

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

Section 30B(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code provides for a credit determined under § 30B(b) for certain new qualified fuel cell motor vehicles. Section 30B(i) provides that the Secretary shall promulgate such regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

The New Qualified Fuel Cell Motor Vehicle Notice sets forth interim guidance, pending the issuance of regulations, relating to the new fuel cell motor vehicle credit. The notice provides procedures for a vehicle manufacturer to certify that a passenger automobile or light truck meets certain requirements for the new qualified fuel cell motor vehicle credit and to certify the amount of the credit available with respect to the vehicle.

The notice also provides guidance to taxpayers who purchase passenger automobiles and light trucks regarding the conditions under which they may rely on the vehicle manufacturer's certification.

The collections of information in this notice are required to ensure that vehicles meet the requirements for the new qualified fuel cell motor vehicle credit.

2. USE OF DATA

The Internal Revenue Service will review the information submitted by the vehicle manufacturer and issue an acknowledgment letter, stating whether purchasers may rely on the manufacturer's certification that the particular vehicle qualifies for credit under § 30B(a)(1).

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

We have no plans at this time to offer electronic filing because of the low volume compared to the cost of electronic enabling.

4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

We have attempted to eliminate duplication within the agency wherever possible.

5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

Not applicable.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

Not applicable.

7. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

Not applicable.

8. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS

Periodic meetings are held between IRS personnel and representatives of various professional groups to discuss tax law and tax forms. During these meetings, there is an opportunity for those attending to make comments regarding the collection requirements under this notice.

In response to the Federal Register Notice dated September 22, 2006 (71 F. R. 55546), we received no comments during the comment period regarding Notice 2006-XX.

9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

Not applicable.

10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

Not applicable.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

<u>Number of Responses</u>	<u>Time per Response</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
7	40 hours	280

Estimates of the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens shown are not available at this time.

13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

Estimates of the cost burdens are not available at this time.

14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The collection of information does not require a form. Therefore, the estimated annualized cost to the government is minimal or none.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

Not applicable.

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

Not applicable.

17. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

Not applicable.

18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT ON OMB FORM 83-I

Not applicable.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.