

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Cooperative Research Group on Diesel Aftertreatment Accelerated Aging Cycles—Heavy-Duty**

Notice is hereby given that, on February 2, 2009, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Southwest Research Institute Cooperative Research Group on Diesel Aftertreatment Accelerated Aging Cycles—Heavy-Duty (“DAAAC-HD”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties to the venture and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties to the venture are: Doosan Infracore, Incheon, Republic of Korea; Isuzu Motors Limited, Kanagawa-ken, Japan; Lubrizol Corporation, Wickliffe, OH; MTtJ, Friedrichshafen, Germany; Navistar Inc., Melrose Park, IL; Scania, Sodertalje, Sweden; and Umicore, Catoosa, OK. The purpose and the nature of DAAAC-HD is to develop a methodology and procedures for accelerating heavy duty diesel aftertreatment systems aging for heavy-duty diesel engine applications, such as emission components and systems. The procedures to be developed will aim to dramatically shorten durability testing times. In addition, these procedures can be used by the industry to determine the most effective emissions systems for their heavy-duty diesel engine applications. It is anticipated that the central component of the accelerated aging procedure will be a cycle that would expose diesel aftertreatment systems to exhaust at an elevated temperature. In addition, such exhaust will have a chemical composition that would accelerate the aftertreatment system aging.

Membership in this research group remains open, and DAAAC-HD intends to file additional written notification

disclosing all changes in membership or planned activities.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Bureau of Labor Statistics****Proposed Collection, Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the “National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997.” A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before April 27, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, 202-691-7628. (This is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Rowan, BLS Clearance Officer, 202-691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97) is a nationally representative sample of persons who were born in the years 1980 to 1984.

These respondents were ages 12–17 when the first round of annual interviews began in 1997; the thirteenth round of annual interviews will be conducted from September 2009 to May 2010. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) contracts with the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago to conduct the NLSY97. The primary objective of the survey is to study the transition from schooling to the establishment of careers and families. The longitudinal focus of this survey requires information to be collected from the same individuals over many years in order to trace their education, training, work experience, fertility, income, and program participation.

One of the goals of the Department of Labor (DOL) is to produce and disseminate timely, accurate, and relevant information about the U.S. labor force. The BLS contributes to this goal by gathering information about the labor force and labor market and disseminating it to policymakers and the public so that participants in those markets can make more informed, and thus more efficient, choices. Research based on the NLSY97 contributes to the formation of national policy in the areas of education, training, employment programs, and school-to-work transitions. In addition to the reports that the BLS produces based on data from the NLSY97, members of the academic community publish articles and reports based on NLSY97 data for the DOL and other funding agencies. To date, more than 90 articles examining NLSY97 data have been published in scholarly journals. The survey design provides data gathered from the same respondents over time to form the only data set that contains this type of information for this important population group. Without the collection of these data, an accurate longitudinal data set could not be provided to researchers and policymakers, thus adversely affecting the DOL’s ability to perform its policy- and report-making activities.

**II. Current Action**

The BLS seeks approval to conduct round 13 of annual interviews of the NLSY97. Respondents to the NLSY97 will undergo an interview of approximately 65 minutes during which they will answer questions about schooling and labor market experiences, family relationships, and community background.

During the fielding period for the main round 13 interviews, about 2 percent of respondents will be asked to participate in a brief validation