

Abstract: Title II of the Clean Air Act requires engine manufacturers to obtain a certificate of conformity with applicable emission standards for each engine prototype before they may legally introduced their products into commerce. The Act also mandates EPA to verify that manufacturers have successfully translated their certified engine prototypes into mass produced engines and that these engines comply with emission standards throughout their useful lives. Under the Production Line Testing (PLT) Program, manufacturers test a sample of engines as they leave the assembly line. This self-audit program allows manufacturers to monitor compliance with statistical certainty and minimize the cost of correcting errors through early detection. Under the Voluntary In-use Testing Program, manufacturers test engines after a number of years of use to verify that the engines comply with emission standards throughout their useful lives. Under the spark ignition engine emissions rule, codified at 40 CFR part 90, only Phase 2 SI engines are eligible to participate in the PLT and the In-use Programs. Engine manufacturers can choose to participate in either the PLT Program or the In-use Program.

Sections 206(b) and 213(d) of the Act also mandate that EPA conduct testing

of a sample of certified engines to determine if these engines do in fact conform with the applicable emission regulations. Under the Selective Enforcement Audit (SEA) Program, EPA selects a number of engines to be taken directly from the assembly line and tested according to EPA specifications. These audits are performed to ensure that test data submitted by manufacturers is reliable and testing is performed according to EPA regulations. All SI engine manufacturers are subject to be audited. Participation in the SEA program is mandatory.

The information requested by this information collection is used to enforce different provisions of the Act and maintain the integrity of the overall emissions reduction program. Data generated through the PLT, In-use and SEA programs may be used to evaluate future applications for certification, to identify potential issues, and as basis to suspend or revoke the certificate of conformity of those engines that fail. There are recordkeeping requirements in all programs.

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 of proprietary information submitted by manufacturers 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 in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

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.

TABLE I.—BURDEN STATEMENT

	PLT	In-use	SEA
Estimated Total Burden Hours	6,709	1,410	1,056
Estimated Average Burden Hours/Response	1,677	705	528
Frequency of Response	Quarterly	On occasion	On occasion
Number of Respondents	5	2	2
Total Annual Cost (Industry-wide)	\$1,129,021	\$54,927	\$36,907
Total Annual Capital and Start Up Cost	0	0	0
Total Annual Operation and Maintenance Costs	\$14,170	\$3,260	\$480

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.

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Advisory Committee for Regulatory Negotiation Concerning All Appropriate Inquiry; Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency, as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), is announcing the date and location of an upcoming meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee On All Appropriate Inquiry.

DATES: A meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on Regulatory Negotiation for All Appropriate Inquiry is scheduled for September 9 and September 10, 2003. The meeting will take place at the EPA East Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. on both days. Dates and locations of subsequent meetings will be announced in later notices.