

environmental information they can understand and use in their day-to-day decision making about their health and the environment. As a part of program planning efforts, EMPACT is currently developing a telephone survey. The objective of the survey is to rank citizens' top local urban environmental concerns in each of the 86 EMPACT cities. EMPACT will use this information for the following purposes:

- Direct successful FY '99 projects into new metropolitan areas
- Guide the selection of EMPACT urban grant recipients
- Directing the development of information delivery systems in urban areas
- Guiding the development of new/innovative information delivery and public access media and models
- Support information needs of concurrent programs

Participation in this data collection effort is voluntary. 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** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 3, 1998. Two comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .20 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:** citizens within 86 designated EMPACT cities.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 8,600.

**Frequency of Response:** one-time collection.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 1720 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden:** \$0.00.

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 and OMB Control No. in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OP Regulatory Information Division (2137), 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.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6194-8]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Environmental Information Customer Survey

**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: Center for Environmental Information and Statistics, Environmental Information Customer Survey. The ICR describes the nature of this 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 December 30, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1853.01

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** CEIS Environmental Information Customer Survey (EPA ICR Number 1853.01) This is a new collection.

**Abstract:** This information collection request covers a *voluntary* program of activities to be implemented by the EPA's Center for Environmental Information and Statistics (CEIS) over the next three years (FY1999-2001). The CEIS was established in EPA's Office of Policy starting in 1997, to provide the public with a single, convenient source of EPA's information on environmental quality, status and trends. In brief, CEIS compiles existing data and information from major EPA databases and makes that information available to the public in plain English and in graphical, easy-to-use formats. The CEIS is providing this information to the public via a Web site on EPA's home page ([www.epa.gov/ceis](http://www.epa.gov/ceis)), publications, and in other suitable formats identified by EPA's information customers. Soon after the announcement of the Center, a *Customer Survey Plan* was drafted and peer reviewed to establish a three-year series of survey activities to keep CEIS informed of the public's changing environmental information needs and access preferences. The survey activities identified in this information collection request will ultimately support the achievement of EPA's goals to, "Expand Americans' Right to Know About Their Environment" (per EPA's *Strategic Plan* (EPA/190-E-97-002)). The results of these survey activities will also shape the development and delivery of the Center's products and services over time.

The survey activities in the *Customer Survey Plan* will enable the Center to:

- Identify who among the general public uses environmental information;
- Understand who, among the public, considers themselves to be an EPA environmental information customer;
- Understand, who among the public, considers themselves to be a customer of the new Center,
- Assess what types of data and information CEIS customers need and how they would like to access these data and information, and,
- Develop the capacity to use customer feedback in developing and improving the Center's products and services.

The CEIS *Customer Survey Plan* calls for a three year, iterative program of qualitative and quantitative survey activities including telephone surveys, focus groups, interviews, and self-

administered questionnaires via mail and various electronic media. In addition to assessing customer needs and access preferences, these activities will help CEIS to test product or service concepts (alpha testing); test actual products and services (beta-testing); or determine customer satisfaction with finished products and services. CEIS and its consultants will store survey data and analysis on their computers and in hard copy. Personal or demographic information will be collected and aggregated to maintain confidentiality of responses and to protect the identity of individual respondents.

The activities proposed for this three-year program will involve an estimated 47,040 members of the public and cost an estimated \$4.2 million dollars. The estimated total respondent burden hours for the entire three-year set of activities is approximately 18,395 hours.

A national telephone survey of the public's environmental information needs, proposed to start in January, 1999, is described in Part B of this Information Collection Request. EPA's CEIS will submit cost and burden data to OMB for each major survey activity called for in this ICR, once individual survey budgets, survey designs, and/or interview protocols are developed.

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**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 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 U.S. public.

Estimated Number of Respondents in all proposed survey activities: 47,040.

Frequency of Response: occasional.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden: 6,130 hours

Estimated Total Cost: \$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 following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1853.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OP Regulatory Information Division (2137), 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.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6194-9]

### Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses; Public Review of a Notification of Intent To Certify Equipment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Agency receipt of a notification of intent to certify equipment and initiation of 45 day public review and comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency has received a request to amend a notification of intent to certify urban bus retrofit/rebuild equipment pursuant to 40 CFR part 85, subpart O from the Engelhard Corporation (Engelhard). On March 20, 1998 (63 FR 13660) EPA certified a Engelhard retrofit catalytic muffler which demonstrated a 25% reduction in particulate matter (PM) for 1992-1993 Cummins L-10 electronically-controlled (EC) petroleum-fueled diesel engines (that are not originally equipped with aftertreatment devices). In the original notification dated October 18, 1996,

Engelhard requested approval for all Cummins L-10 engines manufactured prior to and including 1993. However, EPA noted in the March **Federal Register** document that, based on the test engine, certification could only apply to 1992-1993 L-10 EC (electronically controlled) models. EPA stated that should Engelhard provide additional information requesting to extend this certification to additional models, EPA would provide the opportunity for public comment. EPA has since received such information from Engelhard, and Engelhard is requesting that certification be extended to include all pre-1994 Cummins L-10 engines and all other 4-stroke urban bus engines.

In addition to providing a summary of the notification in this document, EPA is identifying the engines that are included in the, "all other 4-stroke urban bus engine" classification under the urban bus retrofit/rebuild program. After receipt and review of the comments, EPA will publish in the **Federal Register** a listing of the engines to be included in the "all other 4-stroke engine" classification. It is intended that this listing would define the classification "all other 4-stroke engines," as it applies to the candidate equipment of today's document, as well as other previously certified urban bus retrofit/rebuild equipment.

Pursuant to part 85.1407(a)(7), today's **Federal Register** document summarizes the notification below, announces that the notification is available for public review and comment, and initiates a 45-day period during which comments can be submitted. The Agency will review the additional information submitted relative to the notification of intent to certify, as well as comments received, to determine whether the additional models identified in the amendment to the notification of intent to certify should be included in the certification. If certified, the equipment can be used by urban bus operators to reduce the particulate matter of urban bus engines.

The Engelhard amendment information, the original notification of intent to certify, as well as other materials specifically relevant to it, are contained in category XVII-A of Public Docket A-93-42, entitled "Certification of Urban Bus Retrofit/Rebuild Equipment." This docket is at the address below.

Today's document initiates a 45-day period during which the Agency will accept written comments relevant to whether or not the additional models should be included in this notification of intent to certify and whether the models listed for the "all other 4-stroke