

exception of a single finding for removable tritium contamination of 6,600 dpm/100 cm² (below the acceptance limit of 10,000 dpm/100 cm²) found on the north wall of the accelerator room, no unusual findings were noted. However, ORISE did question the completeness of the 1988 survey. Specifically, ORISE recommended complete measurements of total or removable surface activity and additional sampling for tritium activity in the accelerator area. Consistent with ORISE's advice, a comprehensive final survey of Building T030 was conducted by ETEC in 1996.

In 1996 approximately 2,311 sq. ft. of asbestos floor tile was removed and disposed of. The cost associated with the removal of the asbestos floor tile was approximately \$9,200. The radiological survey cost associated with Building T030 could not be isolated from total radiological facility surveys but is estimated to have cost approximately \$20,000.

No appreciable personnel radiation exposure was anticipated or encountered during decontamination and decommissioning and surveying of Building T030.

The certification docket will be available for review between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), in the U.S. DOE Public Reading Room located in Room 1E-190 of the Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC. Copies of the certification docket will also be available at the following locations: DOE Public Document Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Oakland Operations Office, the Federal Building, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, California; California State University, Northridge, Urban Archives Center, Oviatt Library, Room 4, 18111 Nordhoff, Northridge, California; Simi Valley Library, 2629 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, California; and the Platt Branch, Los Angeles Public Library, 23600 Victory Boulevard, Woodland Hills, California.

DOE has issued the following statement of certification.

Statement of Certification: Energy Technology Engineering Center, Building T030

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Oakland Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, has reviewed and analyzed the radiological data obtained following decontamination of Building T030 at the Energy Technology Engineering Center. Based on analysis of all data collected and the results of the independent verification, DOE certifies that the following property is in compliance with DOE radiological decontamination criteria and standards as

established in DOE Order 5400.5. This certification of compliance provides assurance that future use of the property will result in no radiological exposure above applicable guidelines established to protect members of the general public or site occupants. Accordingly, the property specified below is released from DOE's Environmental Restoration Program.

Property Owned by Boeing North American Incorporated

Building T030 at the Energy Technology Engineering Center (situated within Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory), located in a portion of Tract "A" of Rancho Simi, in the County of Ventura, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 3, Page 7 of Miscellaneous Records of Ventura County.

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James J. Fiore,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension to the Form EIA-1605, "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases," (long version) and the Form EIA-1605EZ, "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases," (short version).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 19, 1997. 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 Stephen E. Calopedis, Energy Information Administration, Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, EI-81, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1156, e-mail: stephen.calopedis@eia.doe.gov, and FAX: (202) 586-3045.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Stephen E. Calopedis 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. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), the Energy Information Administration (EIA) 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, 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 prepare data requests in the desired format, minimize reporting burden, develop clearly understandable reporting forms, and assess the impact of collection requirements on respondents. Also, EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collections under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, Title 44, U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The EIA developed these greenhouse gas forms pursuant to section 1605(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 13385) to reflect the guidelines set forth in Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases under section 1605(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992: General Guidelines (DOE/PO-0028). These forms are designed to collect voluntarily reported data on greenhouse gas emissions, achieved reductions of these emissions, and increased carbon fixation. Further, the forms support the Climate Change Action Plan by collecting information on commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to sequester carbon in

future years, including the progress made toward meeting those commitments. The Office of Management and Budget approved these forms on May 26, 1995 (OMB No. 1905-0194).

You may wish to participate in the program to: (1) Establish a public record of your emissions and reductions for any years from 1987 onwards; (2) demonstrate progress toward meeting commitments made under voluntary programs to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases; (3) inform the public about greenhouse gas emissions and reduction strategies; and (4) contribute to educational exchanges on the most effective ways to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. The EIA publishes an annual report/review of the 1605(b) voluntary reporting of greenhouse gases program. In addition, EIA has established a publicly available database of the information reported each year, which serves as a clearinghouse of information and case studies.

II. Current Actions

This action represents a request for the extension of the expiration date with no other changes, of existing collections (Form EIA-1605 and Form EIA-1605EZ). The request will include an extension from the currently approved OMB expiration dates (May 31, 1998) to May 31, 2001, i.e., 3-year extension of the Forms EIA-1605 and EIA-1605EZ.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses. Please indicate to which form(s) your comments apply.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as 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 by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average: Form EIA-1605: 40 hours per response Form EIA-1605EZ: 4 hours per response Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide 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 information technology.

D. EIA estimates that respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. What is the estimated: (1) Total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with this data collection?

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 request for a 3-year extension of the forms. 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. 104-13).

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Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-521-001]

Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

October 14, 1997.

Take notice that on October 9, 1997, Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC (GBBP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 106, to become effective October 11, 1997.

GBBP states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the letter order issued September 29, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-521-000, whereby GBGP was directed to refile tariff sheet No. 106 within 15 days of the date of the letter order.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with § 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with § 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-12-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 14, 1997.

Take notice that on October 9, 1997, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed in Docket No. CP98-12-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon by sale certain facilities to Peoples Gas