

this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: April 2, 2003.

John Tressler,

*Leader, Regulatory Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Special Education Elementary Longitudinal Study (SEELS).

Frequency: Semi-annually, biennially.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 31,495.

Burden Hours: 15,978.

Abstract: Special Education Elementary Longitudinal Study (SEELS) will provide the first national picture of the experiences and outcomes of students in special education ages 6 through 12 at the outset of the Study. The Study will inform special education policy development and support Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) measurement and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) reauthorization. Data will be collected three times over a five-year period from parents, teachers, and principals of sampled students.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2254. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her e-mail address

Sheila.Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science

Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, April 30, 2003, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, May 1, 2003, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Thomassen (301-903-9817; david.thomassen@science.doe.gov), or Ms. Shirley Derflinger (301-903-0044; shirley.derflinger@science.doe.gov), Designated Federal Officers, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-70/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the Web site: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/announce.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

Tentative Agenda: Wednesday, April 30, and Thursday, May 1, 2003:

- Comments from Dr. Ray Orbach, Director, Office of Science.
- Report by Dr. Ari Patrinos, Associate Director of Science for Biological and Environmental Research.
- Extended discussion of the Strategic Plan and organization of the new

Environmental Remediation Sciences Division in the Office of Biological and Environmental Research including a report from the new BERAC working group for this Division.

- Science talk—to be determined.
- Paul Bertsch, Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, workshop report.
- Lou Pitelka, Appalachian Laboratory, Report of the Biosphere 2 Center as a National Scientific User Facility.

- New business.
- Public comment (10 minute rule).

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact David Thomassen or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone numbers listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

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

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed changes and extension for three-years to the Forms

EIA-851, "Domestic Uranium Production Report," and EIA-858, "Uranium Industry Annual Survey."

DATES: Comments must be filed by June 9, 2003. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Douglas Bonnar. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-287-1946) or e-mail (douglas.bonnar@eia.doe.gov) is recommended. The mailing address is Office of Coal, Nuclear, Electric and Alternate Fuels, EI-52/L'Enfant Plaza Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-1615.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Douglas Bonnar at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The EIA, 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 energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The EIA-851 is a quarterly survey that collects monthly data on uranium production at conventional mills and nonconventional plants (byproduct recovery and in-situ leach plants).

Published data appear in the EIA report, "Domestic Uranium Production Report." The report is available at http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/nuclear/page/at_a_glance/qtr_upd/qupd.html

The Form EIA-858 is an annual survey that collects data on uranium raw materials activities (Schedule A) and uranium marketing activities (Schedule B). Data collected on these forms provide a comprehensive statistical characterization of the domestic uranium industry. Published data from these surveys are used by Congress, Federal and State agencies, the uranium and nuclear-electric industries, and the general public. Published data appear in the EIA reports, "Uranium Industry Annual," and the "Annual Energy Review."

II. Current Actions

EIA will be requesting a three-year extension of approval to its uranium surveys with the following survey changes.

- Propose putting the EIA-858 Schedule A: Uranium Raw Material Activities survey on standby due to the small size of the U.S. uranium producer industry. The Schedule A survey is mainly a property-by-property form for about 30 U.S. companies that own/lease uranium reserves and mines, which almost all are not expected to be mined. The burden for each company to complete the Schedule A is approximately 10 hours annually and since EIA is developing new internet data collection systems for its surveys, it is difficult to justify the expense for the Schedule A with currently few active producers.

- Propose collecting annually the following data from potentially 8 U.S. uranium producers: Facility information, processing information, mine and/or other production and related information, drilling, expenditures, and employment using an EIA-851 (Annual) "Domestic Uranium Production Report" survey along with its current quarterly survey collection of monthly production using the EIA-851 (Quarterly) "Domestic Uranium Production Report." The annual burden would be about 2 hours and the quarterly burden would remain 0.75 hours and each would be a 1-page form. Respondents would use EIA's secure file transfer system for these data collections.

- Propose renaming the EIA-858 survey from "Uranium Industry Annual Survey" to "Uranium Marketing Annual Survey" with the following changes from the EIA-858 Schedule B, Uranium Marketing Activities survey:

- Delete Items 1.D.2 (Custody Transactions) and 1.D.3 (Matched Sales Transactions)
- Delete Items 1.F.4 (Imported From) and 1.F.5 (Exported To)
- In Item 1.F (Future Deliveries), report quantities (Min/Max) only
- Add enrichment price data (\$ / SWU) to Item 2, (Enrichment Services Purchased)
- In Item 3 inventories, report only by material types (U₃O₈, Natural UF₆, Enriched UF₆, and fabricated fuel not inserted into a reactor)
- Delete Item 4 (Uranium Inventory Policy)
- Delete Item 6.E (U₃O₈ Equivalent of secondary SWU received in exchange)

The annual burden would be about 14 hours (originally 24 hours for both Schedules A and B) and respondents would use an internet data collection system for this EIA-858 "Uranium Marketing Annual Survey."

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 comments. (If the notice covers more than one form, add "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 be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent to the Request for Information

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information to be collected?

B. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions need clarification?

C. Can the information be submitted by the due date?

D. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 14 hours per response for the EIA-858, 0.75 hours per response for the EIA-851 (Quarterly), and 2 hours per response for the EIA-851 (Annual). The estimated burden includes the total time necessary

to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

E. The agency estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to complete the collection. Will a respondent incur any start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

F. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

G. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User of the Information to be Collected

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

B. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

C. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

D. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

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 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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Jay H. Casselberry,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request, Correction

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request, Correction.

Correction—In notice document 03-7924 appearing on page 16008 in the issue of Wednesday, April 2, 2003, make the following correction:

The date in the II. Current Actions section should be 2006, rather than 2003.

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Jay H. Casselberry,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC03-544-000, FERC-544]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

April 1, 2003.

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 June 4, 2003.

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 Executive Director, ED-30, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments on the proposed collection of information may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC03-544-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet can be prepared in a variety of formats including WordPerfect, MS

Word, Portable Document Format, Rich Text Format of ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-mail address upon receipt of documents. User assistance for electronic filings is available at 202-502-8258 or by E-mail to efiling@ferc.gov. Comments should not be submitted to this e-mail address.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the FERRIS link. For user assistance, contact FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Miller at (202)502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-544 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change(Format)", is used by the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.717c-717o, Pub. L. 75-688). The Commission implements FERC-544 filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 154.

General rate change applications filed under section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act reflect changes in rates based generally upon changes in the pipeline company's overall costs of providing service. Staff analyses are performed to determine whether the proposed rates and charges are consistent with the Commission's statutory responsibilities, policies, conditions. A preliminary review and report to the Commission of all changes filed under the NGA must be made by staff. Based upon the report, the Commission determines the filing should be accepted or suspended and set for hearing and investigation. 18 CFR 154.301 through 154.313 govern the filing requirements for rate changes and define the statements and schedules pipeline companies must file in support of their proposed rates and charges. 18 CFR 154.205 governs the filing requirements for changes relating to suspended tariffs, executed agreements or parts thereof. 18 CFR 154.206 permits the proposed change in rate, charge, classification or service to go into effect upon motion of the jurisdictional gas pipeline at the expiration of the