hour Total (16)×Number of respondents (100)=1600 hours.	
x. Technicians Acquiring Certification and Maintaining Certification Cards:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Register and take certification test	3
Maintain certification card02
Total Annual Burden: Hour Total (3)×Number of respondents (30,000)=90,000 hours.	
Hour Total (.02)×Number of respondents (300,000)=6,000 hours.	
Total: 96,000 hours.	
xi. Owners of Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Equipment:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Keep records of the quantity of refrigerant used during service procedures1
Develop and maintain plan to retire, replace, or retrofit equipment	2
Total Annual Burden: Hour Total (.1)×Number of respondents (1,968,000)= 196,800.	
Hour Total (2)×Number of respondents (35,850)=71,700.	
Total: 268,500 hours.	
xii. Owners of Industrial Process Refrigeration Equipment:	
Annual Respondent Burden:	
Prepare requests for 30-day extensions	5
Prepare requests for retrofit extensions	8
Maintain information on purged and destroyed refrigerant	4
Maintain information on the calculation of the full charge using a range	4
Perform and document results of static and dynamic tests	4
Total Annual Burden (same order as above):	
Hour total (5)×Number of respondents (30)=150.	
Hour total (8)×Number of respondents (30)=240.	
Hour total (4)×Number of respondents (60)=240.	
Hour total (4)×Number of respondents (30)=120.	
Hour total (4)×Number of respondents (60)=240.	
Total: 990 hours.	

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspects of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed above under **ADDRESSES** near the top of this Notice.

Dated: February 6, 1996.

Paul M. Stolpman,

Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs.

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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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 the Information Collection request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 14, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 940.13.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Ambient Air Quality Surveillance, (OMB Number 2060-0084; EPA ICR # 940.13). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The general authority for the collection of ambient air quality data is contained in sections 110 and 319 of the Clean Air Act (Act) (42 USC 1857). Section 110 makes it clear that State-generated air quality data are central to the air quality management process through a system of State implementation plans (SIP's). Section 319 was added via the 1977 Amendments to the Act and spells out the key elements of an acceptable monitoring and reporting scheme. To a large extent, the requirements of section 319 had already been anticipated in the detailed strategy document prepared by EPA's Standing Air Monitoring Work Group (SAMWG). The regulatory provisions to implement these recommendations were developed through close consultation with the State and local agency representatives serving on SAMWG and through

reviews by ad-hoc panels from the State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators (STAPPA) and the Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials (ALAPCO). These modifications to the previous regulations were issued as final rules on May 10, 1979 (44 FR 27558) and are contained in 40 CFR Part 58.

Major amendments, which affect the hourly burdens, were made in 1983 for lead, 1987 for PM-10, and 1993 for the enhanced monitoring for ozone. The specific required activities for the burden include establishing and operating ambient air monitors and samplers, conducting sample analyses for all pollutants for which a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) has been established, preparing, editing and quality assuring the data, and submitting the ambient air quality data and quality assurance data to EPA.

Some of the major uses of the data are for judging attainment of the NAAQS, evaluating progress in achieving/maintaining the NAAQS or State/local standards, developing or revising SIP's, evaluating control strategies, developing or revising national control policies, providing data for model development and validation, supporting enforcement actions, documenting episodes and initiating episode controls, documenting population exposure, and providing information to the public and other interested parties.

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 Federal Register notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 25, 1995.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 13,910 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: State and Local Air Pollution Control Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Total Burden: 1,808,355 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$100,901,490.

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 following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 940.13, and OMB Control No. 2060-0084 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information (2136), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460

and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 7, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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Mobile Sources Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

The Mobile Sources Technical Advisory Sub-Committee to the Clean Air Act Committee is convening a meeting on February 21, 1996 from 9:30-3:30 at the Ramada Detroit Metro Airport, 8270 Wickham Road, Romulus, Michigan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine McMillan at (202) 260-3420.

Katherine McMillan,

Assistant Director, Division of Policy, Planning and Budget, Office of Mobile Sources.

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