

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5710-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review**Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Manufacturing, Processing and Distribution in Commerce Exemptions****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Manufacturing, Processing and Distribution in Commerce Exemptions [EPA ICR No. 0857.07; OMB Control No. 2070-0021] has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden.

The Agency is requesting that OMB renew for 3 years the existing approval for this ICR, which is scheduled to expire on May 31, 1997. A Federal Register notice announcing the Agency's intent to seek the renewal of this ICR and the 60 day public comment opportunity, requesting comments on the request and the contents of the ICR, was issued on September 12, 1996 (61 FR 48152). EPA did not receive any comments on this ICR during the comment period.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before April 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 0857.07 and OMB Control No. 2070-0021.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0857.07 and OMB Control No. 2070-0021, to the following addresses:

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Information Management Division (Mailcode: 2137) 401 M Street, SW., 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Review Requested: This is a request to renew a currently approved information collection pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12.

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 0857.07; OMB Control No. 2070-0021.

Current Expiration Date: Current OMB approval expires on May 31, 1997.

Title: Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Manufacturing, Processing and Distribution in Commerce Exemptions.

Abstract: Section 6(e)(3)(A) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) prohibits the manufacture, processing and distribution in commerce of PCBs. TSCA section 6(e)(3)(B) provides that any person may petition the EPA for an exemption from these prohibitions and that the EPA may grant such an exemption for a one-year period if (1) an unreasonable risk of injury to health or environment would not result, and (2) good-faith efforts have been made to develop a substitute chemical substance for PCBs that does not present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment.

Interim Procedural Rules at 40 CFR Part 750 Subparts B and C outline the procedures for filing exemption petitions, the procedures that EPA will follow when a petition is submitted and the procedures for filing a request to renew an exemption previously granted. Under these rules, EPA may request information from each petitioner to determine whether the petitioner meets the statutory requirements to qualify for an exemption.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR part 750). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately two to eight hours per response for three respondents. These estimates include 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. No person is 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 displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those persons who petition the Environmental Protection Agency for exemptions from the prohibition on the manufacture, processing and distribution in commerce of PCBs.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 18 hours.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Changes in Burden Estimates: There is a decrease of 37 hours in the total estimated respondent burden as compared with that identified in the information collection request most recently approved by OMB, from 55 hours currently to an estimated 18 hours. This reflects the fact that new procedures that EPA has or plans to put in place with respect to the regulation of PCBs will reduce the number of exemption petitions that respondents need to file, and will eliminate the need to file renewal requests for exemptions previously granted. This, in turn, will reduce the burden associated with this information collection.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted as described above.

Dated: March 10, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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[FRL-5710-3]

Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses; Approval of a Notification of Intent To Certify Equipment**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of agency approval of an application for equipment certification.

SUMMARY: The Agency received an application dated March 22, 1996 from the Engelhard Corporation (Engelhard) with principle place of business at 101 Wood Avenue, Iselin, New Jersey for certification of urban bus retrofit/rebuild equipment pursuant to 40 CFR 85.1404-85.1415. The equipment is applicable to Detroit Diesel