

information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are new and used motor vehicle dealers, gasoline service stations, truck rental and leasing facilities without drivers, passenger car rental facilities, top, body, upholstery repair and paint shops, general automotive repair shops, and automotive repair shops not elsewhere classified. Clean Air Act Section 609 automotive air-conditioning technician certification programs, and approved independent standards testing organizations, will also be affected.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 16,039.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,923 hours.

Frequency of Collection: Most requirements require collection on a one-time only basis.

This renewal shows a significant reduction in burden from the original information collection request. This reduction is due primarily to revisions in the estimates of the number of service facilities that must complete certifications for the equipment they have purchased. EPA estimates that over 250,000 pieces of equipment have been purchased in the United States. As a result, the Agency estimates that no more than 10,000 existing facilities, plus 4,000 new facilities, will need to complete the certification forms in any year. In addition, the reduction in burden hours from the original ICR is due in part to a revision in the estimate of the time it takes for a service facility manager to fill out the certification form. EPA believes that the original estimate of one half-hour was inaccurate. This time was halved, from one half-hour to one quarter-hour. Certain other changes to the ICR have been made in order to reflect the current size of the sectors affected by the ICR. For example, there are now approximately 25 organizations that certify automotive service technicians to work with recover/recycle equipment. This revised number of organizations is reflected in the cost and burden hour totals.

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 following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1617.02 and OMB Control No. 2060-0247 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory

Information Division (2136), 401 M Street, SW., Washington DC 20460 and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 28, 1995.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Information Division.

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Request for Comments: Preaward Compliance Review Report for all Applicants Requesting Federal Financial Assistance, Agency Information Collection Activities up for Renewal (OMB Control Number 2090-0014)

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 proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collections as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Office of Civil Rights, USEPA Waterside Mall (WSM), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Interested parties may receive a copy without charge by writing to this address or by calling Mary St. Peter at (202)260-4967.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary St. Peter: phone (202) 260-4967; fax (202) 260-4580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are grant and loan applicants, generally state and local governments, universities, etc., who must complete a simple form with the requested data.

Title: Preaward Compliance Review Report, EPA form 4700-4, OMB Control Number 2090-0014, expiration date 1/31/96.

Abstract: The information request and gathering is part of the requirement of 40 CFR Part 7, "Nondiscrimination in Program Receiving Federal Assistance

from the Environmental Protection Agency", at 40 CFR § 7.80. The regulation implements statutes which prohibit discrimination on the bases of race, color, national origin, sex and handicap. This information is also required, in part, by the Department of Justice regulations, 28 CFR 42.406 and 28 CFR 42.407. The information is collected on a short form from grant and loan applicants as part of the application. The EPA Director of Civil Rights manages the data collection through a regional component or delegated state, both of whom also carry out the data analysis and make the recommendation on the respondent's ability to meet the requirements of the regulation, as well as the respondent's current compliance with the regulation. The information and analysis is of sufficient value for the Director to determine whether the applicant is in compliance with the regulation. Analysis of the data allows EPA to determine:

(1) Whether there appears to be discrimination in the provision of program or activity services between the minority and non-minority population. This allows EPA to determine whether any action is necessary by it before the award of the grant or loan.

(2) Whether the respondent is designing grant or loan financed facilities to be accessible to handicapped individuals or whether a regulatory exemption is applicable. This allows EPA to determine whether design changes are necessary prior to the award of the grant or loan, which can save the respondent a significant amount of money, e.g., ensuring a facility is accessible to the handicapped is much less costly if this requirement is included in the design rather than after construction has begun.

(3) Whether the respondent receives or has applied for financial assistance from other Federal agencies. This information allows EPA to canvass these other agencies to avoid conducting duplicate compliance audits, reviews, or complaint investigations and is a reduction of burden on respondents. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a grant or loan and are kept on file by the state distributing the funds.

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 40 CFR Chapter 15.

The 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: The form is part of the grant or loan application package. The information currently exists in the respondent operation. The data collected on this form is compiled and reported from the applicant's existing information. The information as gathered and reported on the form specifically applies to the grant or loan application. The only burden experienced by the respondent is that of completing the form. Our past experience has shown that it requires one half-hour to complete the form. The form is usually completed by the applicant's packager or a clerk assistant. The average salary range of the combined or single individual is \$30,000.00 per year. Our information comes from direct experience in carrying out the task. Therefore the capital cost would be \$0 and the labor for 1/2 hour would be \$14.41 per year. At approximately 4,000 recipients per year, the total cost would be \$28,820.00. Burden means 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 estimate 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: November 13, 1995.
Dan Rondeau,
Director, Office of Civil Rights.
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Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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 the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1633.09.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Acid Rain Program (OMB Control No. 2060-0258; EPA ICR No. 1633.09). This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Acid Rain Program was established under Title IV of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. The program calls for major reductions of the pollutants that cause acid rain while establishing a new approach to environmental management. This information collection is necessary to implement the Acid Rain program. It includes burden hours associated with developing and modifying permits, transferring allowances, obtaining allowances from the conservation and renewable energy reserve and small diesel refinery program, monitoring emissions, participating in the annual auctions, completing annual compliance certifications, participating in the Opt-in program, and complying with No_x permitting requirements. Most of this information collection is mandatory under 40 CFR Parts 72-78. Some parts of it are voluntary or to obtain a benefit, such as participation in the annual auctions under 40 CFR Part 73, Subpart E. 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 Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 7/13/95 (FRL-5258-2).

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 273 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 way 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: 849.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 849.

Frequency of Response: Varies by task.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,839,120 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$44,660,000.

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 following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1633.09 and OMB Control No. 2060-0258 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2136), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460
and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

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Joseph Retzer,
Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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