

FAQs for Survey Form EIA-888 On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey

What is the Form EIA-888?

The Form EIA-888 *On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey* consists of two parts: Schedules A and B.

Schedule A is designed to collect weekly data on National and Petroleum Administration for Defense District (PADD) level cash price (including taxes) of self-serve, on-highway diesel fuel. Schedule A is conducted on a weekly basis.

Schedule B is designed to collect total annual sales volume for on-highway diesel fuel sold at newly sampled stations during a full calendar year. Schedule B is not conducted each year, and the data collected are strictly for internal statistical purposes and are not published.

Is reporting data on Form EIA-888 mandatory?

Yes. Response is mandatory pursuant to Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-275) for the scientifically selected sample of companies which sell motor vehicle diesel fuel. Companies sampled are notified in writing or by phone in advance.

How does EIA identify companies that must respond to Form EIA-888?

It is very important for those companies selected to participate in the survey to ensure accuracy and reliability of the published data. We survey a representative sample of outlets in order to minimize the public reporting burden. We need sufficient geographic coverage to produce national, regional, and state estimates. A representative sample includes a selection of large, medium, and small outlets.

The probability of selection of any particular outlet depends on the sampling method, target coefficient of variance, and allocation method. A large outlet has a higher probability of selection than a smaller one. It is important to have a representative sample of outlets by geographic area and size. Outlets are randomly selected from the sampling frame.

How long is my outlet required to report on this survey?

How long an outlet is required to report depends on several factors, including changes in the industry, sample design, and frequency of sample selection. When producing trend statistics, we aim to ensure consistency over time in the time-series data. Users of the data—policy makers, industry and financial analysts, researchers, media, and the public—also value this consistency.

What will the information collected be used for?

The data collected on Schedule A are used to calculate average diesel fuel oil price estimates at the national, regional, and select State levels which are vital to the trucking industry and shippers throughout the United States. These data are point-in-time estimates as of 8:00 a.m. Monday.

Data can be found here:

- [Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Update](#)
- [This Week in Petroleum](#)
- [Weekly Petroleum Status Report](#)
- [Weekly Retail Gasoline and Diesel Prices](#)

Form Questions

My station has different prices for truck and auto diesel. Which price should I report?

Please report your cash price for truck diesel.

I do not have self-serve at this station. Do you still want my price?

Yes. If you do not sell self-serve, then provide your price for mini-serve or full-serve.

I do not accept cash at this station. Do you still want my price?

Yes. If you do not accept cash at your station location, then please provide your credit card price.

Our company's contact person for Form EIA-888 has changed. How can we let you know?

If the contact person for Form EIA-888 at your company changes, please let us know by calling 1-877-267-2879 or emailing eia_survey@rti.org. The contact person should be the person who can answer questions about the data you report.

Our company was sold, merged with another company, or bought another company. How can we let you know?

If the ownership of your company changes, please let us know by calling 1-877-267-2879 or emailing eia_survey@rti.org.

I no longer own my station. Do I still have to fill out the Schedule B form?

You must still complete Parts 1 and 2 of the Schedule B form and return the form.

I do not have a full calendar or fiscal year of sales data. What should I report on the Schedule B form?

Report sales volumes for the dates you have available. Indicate the dates your sales volume represents in Part 3, question 5.

Whom can I contact for questions about the Schedule B form?

For technical questions about the form, call 1-877-267-2879 or email eia_survey@rti.org.
For general form questions, email us at EIA4USA@eia.gov.

Submission

What is the reporting deadline?

Schedule A: The data are collected on Monday of each week, except for Federal holidays, in which case, the data are collected on the following Tuesday.

Schedule B: The data are collected on a one-time basis for newly sampled outlets. This data must be reported within 10 days of receiving official notice of selection.

How do I submit the form?

Schedule A: EIA personnel collect the data by telephone. Respondents are required to provide the data when contacted. Companies preferring to report by other electronic means should contact the toll-free number 1-877-267-2879 in advance to make arrangements.

Schedule B: Report data on the form provided to your station/company.

Data Submission Methods:

By Secure File Transfer:	https://signon.eia.doe.gov/upload/form/888
By Fax:	919-541-8812, ATTN: EIA-888 Schedule B
By Mail:	U.S. Department of Energy (EI-23) c/o RTI International ATTN: Cox Building – FDC (Diesel Price Survey) P O Box 12194 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2194

Resubmission

Am I required to submit revised data?

Yes. If you have a revision, contact a representative at 1-877-267-2879 or via email at eia_survey@rti.org.

Contact EIA

Who do I contact if I have technical questions on completing the form?

Call the EIA Survey Support Team at 1-877-267-2879 or via email at eia_survey@rti.org

I have questions about the form. How do I request help?

If you have any questions about this U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) survey after reading the instructions, please contact the EIA Survey Support Team Contact Center at 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) or send an email to eia4usa@eia.gov.