



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives - Requirements for Manufacturers (Renewal)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR) “Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives – Requirements for Manufacturers” (EPA ICR No. 0309.16, OMB Control No. 2060-0150) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2024. 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0894, online using [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it 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. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

*Abstract:* In accordance with the regulations at 40 CFR part 79, Subparts A, B, C, and D, Registration of Fuels and Fuel Additives, manufacturers (including importers) of motor-vehicle gasoline, motor-vehicle diesel fuel, and additives to those fuels, are required to have these

products registered by EPA prior to their introduction into commerce. Registration involves providing a chemical description of the fuel or additive, and certain technical, marketing, and health-effects information. Manufacturers are also required to submit annual reports on production volume and related information. The information is used to identify products where evaporative or combustion emissions may pose an unreasonable risk to public health, thus meriting further investigation and potential regulation. The information is also used to ensure that fuel additives comply with EPA requirements for protecting catalytic converters and other automotive emission controls. The data have been used to construct a comprehensive data base on fuel and additive composition. The Mine Safety and Health Administration of the Department of Labor restricts the use of diesel additives in underground coal mines to those registered by EPA. Most of the information has been claimed by the manufacturers as CBI.

*Form Numbers:* EPA Forms 3520-12, for the registration of a new fuel, and 3520-13, for the registration of a new fuel additive, have been replaced with on-line registration at:

<https://www.epa.gov/fuels-registration-reporting-and-compliance-help/register-or-update-fuel-or-fuel-additive-request>. EPA Forms for annual reports, 3520-12A, 3520-12Q, 3520-13A, and 3520-13B, are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/fuels-registration-reporting-and-compliance-help/how-report-annually-fuel-and-fuel-additive> and may be submitted on-line.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Manufacturers and importers of motor-vehicle gasoline, motor-vehicle diesel fuel, and additives to those fuels.

*Respondents obligation to respond:* Mandatory per 40 CFR part 79.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 1975.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion, annually.

*Total estimated burden:* 20,990 hours per year. Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$2.3 million per year, includes \$53,500 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in estimates:* There is a decrease of 1,260 hours in the total estimated respondent

burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to a slight decrease in new registration activity and reduction in reporting frequency from the conversion of quarterly reports for fuel manufacturers to an annual report. The change from quarterly to annual reports is found in 40 CFR 79.5(a).

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