critical navigational information to mariners. Current computer/ communication technology makes worldwide data transfer both rapid and reliable. Thus, mariners will not longer need to wait weeks for time-senstive navigational information as is currently required with mailing hard copy U.S. *Notice to Mariners* around the globe. Additionally, the phase out of hard copy U.S. Notice to Mariners production will conserve critical resources. For example, NGA annually produces a volume of U.S. Notice to Mariners that, if stacked in a column, would measure roughly 22,000 feet high. Put another way, transitioning from hard copy production and distribution will conserve roughly 2,360 trees per year.

In conclusion, the NGA hard copy transition strategy will reduce the time required for mariners to receive important marine navigational information, elimate costs associated with the printing and distribution of this publication, and conserve natural resources such as pulpwood and the fossil fuels needed to produce paper and transport this weekly product to numerous destinations around the globe.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Renewal

AGENCY: Department of Energy. **ACTION:** Notice; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) intends to renew an information collection package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Department's Office of Environment, Safety and Health information collection package, OMB No. 1910–5105, allows the Department and its contractors to provide management control and oversight over health and safety programs concerning worker exposure to ionizing radiation.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed collections of information must be mailed by September 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments and recommendations regarding this collection should be mailed to the OMB Desk Officer, Office of Information and

Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. 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) 395–6893. In addition, please notify the DOE contact listed in this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons submitting comments to OMB are requested to send a copy to Dr. Judith D. Foulke, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Worker Protection Policy and Programs (EH–52), Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Building 270/CC, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290.

Dr. Foulke can be contacted by telephone at (301) 903–5865 or e-mail at *Judy.Foulke@eh.doe.gov*.

Requests for copies of the Department's Paperwork Reduction Act Submission and other information should be directed to Ms. Susan L. Frey, Director, U.S. Department of Energy, Records Management Division, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Germantown Building, IM–11, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290.

Ms. Frey can be contacted by telephone at (301) 903–3666 or e-mail at Susan.Frey@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package contains (1) Current OMB No. 1910–5105; (2) Package Title: Occupational Radiation Protection; (3) Summary: Request for a three-year extension without change, which covers mandatory responses; (4) Purpose: The recordkeeping and reporting requirements that comprise this information collection will permit DOE and its contractors to provide management control and oversight over health and safety programs concerning worker exposure to ionizing radiation; (5) Respondents: 35 DOE management and operating contractors and 15 other contractors; (6) Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 50,000 following each revision of 10 CFR 835 and 5000 for other years.

Statutory Authority: Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. 2201, and the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S. C. 7191 and 7254.

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Director, Records Management Division, Office of the Chief Information Officer. [FR Doc. 04–17626 Filed 8–2–04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC04-512-001, FERC-512]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

July 28, 2004.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reinstatement of this information collection requirement. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission did not receive any comments in response to an earlier Federal Register notice of February 17, 2004 (69 FR 7460-61) and has noted this in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by August 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o Pamela_L._Beverly@omb.eop.gov and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-7856. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the