

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0353; FRL-8568-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Motor Vehicle Emissions and Fuel Economy Compliance: Light Duty Vehicles, Light Duty Trucks, and Highway Motorcycles; EPA ICR No. 0783.54, OMB Control No. 2060-0104**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2008. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0353, by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov*: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax*: 202-566-9744.
- *Mail*: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Air and Radiation Docket, Mailcode 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.
- *Hand Delivery*: Docket Center, (EPA/DC), EPA, West Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0353. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at *www.regulations.gov*, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise

protected through *www.regulations.gov* or e-mail. The *www.regulations.gov* Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through *www.regulations.gov* your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?**

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0353, which is available for online viewing at *www.regulations.gov*, or in person viewing at the Air Docket in the Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, EPA Headquarters Library, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air Docket is 202-566-1742.

Use *www.regulations.gov* to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

What Information is EPA Particularly Interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it 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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (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 electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

What Should I Consider when I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does this Apply to?

Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0353

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are manufacturers

and independent commercial importers into the United States of light duty vehicles, light duty trucks and highway motorcycles.

Title: Motor Vehicle Emissions and Fuel Economy Compliance: Light Duty Vehicles, Light Duty Trucks, and Highway Motorcycles.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 0783.54, OMB Control No. 2060-0104.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on November 30, 2008. 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 in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: Under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521 *et seq.*) manufacturers and importers of light duty vehicles (passenger cars), light trucks, and motorcycles must have a certificate of conformity issued by EPA covering any vehicle they intend to offer for sale. In addition, light duty vehicles and light truck manufacturers and importers must also submit fuel economy information and reports required by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (49 U.S.C. 32901 *et seq.*). EPA reviews vehicle information and manufacturer test data to determine if the vehicle design conforms to applicable requirements and to verify that the required testing has been performed. After a certificate of conformity has been issued, subsequent audit and enforcement actions may be taken based on the initial information submitted as well as on information submitted while the vehicles are in service. Until a vehicle is available for purchase, information is confidential. Some proprietary information is permanently confidential.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 346.24 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 which have subsequently changed; 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 173.

Frequency of response: Yearly and occasionally.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 10.82.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 647,100.

Estimated total annual costs: \$58,343,913. This includes an estimated labor burden cost of \$39,876,745 and an estimated cost of \$18,467,168 for capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: May 14, 2008.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8567-7]

EPA's 2008 Report on the Environment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of a final report titled, "EPA's 2008 Report on the

Environment" (EPA/600/R-07/045F), which was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) with significant input from partners across EPA and other federal agencies.

EPA's 2008 Report on the Environment (2008 EPA ROE) compiles the most reliable indicators available to help understand important trends in the environment and human health. The indicators are supported by data that are as current as possible (data included in the 2008 EPA ROE are as recent as October 2007). Additionally, the report identifies key limitations of these indicators and gaps where reliable indicators do not yet exist. These gaps and limitations highlight the disparity between the current state of knowledge and the goal of full, reliable, and insightful representation of environmental conditions and trends, and provide direction for future research and monitoring efforts.

DATES: This document will be available on or about May 20, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The document will be available electronically through the NCEA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. The main distribution method for this report will be via the Internet. A limited number of paper copies and compact disks, however, will be available from the EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone: 1-800-490-9198; facsimile: 301-604-3408; e-mail: nscep@bps-lmit.com. Please provide your name, your mailing address, and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Information Management Team, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8601P), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Telephone: 703-347-8561; fax: 703-347-8691; e-mail: nceadc.comment@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

To accomplish its mission to protect human health and the environment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must pay close attention to trends in the condition of the nation's air, water, and land, as well as related trends in human health and ecological systems. To meet this need, EPA embarked on a bold initiative in 2001 to assemble, for the first time, the most reliable available indicators of national environmental and health conditions and trends that are important to EPA's mission. EPA initially presented these