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Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are refrigeration and air-conditioning service and repair shops; plumbing, heating, and air-conditioning contractors; refrigerated transport service dealers; scrap metal recyclers; automobile dismantlers and recyclers. Additional entities affected include Clean Air Act section 608 technician certification programs, equipment certification programs, refrigerant wholesalers and reclaimers, and other establishments that perform refrigerant removal, service, and/or disposal.

Title: "National Refrigerant Recycling and Emissions Reduction Program" (OMB Control No. 2060-0256; EPA ICR No. 1626.08) expiring 7/31/03.

Abstract: In 1993, EPA promulgated regulations under section 608 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 for the recycling of ozone depleting refrigerants, specifically chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrofluorocarbons (HCFCs), in air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment. These regulations were published on May 14, 1993 (58 FR 28660) and codified in 40 CFR subpart F (§ 82.150 *et seq.*).

The mandatory reporting and recordkeeping requirements are found at 40 CFR 82.166, and are used to judge the effectiveness of EPA regulations aimed at reducing emissions of ozone-depleting substances and meet the United States' obligation under the Montreal Protocol to reduce the use and emissions of ozone depleting substances (ODSs) to the lowest achievable level. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements affect persons who sell or distribute any class I or class II substance for use as a refrigerant; purchasers of any class I or class II refrigerants who employ certified technicians; EPA-approved refrigerant recovery equipment testing organizations; EPA-approved technician certification programs; EPA-certified refrigerant reclaimers; persons disposing (including metal scrap recyclers) of small appliances, motor vehicle air-conditioners (MVACs), and MVAC-like appliances; persons servicing appliances normally containing 50 or more pounds of refrigerant; owners/operators of appliances normally

containing 50 or more pounds of refrigerant; and service technicians certified under 40 CFR 82.161.

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: 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.

The annual burden is reported in this notice by annual respondent burden. 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. This ICR renewal does not include any burden for third-party or public disclosures that were not previously reviewed and approved by OMB.

The annual burden hours for this collection of information are estimated as follows: 16 hours for the two EPA-approved equipment testing organizations; 1,125 hours for an estimated 2,250 service establishments that will change ownership or enter the market; 12.5 hours for an estimated 25 disposal establishments that change ownership or enter the market; 10,000 hours for the maintenance of copies of signed statements by an estimated 500 disposal establishments; 40 hours for certification of an estimated 20 refrigerant reclaimers that change ownership or enter the market; 400 hours for reclaimer reporting from an estimated 70 respondents; 40,000 hours for an estimated 5,000 refrigerant wholesalers to maintain records of refrigerant sales transactions; 300 hours for an estimated 10 technician certification programs applying for first-time approval; 1,600 hours for 100 technician certification programs to maintain records; 96,000 hours for an estimated 330,000 technicians acquiring certification and maintaining certification cards; 268,500 hours for an estimated 2,003,850 owners of refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment to maintain records on refrigerant and equipment; and 990 hours for an estimated 210 owners of industrial process refrigeration equipment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Investigator Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of requests for applications.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of fiscal year 2003 investigator initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation