public docket, visit http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

Abstract: As required by the Clean Air Act, EPA has regulations establishing emission standards and other requirements for various classes of vehicles, engines, and evaporative emission component. These regulations require that compliance be demonstrated prior to EPA granting a “Certificate of Conformity”. EPA charges fees for administering this certification program. In 2004 the fees program was expanded to include nonroad categories of vehicles and engines, such as several categories of marine engines, locomotives, non-road recreational vehicles, and many nonroad compression-ignition and spark-ignition engines. Manufacturers and importers of covered vehicles, engines and components are required to pay the applicable certification fees prior to their certification applications being reviewed by the Agency. Under section 208 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7542(c)) all information, other than trade secret processes or methods, must be publicly available. Information about fee payments is treated as confidential information prior to certification.

Form Numbers: EPA MVECP Fee Filing Form (F3520–29).

Respondents/affected entities: Manufacturers or importers of passenger cars, motorcycles, light trucks, heavy duty truck engines, nonroad vehicles or engines, and evaporative emissions components.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Required to obtain or retain a benefit (40 CFR part 1027).

Estimated number of respondents: 611 (total).

Frequency of response: Annually.

Total estimated burden: 1,019 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: $67,445 (per year), includes $11,411 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an increase of 92 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase is based on the increase in the number applications for certification and the associated fees, updates and corrections that are filed by the manufacturer as part of the fee payment process.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Treatment of Indian Tribes in a Similar Manner as States for Purposes of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), Treatment of Indian Tribes in a Similar Manner as States for Purposes of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (EPA ICR Number 2553.03; OMB Control Number 2040–0290), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through December 31, 2019. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on April 15, 2019 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. 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.

DATES: Additional comments must be submitted on or before November 29, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2019–0143, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information, or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Peterson, Watershed Assessment, Restoration, and Protection Division, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds (4503T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566–1304; fax number: (202) 566–1331; email address: peterson.carol@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202–566–1744. For additional information about EPA’s public docket visit http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

Abstract: In 2016, EPA issued regulations establishing a process for federally recognized tribes to obtain treatment in a similar manner as states (TAS) for purposes of administering the water quality restoration provisions of Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d), including establishing lists of impaired waters on their reservations and developing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). The CWA does not require tribes to administer the CWA Section 303(d) program. However, tribes seeking to be authorized must apply for and be found eligible for TAS through the procedures described in the regulations.

Section 303(d) of the CWA requires states, territories, and authorized tribes to identify and establish a priority ranking for waters that do not meet EPA-approved or promulgated water quality standards (WQS) following the implementation of technology-based controls. For waters so identified, Section 303(d) requires states, territories, and authorized tribes to establish TMDLs in accordance with their priority ranking for those pollutants the Administrator identified as suitable for TMDL calculation. A TMDL is the calculation and allocation to point and nonpoint sources of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still meet applicable WQS, with a margin of safety.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Any federally recognized tribe with a reservation.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Voluntary.

Estimated number of respondents: Five.

Frequency of response: Once for initial TAS status, thereafter biennially.

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for lists of impaired waters, and from time to time for TMDLs. 

Total estimated burden: 34,757 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.00(b).

Total estimated cost: $2,003,045 (per year), which includes $12,443 in annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in Estimates: There is a decrease of 55,147 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. These decreases are due to: (1) The estimated annual number of respondents decreasing from twelve to five; (2) new and better data that parses out labor and costs per activity; and (3) TAS application burden and cost estimates from post-final rule, Revised Interpretation of Clean Water Act Tribal Provision (the previous ICR used pre-final rule estimates).

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Summary: The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), “Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission Standards (Renewal)” (EPA ICR No. 0783.65, OMB Control No. 2060–0104) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2020. 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.

Dates: Comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 2019.


EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

For further information contact: David Wright, Compliance Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105; telephone number: 734–214–4467; fax number 734–214–4869; email address: wright.davida@epa.gov.

Supplementary information: Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202–566–1744. For additional information about EPA’s public docket, visit http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting 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. 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. At that time, EPA will issue another Federal Register notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

Abstract: Under sections 202(a) and 202(k) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521), EPA finalized regulations to set more stringent vehicle emission standards beginning in model year 2017, as part of a systems approach to addressing the impacts of motor vehicles and fuels on air quality and public health. The Tier 3 vehicle emission standards, which are the subject of this ICR, reduce both tailpipe and evaporative emissions from passenger cars, light-duty trucks, medium-duty passenger vehicles, and some heavy-duty vehicles. The Tier 3 vehicle standards are harmonized with California’s Low Emission Vehicle Program—LEVIII standards, creating a federal vehicle emissions program allowing automakers to sell the same vehicles in all fifty states. This ICR covers the information that affected respondents must provide to the Agency. Any information submitted to the Agency for which a claim of confidentiality is made is safeguarded according to policies set forth in CFR title 40, chapter 1, part 2, subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information (see 40 CFR part 2).

Form numbers:
Form 5800–258—Template for Light-duty Conversion of Intermediate Age System
Form 5900–257—Template for Light-duty Cover of Outside Useful Life System
Form number N/A—Template for Tier 3 Light-duty FTP and SFTP AB&T Reporting
Form number N/A—Template for Tier 3 Heavy-duty NMHC+NOX, Evaporative and Cold NMHC AB&T Reporting

Respondents/affected entities:
Manufacturers of light-duty passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks, medium-duty passenger vehicles and some heavy-duty vehicles.

Respondent’s obligation to respond: Required in order to receive Certificate of Conformity per section as outlined in section 206(a) of the Clean Air Act.

Estimated number of respondents: 55 (total).

Frequency of response: As needed.

Total estimated burden: 73,567 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

Total estimated cost: $7,662,565 (per year), which includes $6,455,695 annualized capital and $1,206,870 annual operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in estimates: There is no change in the total estimated respondent