

Abstract: Title II of the Clean Air Act requires engine manufacturers to obtain a certificate of conformity with applicable emission standards for engine prototypes before they may legally introduce 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. EPA emission regulations pertaining to spark-ignition engines rated at or below 19 kilowatts are codified at 40 CFR part 90.

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. Participation in the In-use Testing Program is voluntary for Phase 2 SI engine families.

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.

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Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 529 hours per respondent for the Production Line Testing Program, 354 hours per respondent for the In-use Testing Program and 127 hours per respondent for the Selective Enforcement Auditing Program. 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: Manufacturers of spark ignition engines rated at or below 19 kilowatts.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 59.

Frequency of Response: Annually, quarterly and on occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 27,197.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,591,487, which includes \$197,533 annualized O&M costs and \$1,393,945 labor costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 53,186 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This decrease is due to the elimination of a learning curve previously accounted for (respondents are already sufficiently familiar with this information collection requirements) and a significant increase in electronic reporting. The decrease in burden is, therefore, due to an adjustment to the estimates.

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Agency Information Collection Activities OMB Responses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notices.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

OMB Approvals

EPA ICR No. 1428.06; Trade Secret Claims for Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCRA Section 322); was approved 10/10/2003; in 40 CFR part 350; OMB Number 2050-0078; expires 10/31/2006.

EPA ICR No. 1969.02; NESHAP for Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing; was approved 10/02/2003; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart FFFF; OMB Number 2060-0533; expires 10/31/2006.

EPA ICR No. 1894.04; NESHAP for Secondary Aluminum Production; was approved 09/25/2003; in 40 CFR part 63, subpart RRR; OMB Number 2060-0433; expires 09/30/2006.

EPA ICR No. 2055.01; Data Submission for Voluntary Children's Chemical Evaluation Program (VCCEP); was approved 09/25/2003; OMB Number 2070-0165; expires 09/30/2006.

EPA ICR No. 2109.01; Seven County Study of Air Quality and Birth Defects: Computer-Assisted Telephone Questionnaire for Subset of Study