

TABLE 1.—TOTAL BURDEN AND COST REDUCTION RESULTING FROM CERTIFICATION IN LIEU OF CHLOROFORM MINIMUM MONITORING

Activity	Total annual burden (hours)	Total annual cost (2000)
Annual burden for reporting for certification in lieu of chloroform minimum monitoring	480	\$27,320
Annual burden <i>reduction</i> from sampling for minimum monitoring required by 40 CFR 430.02	(19,812)	(572,760)
Annual burden <i>reduction</i> from reporting for minimum monitoring required by 40 CFR 430.02	(160)	(9,110)
Annual analytical cost <i>reduction</i> for minimum monitoring by 40 CFR 430.02	(3,856,740)
Total Annual Burden and Cost Reduction	(19,492)	(\$4,411,290)

(b) State and Agency Burden Estimates

EPA does not estimate any addition or reduction of recurring burden for NPDES and pretreatment control authorities or for the Agency for facilities wishing to certify their fiber lines in lieu of chloroform minimum monitoring.

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Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6952-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Continuing Collection; Comment Request; Tax-Exempt (Dyed) Highway Diesel Fuel; Requirements for Transferors and Transferees

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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Tax-exempt (Dyed) Highway Diesel Fuel: Requirements for Transferors and Transferees (40 CFR 80.29(c)), (EPA ICR Number 1718.03, OMB Control Number 2060-0308, expiration date: 7-31-01). 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 May 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Transportation and Regional Programs Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, Mail Code 6406J, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20460. A paper or electronic copy of the draft ICR may be obtained without charge by contacting the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which transfer or receive tax-exempt (dyed) highway diesel fuel.

Title: Tax-exempt (Dyed) Highway Diesel Fuel: Requirements for Transferors and Transferees (40 CFR 80.29(c)), EPA ICR Number 1718.03, OMB Control Number 2060-0308, expiration date: 7-31-01.

Abstract: Diesel fuel for use in motor vehicles, also known as highway diesel fuel, as subject to compositional restrictions, per 40 CFR 80, in order to reduce emissions. Diesel fuel not intended for use in motor vehicles, also known as off-road diesel fuel, has no such restriction. It is required to be dyed red in order to distinguish it from highway diesel fuel, and thus deter its use in motor vehicles. The Internal Revenue Service requires that highway diesel fuel which is tax-exempt contain the same red dye in order to distinguish it from taxed highway diesel fuel, and thus deter its use in vehicles which do not qualify for tax-exempt fuel. In order to distinguish off-road diesel fuel from tax-exempt highway diesel fuel, the product transfer document (PTD) for tax-exempting highway diesel fuel must indicate that the diesel fuel meets the requirements for highway diesel fuel. Typically, a code is used on the PTD to so indicate. The PTD is a necessary document produced in the normal course of business for reasons other than this requirement. Transferors and transferees of tax-exempt highway diesel fuel are required to retain the PTDs for five years, which is customary business practice. See 40 CFR 80.29(c). 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 EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the 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.

Burden Statement: EPA estimates that there are no longer any burdens associated with these reporting and recordkeeping requirements. The computers which print the code or related language on the PTDs were programmed in 1993. Thus, there is no annualized capital cost. The PTDs are produced and retained in the normal course of business. Thus, there is no labor cost and no operating and maintenance cost. No information is reported to EPA. Thus, there is no respondent burden and no respondent cost. 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.

Dated: March 1, 2001.

Deborah Wood,

Acting Director, Transportation and Regional Programs Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6953-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal; Comment Request; Underground Storage Tanks: Technical and Financial Requirements, and State Program Approval Procedures

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: "Underground Storage Tanks, Technical and Financial Requirements, and State Program Approval Procedures," EPA ICR Number 1360.06; OMB Control Number 2050-0068. This ICR will replace EPA ICR Number 1360.05, which expires on September 30, 2001. 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 May 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Commenters should send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number UST 9-2 to: OUST Docket, c/o RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to OUST Docket c/o RCRA Docket Information Center, Crystal Gateway One, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic form should

also be identified by the docket number (UST 9-2). All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Copies of the draft ICR, supporting materials, and public comments are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at the Arlington, VA address listed above. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page.

The official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in **ADDRESSES** stated above.

EPA responses to comments, whether the comments are written or electronic, will be in a notice in the Federal Register or in a response to comments document placed in the official record for this action. EPA will not immediately reply to commenters electronically other than to seek clarification of electronic comments that may be garbled in transmission or during conversion to paper form, as discussed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those facilities that own and operate Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) and those states that implement the UST programs.

Title: "Underground Storage Tanks, Technical and Financial Requirements and State Program Approval Procedures," EPA ICR Number 1360.06, OMB Control Number 2050-0068. This ICR will replace EPA ICR Number 1360.05, which expires on September 30, 2001. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, requires that the EPA develop standards for UST systems as may be necessary to protect human health and the environment, and

procedures for approving State programs in lieu of the Federal program. EPA promulgated technical and financial requirements for owners and operators of USTs at 40 CFR Part 280, and State program approval procedures at 40 CFR Part 281. This ICR is a comprehensive presentation of all information collection requirements contained at 40 CFR parts 280 and 281.

The data collected for new and existing UST system operations and financial requirements are used by the owners and operators and/or EPA or the implementing agency to monitor results of testing, inspections, and operations of UST systems, as well as to demonstrate compliance with regulations. EPA believes strongly that if the minimum requirements specified under the regulations are not met, neither the facilities nor EPA can ensure that UST systems are being managed in a manner protective of human health and the environment.

EPA uses State program applications to determine whether to approve a State program. Before granting approval, EPA must determine that programs will be no less stringent than the Federal program and contain adequate enforcement mechanisms.

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.

EPA would like to solicit comments 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.

Burden Statement: This ICR is a comprehensive description of the total respondent burden for all information collection activities related to the UST program. EPA has revised its respondent