

DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This collection would gather information over a three-year period from DOE Federal and contractor employees concerning their opinion of the DOE security program in the workplace.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by April 2, 2001. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Stephanie Grimes, U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, SO-213, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD, 20874-1290; or by FAX at (301) 903-4601; or by e-mail at stephanie.grimes@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Stephanie Grimes using the contact information listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Collection Title: Security Opinion Survey.

OMB Control Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Frequency of response: semi-annually.

Respondents: DOE Federal and contractor employees.

Estimated number of annual respondents: 12,000.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 4,000 hours.

Background

The Department of Energy, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of information conducted by or in conjunction with DOE. Any comments received help the Department to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, DOE will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the collections under Section 3506(c) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Data will be collected from DOE Federal and contractor employees to ascertain their opinion of the DOE security program. Data will be collected from employees using a web-based survey and will consist of 30 multiple choice opinion questions. Participation is totally voluntary and anonymous. The

data collected will indicate the respondent's opinion of the effectiveness of the DOE security program in the workplace and indicate those security functional areas which require increased security education and awareness emphasis. The data will also provide input for an evaluation of the DOE Security Program performance in compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act 1993 (GPRA).

Request for Comments

DOE invites comments from prospective respondents and other interested parties on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of data is necessary to measure the opinion of DOE employees regarding the effectiveness of the DOE security program; (2) the accuracy of DOE's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; or (3) any means of minimizing the burden of the collection of information on those who choose to respond. Additional information about DOE's proposed information collection may be obtained from the contact person named in this notice.

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) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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Susan L. Frey,

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Office of Records and Business Management,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-511-000, FERC-511]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

January 26, 2001.

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. No. 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 April 2, 2001.

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 Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-511 "Application for Transfer of License" (OMB No. 1902-0069) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Part I, Sections 4(e) and 8 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) 16 U.S.C. 792-828c. Section 4(e) authorizes the Commission to issue licenses for the construction, operation and maintenance of reservoirs, power houses and transmission lines or other facilities necessary for development and improvement of navigation and for the development, transmission, and utilization of power from bodies of water Congress has jurisdiction over. Section 8 of the FPA provides that the voluntary transfer of any license can only be made with the written approval of the Commission. Any successor to the licensee may assign the rights of the original licensee but is subject to all of the conditions of the license. The information filed with the Commission is a mandatory requirement contained in the format of a written application for transfer of license, executed jointly by the parties of the proposed transfer. The transfer of a license may be occasioned by the sale or merger of a licensed hydroelectric project. It is used by the Commission's staff to determine the qualifications of the proposed transferee to hold the license, and to prepare the transfer of the license order. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 9.

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 (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1) x (2) x (3)
23	1	40	920

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 920 hours/2,080 hours per year × \$115,357 per year = \$51,023. The cost per respondent is equal to \$2,218.

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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-515-000, FERC-515]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

January 26, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the

requirements of FERC-515 "Hydropower Licensing, Declaration of Intention" (OMB No. 1902-0079) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of part I, sections 23(b) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) 16 U.S.C. 817. Section 23(b) authorizes the Commission to make a determination as to whether it has jurisdiction over a proposed hydroelectric project. Section 23(b) also requires that any person intending to construct project works on a navigable commerce clause water must file a declaration of their intention to do so with the Commission. If the Commission finds the proposed project will have an impact on "interstate or foreign commerce", then the person intending to construct the project must obtain a Commission license or exemption before starting construction. Such sites are generally on streams defined by as U.S. navigation waters, and over which the Commission has jurisdiction under its authority to regulate foreign and interstate commerce. The information is collected in the form of a written application, declaring the applicant's intent and use by Commission staff to research the jurisdictional aspects of the project. This research includes examining maps and land ownership records to establish whether or not there is Federal jurisdiction over the lands and waters affected by the project. A finding of non-jurisdictional by the Commission eliminates a substantial paperwork burden for the applicant who might otherwise have to file for a license or exemption application. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 24.

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: