

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.

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 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 PROTECTION AGENCY

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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/oea/ofa
Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed December 18, 2000 Through December 22, 2000

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000456, DRAFT EIS, AFS, AK, Cholmondeley 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

County, OR, Due: January 29, 2001, Contact: Michael Levine (253) 931-7263.

EIS No. 000462, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, IBR, CA, San Joaquin River Agreement Project, Updated and New Information, The Acquisition of Additional Water for Meeting the San Joaquin River Agreement Flow Objectives, 2001-2010, Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan (VAMP), Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, CA, Due: February 12, 2001, Contact: John Burke (916) 978-5556.

EIS No. 000463, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, FHW, IL, FAP Route 340 (I-355 South Extension), Interstate Rout 55 to Interstate Route 80, Additional Information for the Tollroad/Freeway Alternative, Funding, US Coast Guard Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Cook, DuPage and Will Counties, IL, Due: February 28, 2001, Contact: Jon-Paul Kohler (217) 492-4988.

EIS No. 000464, DRAFT EIS, NOA, WA, Anadromous Fish Agreements and Habitat Conservation Plans for the Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Hydroelectric Projects, Implementation, Incidental Take Permits, Chelan and Douglas Counties, WA, Due: February 19, 2001, Contact: Bob Dach (503) 736-4734.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 000429, FINAL EIS, AFS, ID, Brownlee Vegetation and Access Management Project, Implementation, Weiser Ranger District, Payette National Forest, Washington County, ID, Due: January 22, 2001, Contact: John Baglien (208) 549-4200. Revision of FR notice published on 12/15/2000: CEQ Comment Date has been Extended from 01/16/2001 to 01/22/2001.

EIS No. 000445, FINAL EIS, AFS, WA, ID, OR, MT, Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Projects, Updated and New Information on Three Management Alternatives, Implementation, WA, OR, ID and MT, Due: January 16, 2001, Contact: Susan Giannettino (208) 334-1770. Published FR 12-15-00 Correction to Title.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-G65076-OK Rating LO, Quachita National Forest, An Amendment to the Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Glover River, McCurtain County, OK.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the selection of the proposed action as the preferred alternative for the amended land and resource management plan. EPA is suggesting the inclusion of some additional information to strengthen the Final Statement.

ERP No. D-USN-K35041-CA Rating EC2, Naval Station (NAVSTA) San Diego Replacement Pier and Dredging Improvements, Construction, Dredging and Dredged Material Disposal, San Diego Naval Complex, San Diego, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding dredging and dredged material disposal, impacts to aquatic resources, hazardous air pollutants, toxic substances, environmental justice, and mitigation measures.

ERP No. DR-AFS-K61145-CA Rating EC2, Programmatic EIS—Ansel Adams, John Muir and Dinkey Lakes Wildernesses, Proposed New Management Direction, Amending the Land and Resource Management Plans for the Inyo and Sierra National Forests, Implementation, Inyo, Madera, Mono and Fresno Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA raised continuing concerns regarding the RDEIS' failure to analyze potential cumulative impacts associated with production livestock grazing.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-COE-H36108-NB, Sand Creek Watershed Restoration Project, To Develop Environmental Restoration, City of Wahoo, Saunders County, NB.

Summary: EPA continued to have environmental concerns on three issues: (1) Lack of current data in the project area; (2) project need and alternative; and (3) insufficient analysis of cumulative impacts.

ERP No. F-COE-K36133-CA, Whitewater River Basin (Thousand Palms) Flood Control Project, Construction of Facilities to Provide Flood Protection, Coachella Valley, Riverside County, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-COE-K39060-CA, Upper Newport Bay Restoration Project, To Develop a Long-Term Management Plan to Control Sediment Deposition, Orange County, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Fenthion Public Stakeholder Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Agency is holding a public stakeholder meeting to gather information and hear concerns and comments about risks and possible risk mitigation for the organophosphate mosquitocide pesticide, fenthion. The Agency recently completed an Interim Reregistration Eligible Decision (IRED) document identifying unacceptable risks and risk mitigation recommendations. EPA is seeking stakeholder discussion of the risks posed by fenthion use and ways to mitigate these risks.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 17, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Requests to participate in the meeting must be received on or before January 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Embassy Suites, 8978 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819, telephone, (407) 352-1400 ext. 7120. Requests to participate may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit II. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure