Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives—Requirements for Manufacturers; EPA ICR No. 0309.14

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR) “Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives—Requirements for Manufacturers” (EPA ICR No. 0309.14, OMB Control No. 2060–0150) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another notice to add new requirements for manufacturers and importers of motor-vehicle gasoline, motor-vehicle diesel fuel, and additives to those fuels.

The increase in the number of registered manufacturers and importers is due to an increase of 900 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase is due to an increase in the number of registered fuels for which quarterly and annual reports are required.

Manufacturers are also required to submit periodic reports (annually for additives, quarterly and annually for fuels) on production volume and related information. The information is used to identify products whose evaporative or combustion emissions may pose an unreasonable risk to public health, thus merit further investigation and potential regulation. The information is also used to ensure that fuel additives comply with EPA requirements for protecting catalytic converters and other automotive emission controls. The data have been used to construct a comprehensive database on fuel and additive composition. The Mine Safety and Health Administration of the Department of Labor restricts the use of diesel additives in underground coal mines to those registered by EPA. Most of the information is business confidential.


Respondent/affected entities: Manufacturers and importers of motor-vehicle gasoline, motor-vehicle diesel fuel, and additives to those fuels.

Estimated number of respondents: 1950.

Frequency of response: On occasion, quarterly, annually.

Total estimated burden: 20,600 hours per year. Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: $1.9 million per year, includes $45,000 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in estimates: There is an increase of 900 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase is due to an increase in the number of registered fuels for which quarterly and annual reports are required.

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