

Burden Statement: EPA estimates an average annual respondent burden of 4,362 hours for the information collection activities associated with the Energy Star Buildings program. The total burden is comprised of the following information collections:

(i) MOU: EPA estimates that, on average, 191 new partners will join the Energy Star Buildings program each year by completing and submitting an MOU. The total annual respondent burden for the MOU is 1,385 hours, or 7.25 hours per MOU. The frequency of collection will be one time per respondent.

(ii) Annual Facility Report: EPA estimates that, on average, a total of 565 annual facility reports will be submitted by 353 partners (respondents) each year, for a total annual respondent burden of 2,697 hours. This equates to 1.6 annual facility reports per partner, or 4.8 hours per report.

(iii) Additional Technical Information: EPA estimates that, on average, 35 partners (respondents) each year will submit additional technical information on their actual upgrade projects. The burden for this information collection is 280 hours, or 8 hours per response. The frequency of collection is annually.

These estimates include 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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses; Public Review of a Notification of Intent To Certify Equipment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Agency receipt of a notification of intent to certify equipment and initiation of 45-day public review and comment period.

SUMMARY: Turbodyne Systems, Inc. (Turbodyne) has submitted to the Agency a notification of intent to certify urban bus retrofit/rebuild equipment to a 0.10 gram per brake-horsepower-hr(g/bhp-hr) particulate matter(PM) standard pursuant to 40 CFR part 85, subpart O. The equipment, referred to by Turbodyne consists of the base engine components used on the 25% reduction retrofit/rebuild kit certified by DDC (October 2, 1995), components from the 25% retrofit catalyst kit previously certified under the program by Engine Control Systems, Ltd. (January 6, 1997), and a TurboPac supercharger system supplied by Turbodyne which supplies additional charge air during engine acceleration. The candidate kit is applicable to all 6V-92TA MUI engine models made by DDC for model years 1979 to 1989 and equipped with mechanical unit injectors (MUI). In a letter dated September 28, 1998 Turbodyne has stated that there are no differences between the Turbodyne kit and the kit which was certified for the Detroit Diesel Corporation to meet the 0.10 g/bhp-hr PM standard under the Urban Bus Retrofit/Rebuild program on April 6, 1998 and notification published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 1998 (63 FR 26798). Turbodyne intends this equipment to be certified to the PM level of 0.10 g/bhp-hr. If the Agency certifies that this equipment complies with the 0.10 g/bhp-hr level, then operators with affected engines will have the choice of using this equipment or other equipment that is already required for use and certified to the 0.10 g/bhp-hr standard.

Pursuant to section 85.1407(a)(7), today's **Federal Register** document summarizes the notification, announces that the notification is available for public review and comment, and initiates a 45-day period during which comments can be submitted. The Agency will review this notification of intent to certify, as well as any comments it receives, to determine whether the equipment described in the notification of intent to certify should be certified. If certified, the equipment can be used by urban bus operators to reduce the particulate matter of urban bus engines.

The notification of intent to certify, as well as other materials specifically relevant to it, are contained in Category XXIII-A of Public Docket A-93-42, entitled "Certification of Urban Bus Retrofit/Rebuild Equipment." This

docket is located at the address listed below.

Today's document initiates a 45-day period during which the Agency will accept written comments relevant to whether or not the equipment included in this notification of intent to certify should be certified. Comments should be provided in writing to the addresses below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit separate copies of comments to each of the two following addresses:

1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Public Air Docket A-93-42 (Category XXIII-A), Room M-1500, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

2. Anthony Erb, Engine Compliance Programs Group, Engine Programs and Compliance Division (6403J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 "M" Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

The DDC notification of intent to certify, as well as other materials specifically relevant to it, are contained in the public docket indicated above. Docket items may be inspected from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. As provided in 40 CFR part 2, a reasonable fee may be charged by the Agency for copying docket materials.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Erb, Engine Programs and Compliance Division (6403J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone: (202) 564-9259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On April 21, 1993, the Agency published final Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses (58 FR 21359). The retrofit/rebuild program is intended to reduce the ambient levels of particulate matter in urban areas and is limited to 1993 and earlier model year (MY) urban buses operating in metropolitan areas with 1980 populations of 750,000 or more, whose engines are rebuilt or replaced after January 1, 1995. Operators of the affected buses are required to choose between two compliance options: Option 1 establishes particulate matter emissions requirements for each urban bus engine in an operator's fleet which is rebuilt or replaced; Option 2 is a fleet averaging program that establishes a specific annual target level for average PM emissions from urban buses in an operator's fleet.

A key aspect of the program is certification of retrofit/rebuild equipment, which begins when an equipment manufacturer submits an application for certification (referred to in the rule as a notification of intent to certify). To meet either of the two compliance options, operators of the affected buses must use equipment that has been certified by EPA. Emissions requirements under either of the two options depend on the availability of retrofit/rebuild equipment certified for each engine model. To be used for Option 1, equipment must be certified as meeting a 0.10 g/bhp-hr PM standard or as achieving a 25 percent reduction in PM. Equipment used for Option 2 must be certified as providing some level of PM reduction that would in turn be claimed by urban bus operators when calculating their average fleet PM levels attained under the program.

Under Option 1, additional information regarding cost must be submitted in the notification, in order for certification of that equipment to initiate (or trigger) program requirements for a particular engine model. In order for the equipment to serve as a trigger, the certifier must guarantee that the equipment will be offered to affected operators for \$7,940 or less at the 0.10 g/bhp-hr PM level, or for \$2,000 or less for the 25 percent or greater reduction in PM. Both of the above amounts are based on 1992 dollars and include life cycle costs incremental to the cost of a standard rebuild.

II. Notification of Intent To Certify

In a notification of intent to certify equipment signed November 14, 1997, Turbodyne applied for certification of equipment under the Environmental Protection Agency's (the Agency) Urban Bus Retrofit/Rebuild Program. In a letter dated September 28, 1998 Turbodyne provided additional information indicating that the Turbodyne kit was identical to the Detroit Diesel 0.10 g/bhp-hr PM kit which was certified by letter on April 6, 1998 and applicable to the same engine models. The candidate kit is applicable to all 6V-92TA, urban bus engine models made by Detroit Diesel Corporation from model year 1979 to 1989 and equipped with mechanical unit injectors (MUI). The equipment, consists of the base engine components used on the 25% reduction retrofit/rebuild kit certified by DDC, components from the 25% retrofit catalyst kit certified by Engine Control Systems, Ltd. (ECS) and a TurboPac supercharger system supplied by Turbodyne Systems, Inc. that supplies additional charge air during engine

acceleration. The kit would be available in three horsepower levels (253, 277, and 294) for 6V-92TA engines.

The equipment to be certified includes three distinct hardware sets. The three sets included are as follows:

Base engine components include the equipment certified by DDC to provide a 25% reduction in PM (60FR 51472; October 2, 1995). These components are provided in two separate sets of parts. The first set of components is comprised of newly manufactured parts, including a gasket kit, air inlet hose, cylinder kits (piston assemblies and cylinder liners) a by-pass valve and a truck type throttle delay. The second set of components includes ReliabilTM remanufactured parts, including the fuel injectors, camshafts, blower assembly, turbocharger, and head assemblies. Kit usage is based on engine rotation (righthand (RH) or lefthand (LH)), engine orientation, right bank cam gear mounting (bolt or nut), and engine power output based on injector size. The only differences from the previously certified equipment is the inclusion of a truck style throttle delay, adjustment to the throttle delay and injector timing settings to improve driveability.

The converter/muffler supplied by ECS was certified by EPA (see 62 FR 746; January 6, 1997) to provide a 25% reduction in PM emissions. The kit consists of an oxidation converter/muffler (CM) which was developed specifically for diesel applications, and is packaged as a direct replacement for the vehicle's muffler. Several kits will be provided to accommodate the installation requirements of the various engine and vehicle configurations.

The third component set consists of an electrically powered supercharger system which is supplied by Turbodyne Systems, Inc. This component set, referred to as the TurboPacTM supplies additional intake air during engine acceleration from low engine speeds. Based on the Turbodyne information presented, in addition to decreasing PM emissions and visible smoke during engine acceleration, the supercharger also improves engine response and vehicle driveability by reducing the fuel modulation during acceleration. The basic kit consists of a blower, a diverter valve, a boost pressure sensor, an electrical control box and power cables, and a throttle switch for detecting the start of the engine acceleration mode. The equipment will be supplied in two kits, one includes those components common to all installations and a second kit to accommodate the installation requirements of the various engine and vehicle configurations.

To complete an engine rebuild two (2) base engine component kits, one (1) converter muffler kit, and two (2) supercharger kits would be required. The specific kits used will depend on the engine/vehicle combination.

There are no differences in the service intervals or maintenance practices for the base engine associated with the installation of the upgrade kit. The converter/muffler requires no regularly scheduled maintenance, only an occasional cleaning if the maximum backpressure of the exhaust system is exceeded according to DDC. The supercharger does not require scheduled maintenance; however, a visual inspection for air leaks is recommended whenever the engine is serviced.

Standard procedures as described in the service manual for 92 Series engines are to be used when rebuilding the base engines using the candidate equipment. No unique rebuild procedures are required.

Use of the candidate kit is restricted to 6V-92TA Detroit Diesel engines manufactured from January 1979 through December 1989, equipped with mechanical unit fuel injectors (MUI), and originally certified to meet Federal emission standards. The required fuel is low sulfur (0.05% max by weight) diesel fuel, either number 1 or number 2.

The notification states that the candidate equipment achieves a particulate matter (PM) level of 0.10 g/bhp-hr. Turbodyne has not supplied life cycle cost information and is not requesting certification based on cost to operators. The use of the equipment by transit operators to meet program requirements is discussed below.

Turbodyne presents exhaust emissions data from testing a Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC) engine in accordance with procedures set forth at 40 CFR part 86, subparts N and I. This is the same test engine and test data that was presented in the Detroit Diesel notification that was approved for certification on April 6, 1998 and referenced earlier in this document. A 1984 model year DDC 6V92TA MUI model engine (277 HP) was rebuilt to the 1989 urban bus configuration as per the previously certified DDC kit and was retrofit with the specified components of the 0.1 g/bhp-hr kit prior to testing. In the rebuild process, all parts not included in the rebuild kit were inspected. Prior to testing the engine was tuned with the injector timing set at 1.460 in. The throttle delay was set for optimum vehicle driveability. The data is summarized in Table A below.

TABLE A.—EXHAUST EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Gaseous and particulate test	g/bhp-hr	
	1989 HDDE standards	6V92TA MUI with kit
HC	1.3	0.1
CO	15.5	0.4
NO _x	10.7	9.8
PM	0.60	0.091
BSFC ¹		0.464
Smoke Test	Standards	
ACCEL ..	20%	3.3%
LUG	15%	2.5%
PEAK	50%	4.2%

¹ Brake Specific Fuel Consumption (BSFC) is measured in units of lb/bhp-hr.

The data of Table A indicate that, when rebuilt with the kit, PM emissions of the test engine are less than 0.10 g/bhp-hr, and emissions of hydrocarbon (HC), carbon monoxide (CO), and smoke opacity are within applicable Federal standards. The Agency requests comments on whether the emissions test data presented by Turbodyne demonstrate that all engines for which certification is requested will meet applicable Federal standards with the candidate kit installed.

Applicability of the candidate is restricted to 6V92TA, urban bus engine models made by Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC) from model years 1979 to 1989 and equipped with mechanical unit injectors (MUI). The Agency requests comments on whether the emissions data presented demonstrate that all engines for which certification is intended will meet the 0.10 g/bhp-hr PM standard. The part numbers of the specified rebuild components are provided in the notification.

Turbodyne's notification does not provide life cycle cost information for the candidate kit. Therefore, this kit will not be certified to comply with the life-cycle cost requirements of the program. The 0.10 g/bhp-hr PM level has already been triggered for all the engines covered by this notification. If certified as proposed in the notification, this equipment may be used by operators who are required to use equipment that meets the 0.10 g/bhp-hr PM level based on earlier trigger certification.

The engine is to be rebuilt according to the engine manufacturer's standard written rebuild procedures and specifications except where amended by written instructions. The incremental maintenance cost and fuel economy impact are not provided in the notification and are not necessary for

certification as the cost limitation is not being certified to by Turbodyne.

The Turbodyne notification provides a product warranty that references the emissions performance and emissions defect warranties required in accordance with section 85.1409 of the program regulations.

Even if ultimately certified by the Agency, the equipment described in Turbodyne's notification may require additional review by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) before use in California. The Agency recognizes that special situations may exist in California that are reflected in the unique emissions standards, engine calibrations, and fuel specifications of the State. While requirements of the Federal urban bus program apply to several metropolitan areas in California, the Agency understands the view of CARB that equipment certified under the urban bus program, to be used in California, must be provided with an executive order exempting it from the anti-tampering prohibitions of that State. Those interested in additional information should contact the Aftermarket Part Section of CARB, at (626) 575-6848.

If the Agency certifies the candidate equipment, then urban bus operators who choose to comply with compliance Option 1 of this regulation will have the option to use this equipment or other equipment which has previously been certified to the 0.10 g/bhp-hr standard when applicable engines are rebuilt or replaced. If certified, then operators using Option 2 will use the 0.10 g/bhp-hr certification level in calculations for fleet level attained (FLA).

The date of this document initiates a 45-day period during which the Agency will accept written comments relevant to whether the equipment described in the Turbodyne notification of intent to certify should be certified pursuant to the urban bus retrofit/rebuild regulations. Interested parties are encouraged to review this notification, and provide written comments during the 45-day review period. Separate comments should be provided in writing to each of the addresses listed under the Addresses section of this document.

At a minimum, the Agency expects to evaluate this notification of intent to certify, and other materials submitted as applicable, to determine whether there is adequate demonstration of compliance with: (1) the certification requirements of section 85.1406, including whether the testing accurately substantiates the claimed emission reduction or emission levels; and, (2)

the requirements of section 85.1407 for a notification of intent to certify.

The Agency requests that those commenting also consider these regulatory requirements, plus provide comments on any experience or knowledge concerning: (a) problems with installing, maintaining, and/or using the equipment on applicable engines; and, (b) whether the equipment is compatible with affected vehicles.

The Agency will review this notification of intent to certify, along with comments received from the interested parties, and attempt to resolve or clarify issues as necessary. During the review process, the Agency may add additional documents to the docket as a result of the review process. These documents will also be available for public review and comment within the 45-day period.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods: Designation of a New Reference Method

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of designation and receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated, in accordance with 40 CFR part 53, a new reference method for measuring concentrations of PM_{2.5} in ambient air. Notice is also given that EPA has received a new application for an equivalent method determination from Environnement S.A., Poissy, France for a long path monitoring system for ozone.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank F. McElroy, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-46), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: (919) 541-2622, email: mcelroy.frank@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR part 53, the EPA examines various methods for monitoring the concentrations of certain pollutants in the ambient air. Methods that are