

for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs)/G-1, Attn: SAMR-FMMR, (Dr. John Anderson), 111 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0111; or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 428-6440. *Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* The Contractor Manpower Reporting System; OMB Control Number 0702-0120.

Needs and Uses: This program greatly enhances the ability of the Army to identify and track its contractor workforce. Current systems do not have contractor manpower data that is collected by the contractor Manpower Reporting System—i.e., Direct Labor Hours, Direct Labor Dollars and Organization supported. Existing financial and procurement systems have obligation amounts of an unknown mix of services and supplies, and the Department of the Army is not able to trace the funding to the organization supported. Like all other Federal Government agencies, the Army's reliance on service contractor employees has increased significantly over the past few years.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,018.

Number of Respondents: 12,215.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Contractor Manpower Reporting System represents a program aimed at obtaining information regarding the use of contractor employees by the Army. Reliance on contractors in support of military operations will continue and likely grow. This guidance emphasizes the fact that armed forces are deploying and will deploy without a standard means of tracking the contractor workforce. Section 807 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 requires the Secretary of

Defense not later than the third quarter of each fiscal year to submit to Congress an annual inventory of the activities performed during the preceding year pursuant to contracts for services for or on behalf of the Department of Defense.

Dated: June 28, 2010.

Mitchell S. Bryman,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its Weatherization Assistance Program, OMB Control Number 1910-5127. The proposed collection will collect information on the status of grantee activities, expenditures, and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively and expeditiously (especially important for Recovery Act funds)

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before August 2, 2010. 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, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

and to Christine Askew, U.S. Department of Energy, EE-K/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-287-7145, or by e-mail at christine.askew@ee.doe.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Askew, U.S. Department of Energy, EE-K/Forrestal Building, 1000

Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-287-7145, or by e-mail at christine.askew@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. "1910-5127"; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* "Weatherization Assistant Program (WAP)"; (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal (4) *Purpose:* To collect information on the status of grantee activities, expenditures, and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively and expeditiously (especially important for Recovery Act funds); (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 58; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 696; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 2,088; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:*

Statutory Authority: Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA), Pub. L. 110-140

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Acting Program Manager, Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its State Energy Program, OMB Control Number 1910-5126. The proposed collection will collect information on the status of grantee activities, expenditures, and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively and expeditiously (especially important for Recovery Act funds).

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before August 2, 2010. 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, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as

soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; and to Faith Lambert, U.S. Department of Energy, EE-K/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-287-7145, or by e-mail at faith.lambert@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Faith Lambert, U.S. Department of Energy, EE-K/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-287-7145, or by e-mail at faith.lambert@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-5126; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* State Energy Program; (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* To collect information on the status of grantee activities, expenditures, and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively and expeditiously (especially important for Recovery Act funds); (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 56; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 672; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 1,344; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:*

Authority: Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA), Pub. L. 110-140.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 10-57-LNG]

**The Dow Chemical Company;
Application for Blanket Authorization
To Export Liquefied Natural Gas**

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of an application (Application), filed on May 26, 2010, by The Dow Chemical Company (Dow), requesting blanket authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) that

previously had been imported into the United States from foreign sources in an amount up to the equivalent of 390 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas on a short-term or spot market basis. The LNG would be exported from existing facilities on Quintana Island, Texas, to any country with the capacity to import LNG via ocean-going carrier and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy. Dow seeks to export the LNG over a two-year period commencing on the date of the authorization. The application was filed under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited.

DATES: Protests, motions to intervene or notices of intervention, as applicable, requests for additional procedures, and written comments are to be filed at the address listed below in **ADDRESSES** no later than 4:30 p.m., e.t., August 2, 2010.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larine Moore or Lisa Tracy, U.S.

Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478; (202) 586-9387.

Edward Myers, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Electricity and Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 6B-159, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-3397.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Dow is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Midland, Michigan. Dow is an international chemical and plastics manufacturing company with operations in a number of U.S. states. Dow owns and operates a large petrochemical manufacturing facility in Freeport, Texas, which is in close proximity to the LNG import/export terminal owned and operated by Freeport LNG Development, L.P. (FLNG) on Quintana Island, Texas. Dow contracted terminal capacity from FLNG for a twenty-year period beginning in July 2008 in order to secure natural gas supplies for various operations at its

Freeport petrochemical facility. Dow's Freeport facility has the capability to receive regasified LNG from the FLNG terminal via several pipelines that extend directly to its petrochemical manufacturing plant.

On February 25, 2010, FE granted Dow blanket authorization to import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico and to import LNG from various international sources for a two-year term beginning on June 1, 2010.¹ Under the terms of the blanket authorization, the LNG may be imported to any LNG receiving facility in the United States or its territories.

Current Application

In the instant application, Dow is seeking blanket authorization to export from the FLNG terminal LNG that has been previously imported from foreign sources to any country with the capacity to import LNG via ocean-going carrier and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law over a two-year period, on a short-term or spot market basis, in an amount up to the equivalent of 390 Bcf of natural gas. Dow further requests that the authorization extend to LNG supplies imported from foreign sources to which Dow acquires title, as well as to LNG supplies imported from foreign sources that Dow may export on behalf of other entities who themselves hold title. Dow states that it does not seek authorization to export domestically-produced natural gas.

Public Interest Considerations

In support of its application, Dow states that pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, FE is required to authorize exports to a foreign country unless there is a finding that such exports "will not be consistent with the public interest."² Dow states that section 3 thus creates a statutory presumption in favor of a properly framed export application.³ Dow states further that the public interest determination is guided by DOE Delegation Order No. 0204-111, which provides that the domestic need for natural gas is the principal factor to be considered when evaluating an export application.⁴

As detailed in the application, Dow states the blanket export authorization requested by Dow satisfies the public interest standard for the following

¹ *The Dow Chemical Company*, DOE/FE Order No. 2754 issued February 25, 2010.

² 15 U.S.C. 717b.(a)

³ *Phillips Alaska Natural Gas Corp. and Marathon Oil Co.*, DOE/FE Order No. 1473 (2 FE ¶ 70,317) at 13 (April 2, 1999), citing *Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association v. ERA*, 822 F.2d 1105, 1111 (DC Cir. 1987).

⁴ *Id.* at 14.