

Ms. Chandana Achanta
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Achanta:

Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established at 5 CFR Part 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, I ask that the following collection of information, "Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Program, Dealer and Buyer Transactions Information," be processed pursuant to section 1320.13 Emergency processing.

I have determined that this information must be collected prior to the expiration of time periods established under Part 1320, and that this information is essential to NHTSA's mission to implement this Program so that we may issue electronic vouchers to the dealers, subject to statutorily specified criteria, to offset the purchase price or lease price of a qualifying new fuel efficient vehicle upon surrender of an eligible trade-in vehicle to a registered vehicle dealer. We also must collect this information to ensure that customers are providing eligible trade-in vehicles, and that only one electronic voucher is provided per trade-in vehicle, and eligible new vehicle.

NHTSA cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because the use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to cause NHTSA to miss a statutory deadline established in the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Act.

Please approve or disapprove the collection of information by July 24, 2009.

As you are aware, NHTSA has taken all practicable steps to consult with the EPA, other agencies, and members of the public in order to minimize the burden of this collection of information.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Medford
Acting Deputy Administrator