Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2596–004 New York]

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

December 21, 2000.

A Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA is for an application to surrender the license for the Station 160 Hydroelectric Project. The DEA finds that approval of the application, to include certain actions recommended by Commission staff, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Station 160 Project is located on the Genesee River in Livingston County, New York.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208–1371.

Please submit any comments on the DEA within 40 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation. Comments should be addressed to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 2596–004 to all comments. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at *http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm.*

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6926–2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Transition Program for Equipment Manufacturers

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): Transition Program for Equipment Manufacturers, EPA ICR Number 1826.02, OMB Control Number 2060–0369, expiration date: April 30, 2001, renewal. 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 February 27, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Certification and Compliance Division, Engine Compliance Programs Group, Ariel Ríos Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Mail Code 6403J, Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may request a copy of the ICRs without charge from the contact person below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nydia Y. Reyes-Morales, tel.: (202) 564–9264; fax: (202) 565–2057; e-mail: *reyes-morales.nydia@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are original nonroad equipment manufacturers and nonroad engine manufacturers.

Title: Transition Program for Equipment Manufacturers (OMB Control No. 2060–0369; EPA ICR No. 1826.02) expiring on April 30, 2001, renewal.

Abstract: In August 1998, EPA promulgated new regulations for nonroad compression-ignited engines which established emission standards (Tier I standards) for engines under 37 kW, and tightened existing standards (Tier II standards) for engines above 37 kW. These regulations are likely to cause some engine design changes. During the rulemaking process, some equipment manufacturers expressed concerns about delays in notification from engine manufacturers about engine design changes. These design changes can create problems in fitting the engine to the equipment. Subsequently, equipment manufacturers would be unable to sell the volume of equipment they planned for, since they would need to redesign their equipment before any products could be sold. In response to these concerns, EPA created a Transition Program for Equipment Manufacturers (TPEM) in an effort to provide original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) with some flexibility in complying with the regulations. Under the program, OEMs are allowed to use a number of noncompliant engines (uncertified engines rated below 37 kW or Tier I engines rated at or above 37 kW) in their equipment for up to seven years.

Participation in the program is voluntary. Participating OEMs and engine manufacturers who provide the noncompliant engines to the OEMs are required to keep records and submit reports of their activities under the program. The information is collected by the Engine Programs Group, Certification and Compliance Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation. Confidentiality to proprietary information is granted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, EPA regulations at 40 CFR part 2, and class determinations issued by EPA's Office of General Counsel. 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 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: EPA estimates that this information collection will have 233 respondents. Each respondent will spent approximately 40 hours, once a year, to respond to this information collection. The total cost to each respondent is estimated at $2,006.87 per year plus $15 for annual operational and maintenance expenses. Respondents are expected to incur no capital, start up or purchase of service expenses. 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: December 21, 2000.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6926–5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Marine Engine Manufacturer-Based In-Use Emission Testing Program

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Marine Engine Manufacturer-Based In-Use Emission Testing Program, OMB Control No. 2060–0322, expiration date December 31, 2000. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1726.03 and OMB Control No. 2060–0322, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260–2740, by E-mail at Farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/icr and refer to EPA ICR No. 1726.03. For technical questions about the ICR contact Dennis Johnson, Engine Programs Group, Certification and Compliance Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality at 202–564–9278 or by e-mail at johnson.dennis@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Marine Engine Manufacturer-Based In-Use Emission Testing Program (OMB Control No. 2060–0322; EPA ICR No. 1726.03), expiring December 31, 2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This information collection requires manufacturers of marine engines to generate and submit quarterly reports of engine information and emissions data generated in the manufacturer's own in-use testing program. The Engine Programs Group in the Certification and Compliance Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation will collect this information and evaluate it to determine whether in-use marine engines comply with the emission standards set forth in the regulations at 40 CFR part 91.

The results of the manufacturers in-use testing program will primarily be used by the Office of Transportation and Air Quality to verify compliance of in-use marine engines; however, emissions data generated during this testing becomes public information after the testing programs are concluded. Consequently, States and localities may also use data generated in mobile source emission inventory estimates. Additionally, the Certification and Compliance Division will use the exhaust emission data from this testing to evaluate the appropriateness of the certification process.

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** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 31, 2000 (65 FR 53005); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 153 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; 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: Marine engine manufacturers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 10,405 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital, Operating/ Maintenance Cost Burden: $694,080.

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 addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No.1726.03 and OMB Control No. 2060–0323 in any correspondence.