

by writing or calling Tom Williams at the address or telephone number listed above.

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*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee  
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**Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; Safe Transportation and Emergency Response Training; Technical Assistance and Funding**

**AGENCY:** Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice extending comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On Thursday, May 16, 1996, the Department of Energy (the Department) published a Notice of proposed policy and procedures (61 FR 24772) that set forth its plans for implementing a program of technical and financial assistance to states for training public safety officials of appropriate units of local government and to Indian tribes through whose jurisdiction the Department plans to transport spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste. The training would cover both safe routine transportation procedures and emergency response procedures as directed in Section 180(c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 10101 *et seq.*). The comment period for this Notice of proposed policy and procedures was scheduled to close on August 15, 1996.

Today's notice announces a 45-day extension of the comment period on the proposed policy statement discussed in the Notice. The Department is taking this action in response to requests for an extension of the comment period.

**DATES:** Written comments should be sent to the Department and must be received on or before September 30, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be directed to: Corinne Macaluso, U.S. Department of Energy, c/o Lois Smith, TRW Environmental Safety Systems, Inc., 600 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 695, Washington, D.C. 20024, ATTN.: Section 180(c) Comments.

Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses. Receipt of comments in response to the Notice will be acknowledged if a stamped, self-addressed postal card or envelope is enclosed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, please contact: Ms. Corinne Macaluso, Environmental and Operational Activities, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, (RW-45), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: 202-586-2837.

Information packets are available for interested persons who want background information about the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management transportation program and the Section 180(c) program prior to providing comments. To receive an information packet, please call 1-800-225-NWPA (or call 202-488-6720 in Washington, D.C.) or write to the National Information Center, 600 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 695, Washington, D.C. 20026 or the Yucca Mountain Science Center, 4101B Meadows Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107.

Copies of comments received will be available for examination and may be photocopied at the Department's Public Reading Room at 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 1E-190, Washington, D.C.

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Lake Barrett,

*Deputy Director, Office of Civilian  
Radioactive Waste Management.*

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**Office of Energy Research**

**Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Tuesday, September 10, 1996, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, September 11, 1996, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Holiday Inn-Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20815.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Benjamin Barnhart, Designated Federal

Official, Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, ER-70, GTN, Germantown, Maryland 20874, Telephone Number: 301-903-3683.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director of Energy Research of the Department of Energy on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the health and environmental research program.

*Tentative Agenda*

Tuesday, September 10, 1996, and Wednesday, September 11, 1996

- Welcome Remarks
- Opening of Meeting
- Remarks by the Director of the Office of Energy Research
- Office of Health and Environmental Research Program Overview: Scope, Issues, Budget
- Review of Office of Health and Environmental Research Programs
- Review of Subcommittee Activities
- New Business
- Public Comment (10-minute rule)

*Public Participation:* The two-day meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Benjamin Barnhart at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral statements must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Transcripts:* The transcript of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee  
Management Officer.*

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# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

## Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments (FERC Form No. 423)

August 6, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**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 submitted on or before October 11, 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 Form No. 423 "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants" (OMB No. 1902-0024) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 205 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824d as amended by Section 208 of the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). Under Section 205, the Commission is required to conduct a review every two years of utility fuel procurement practices under automatic adjustment clauses to assure

economic purchase of fuels. Most jurisdictional utilities include in their wholesale rate structures automatic fuel adjustment clauses or other automatic clauses under which changes in fuel costs are permitted to be passed on to customers as they occur, without the regulatory review that would occur with the filing of new rates. Section 205 of the FPA also includes the requirement that such rates be just and reasonable. To determine just and reasonable rates for electric service it is necessary to investigate and analyze the various costs, including fuel costs, incurred in providing the service. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 141.61.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

**Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
735	12	2	17,640

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 17,640 hours/2,087 hours per year × \$102,000 per year=\$862,137.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, 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.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather

than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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## Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

August 7, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

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

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**DATES:** Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before October 11, 1996.

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