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Ms. Christine Kymn  
Department of Energy Desk Officer  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, DC 20503

**SUBJECT: DOE-887(84) Use of Generic Clearance for Energy Information Administration (EIA) for the India Solar Resource Data Survey**

Dear Ms. Kymn:

The Strategic Energy Analysis Center at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Department of Energy (DOE), plans to use the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved generic clearance DOE-887, "DOE Customer Surveys" (OMB No. 1901-0302, expiring December 31, 2009) to evaluate opinions of potential for solar resource data (India). As agreed to under the DOE-887, "DOE Customer Surveys" clearance, we will anticipate your approval within two weeks. However, without your approval, we will not conduct this survey. We will provide OMB with the results of this data collection when we submit the annual report of surveys conducted under the generic clearance.

NREL has developed a Geospatial Toolkit (GsT) — a map-based software application that integrates resource data and geographic information systems (GIS) — for integrated resource assessment. Through this survey, we hope to learn about the usefulness of (1) the India solar resource products, (2) planned products and activities, and (3) additional activities aimed at making business decisions in the Indian solar energy sector.

It will not go to the general public, but to a specific list of people (approximately 100) who are interested in doing business in the solar energy sector in India. It won't be linked from a Web site and will just go to this small pool of people that we're targeting.

NREL has developed the attached targeted survey in response to Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards." The attached survey contains 15 questions and will take approximately 5 minutes to answer. The burden should not exceed 9 hours (100 respondents x 5 minutes).

All participation in this survey is voluntary, and data collected will be kept confidential. No self-identification information will be collected. All results will be presented in aggregate form. Subsequent analysis of the data collected will limit any divulgence of individual responses.

Michelle Kubik of NREL's Technical Communications Office is the point of contact for questions (303-275-3658). Other questions should be directed to Grace Sutherland at 202-586-6264.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure - Survey