

Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If any agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Meeting

April 29, 1998.

Take notice that on May 28-29, 1998, the Commercial Practices Working Group (CPWG), will conduct its monthly meeting at the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The CPWG is a voluntary industry group with a diverse membership that has made recommendations to the Commission on the Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS) and related matters. It is expected that the CPWG will discuss OASIS and reliability-related issues at the meetings. The meetings will be open to interested participants and the public.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6009-7]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives, Gasoline Volatility Rule ICR Renewal

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.

3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Regulation of Fuels and Fuel additives, Gasoline Volatility Rule; EPA ICR # 1367.05; OMB No. 2060-0178; expires 8/31/98. 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 July 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments concerning this Notice should be addressed to Ervin Pickell, Western Field Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 12345 West Alameda Parkway, Suite 214, Denver, Colorado 80228. Copies of the ICR can be obtained free of charge by contacting Ervin Pickell as provided below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ervin Pickell, Telephone: (303) 969-6485; Facsimile number: (303) 969-6490; E-MAIL:

pickell.erv@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are distributors of gasoline containing ethanol between May 1 and September 15 each year.

*Title:* Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives, Gasoline Volatility Rule (OMB Control number 2060-0178; EPA ICR # 1367.05.) expiring 08/31/98.

*Abstract:* Section 211(h) of the Clean Air Act (Act), as amended in 1990, required the Administrator to promulgate regulations prohibiting the supply or selling of gasoline exceeding certain volatility standards during the high ozone season. The Act provides that the Reid vapor pressure (RVP) standard for gasoline not containing 10% ethanol is one pound per square inch (psi) greater than the applicable RVP standard for gasoline not containing 10% ethanol. It is important for parties receiving gasoline during the high ozone season to know whether it contains ethanol and the ethanol concentration. Otherwise, gasoline containing 10% ethanol may be commingled with gasoline not containing ethanol, resulting in a RVP measurement greater than the non-ethanol standard, but not eligible for the 10% ethanol one psi waiver.

Therefore, under 40 CFR 80.27(d)(3) gasoline invoices, loading tickets, bills of lading and delivery tickets for gasoline containing ethanol must state that the gasoline contains ethanol and the ethanol percentage. There is no retention requirement for these

documents and reporting to EPA is not required. In addition, this requirement may be met using pre-printed or computer-generated documents.

This information is necessary to inform gasoline transferees of which gasoline contains ethanol and the specific ethanol content. The presence of this information on gasoline transfer documents reduces the frequency of gasoline testing that otherwise would be necessary to assure compliance with the RVP standards.

The recordkeeping requirement is mandatory for this limited category of gasoline transfers and is authorized by section 211 of the Act 42 U.S.C. 7545, section 114 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7414 and section 208 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7542 and 40 CFR 80.29. Confidentiality provisions are found at 40 CFR part 2. The requirement, which has been in effect for over 5 years, imposes almost no measurable annual burden on the affected parties. Startup costs have been completed. The proposed ICR utilizes assumptions that are the same as the previous ICR.

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.

In addition to this information, you may obtain a copy of the draft ICR supporting statement as provided above.

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; and

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

*Burden Statement:* For gasoline distributors the average hourly burden per year per respondent is about 0.15 hour (an average of about 2 seconds per transaction; for most distributors there is no measurable burden on a per document basis) for the recordkeeping requirement associated with the rule. It is a mandatory requirement for those transactions to which it applies. There are about 8,792 entities that distribute ethanol gasoline. The frequency of response is estimated to be about 307

loads of fuel transferred per year per distributor. Total burden for all distributors is about 1,319 hours per year. There are no annual operating costs, purchased service costs or capital costs. Startup costs have been completed.

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: April 23, 1998.

**Sylvia K. Lowrance,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator,  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance  
Assurance.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6009-6]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Renewal Comment Request; Acid Rain Program

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Acid Rain Program ICR, EPA ICR Number: 1633.12, OMB Control Number: 2060-0258, Expiration Date: January 31, 1999. 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 July 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The current ICR is available on the internet at [www.epa.gov/acidrain](http://www.epa.gov/acidrain). For further information contact

Kenon Smith (202-564-9164). Send written comments (in duplicate) regarding these burden estimates or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Kenon Smith, 401 M Street, SW., 6204J, Washington, DC 20460 using regular or certified mail, or Kenon Smith, USEPA (6204J), 501 3rd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001 using overnight mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Kenon Smith at (202-564-9164) or ([smith.kenon@epa.gov](mailto:smith.kenon@epa.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are those which participate in the Acid Rain Program.

**Title:** Acid Rain Program ICR; (OMB Control No. 2060-0258; EPA ICR No. 1633.12) expiring 1/31/1999.

**Abstract:** The Acid Rain Program was established under Title IV of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. The program calls for major reductions of the pollutants that cause acid rain while establishing a new approach to environmental management. This information collection is necessary to implement the Acid Rain Program. It includes burden hours associated with developing and modifying permits, transferring allowances, obtaining allowances from the conservation and renewable energy reserve and small diesel refinery program, monitoring emissions, participating in the annual auctions, completing annual compliance certifications, participating in the Opt-in program, and complying with Nox permitting requirements. Most of this information collection is mandatory under 40 CFR parts 72-78. Some parts of it are voluntary or to obtain a benefit, such as participation in the annual auctions under 40 CFR part 73, subpart E. 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 Ch. 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:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 273 hours per response and 3,344 hours per respondent. The annual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs are an estimated \$61,431 per respondent. All the O&M costs and most of the burden hours are associated with the collection and reporting of continuous emission data, which is the foundation for the allowance trading system. 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:** 849.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 849.

**Frequency of Response:** Varies by task.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 2,839,120 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden (All O&M):** \$44,660,000.

Dated: April 28, 1998.

**Brian J. McLean,**

*Director, Acid Rain Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6009-8]

### National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides (Sulfur Dioxide); Intervention Level Program

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.