

23786, Washington DC 20026-3786. Copies of the reports can also be obtained by calling (answering machine) or faxing 1-800-820-5156. Comments are requested by August 31, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information about the storage and disposition of surplus fissile materials can be obtained by writing to U.S. Department of Energy, ATTN: MD-3, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585, or telephoning (202) 586-2700. Information is also available on-line at the Office of Fissile Materials Disposition Internet site: "http://web.fie.com/htdoc/fed/doe/fsl/pub/menu/any"

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The reasonable alternatives for the storage of weapons-usable fissile material and the disposition of plutonium were determined by the DOE and published in the "Summary Report of the Screening Process (DOE/MD-0002)," dated March 29, 1995. The reasonable alternatives for long-term storage included upgrading existing storage facilities or constructing new storage facilities. The reasonable alternatives for PU Disposition included reactor, immobilization and deep borehole emplacement technologies. The environmental impacts of the reasonable alternatives for both long-term storage and plutonium disposition were analyzed and published in the "Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement," dated February 1996.

Scope of Reports

The scope of the long-term storage report is limited to presenting the technical, cost and schedule data and assessment to support future decisions for storage of weapons-usable fissile materials, including highly enriched uranium and plutonium. The scope of the plutonium disposition report is limited to presenting the technical, cost, and schedule data for plutonium disposition and assessment to support future decision making.

DOE Reading Rooms

Copies of the reports as well as other technical information are available at the following locations:

Headquarters FOIA Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585
Albuquerque Operations Office, Technical Vocational Institute, 525

Buena Vista, SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, Attn: Russ Gladstone (contractor), 505-224-3286, Elva Barfield (DOE), 505-845-4370

Nevada Operations Office, Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, 2753 South Highland Drive, P.O. Box 98518, Las Vegas, NV 89193-8518, Attn: Janet Fogg, 702-295-1128

Oak Ridge Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Public Reading Room, 200 Administration Road, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-8501, Attn: Amy Rothrock, 615-576-1216

Richaldrn Operations Office, Washington State University, Tri-Cities Branch Campus, 300 Sprout Road, Room 130 West, Richland, WA 99352, Attn: Terri Traub, 509-376-8583

Rocky Flats Office, Public Reading Room, Front Range Community College Library, 3645 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80030, Attn: Dennis Connor, 303-469-4435

Savannah River Operations Office, Gregg-Granite Library, University of South Carolina-Aiken, 171 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801, Attn: Paul Lewis, 803-641-3320, DOE Contact: Pauline Conner, 803-725-1408

Los Alamos National Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy, c/o Los Alamos Community Reading Room, 1450 Central, Suite 101, Los Alamos, NM 87544, Attn: LANL Outreach Manager, 505-665-2127

Chicago Operations Office, Office of Planning, Communications & EEO, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439, Attn: L. Pitchford, 708-252-2013

Amarillo Area Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Amarillo College, Lynn Library/Learning Center, P.O. Box 447, Amarillo, TX 79178, Attn: Karen McIntosh, 806-371-5400

Idaho Operations Office, Idaho Public Reading Room, 1776 Science Center Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, 208-526-0271

U.S. DOE Reading Room, Carson County Library, P.O. Box 339, Panhandle, TX 79068, Attn: Tom Walton, 806-537-3742, Kerry Campbell (contractor), 806-477-4381

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Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension to Form EIA-28, "Financial Reporting System" (FRS) which is used to collect financial and other energy-related business information.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 30, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Gregory P. Filas, Office of Energy Markets and End Use, EI-622, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, telephone number (202) 586-1347 or FAX (202) 586-9753 or E-mail to: gfilas@eia.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Gregory P. Filas at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91), the Energy Information Administration is obliged to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. As part of this program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs.

The EIA, through its Form EIA-28, collects financial information and other measures of energy-related business efforts and results from major energy companies. Since the FRS data are collected on a uniform, segmented basis, the comparability of information across energy lines of business is unique to this reporting system. For example, petroleum activities can be compared to

activities in other energy lines of business or nonenergy areas, and domestic activities can be compared to foreign activities. The data are used to evaluate the competitive environment within which energy products are supplied and developed and to analyze the nature of institutional arrangements as they relate to energy resource development, supply, and distribution. The FRS report, entitled *Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers (Profiles)*, has been published for each of the reporting years 1977 through 1994. The Profiles report for 1995 will be published in December 1996.

The Energy Information Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)), conducts a presurvey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden is minimized, reporting forms are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

II. Current Actions

This is an extension with changes to an existing collection. The proposed extension is to December 31, 1999. The revisions to the form will update the categories of refinery output of motor gasoline collected on Schedule 5242 of the form. The form currently collects refinery output of leaded and unleaded motor gasoline. The categories will be changed from leaded and unleaded to reformulated, oxygenated, and other.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the proposed extension and changes. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses.

General Issues

EIA is interested in receiving comments from persons regarding:

A. 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. Practical utility is the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can EIA make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can data be submitted in accordance with the due date specified in the instructions?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 633 hours per response. Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collection of information, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

D. What is the estimated (1) total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs and (2) recurring annual dollar amount of operation and maintenance and purchase of services costs associated with this data collection? The estimates should take into account the costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information.

E. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

D. For the most part, information is published by EIA in U.S. customary units, e.g., cubic feet of natural gas, short tons of coal, and barrels of oil. Would you prefer to see EIA publish more information in metric units, e.g.,

cubic meters, metric tons, and kilograms? If yes, please specify what information (e.g., coal production, natural gas consumption, and crude oil imports), the metric unit(s) of measurement preferred, and in which EIA publication(s) you would like to see such information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments (FERC-716)

July 26, 1996.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments of on or before September 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael P. Miller, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael P. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-716 "Good Faith Request for Transmission Services and Response by Transmitting Utility Under Sections 211(a) and 213 of the Federal Power Act, as amended, and added by