

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Proposed Agency Information Collection**

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection will be used to report the progress of participants in the DOE Better Buildings Challenge (BBC) program. The Better Buildings Challenge is a presidential leadership initiative intended to drive greater energy efficiency in the commercial and industrial marketplace to create cost savings and jobs. This will be accomplished by highlighting the ways participants overcome market barriers and persistent obstacles with replicable, marketplace solutions. The program will showcase real solutions and partner with industry leaders to better understand policy and technical opportunities. President Obama launched the Better Buildings Challenge on December 2, 2011.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before April 25, 2012. 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 DOE Desk Officer at OMB 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 Monica Neukomm, 202-586-8177, monica.neukomm@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monica Neukomm, 202-586-8177, monica.neukomm@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. {"New"}; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Department of Energy Better Buildings Challenge Information Collection Request; (3) Type of Request: New collection; (4) Purpose: The collected information will be used to report the progress of participants in the DOE Better Buildings

Challenge (BBC) program; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 130; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 1,714; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 788; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Statutory Authority: Section 421 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17081); Section 911 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended (42 U.S.C. 16191).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**U.S. Energy Information Administration****Agency Information Collection Extension**

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

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Information Collection Extension; Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The EIA intends to extend for three years, Form EIA-851A "Domestic Uranium Production Report (Annual)," Form EIA-851Q "Domestic Uranium Production Report (Quarterly)," and Form EIA-858 "Uranium Marketing Annual Survey," with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 25, 2012. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting

comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Douglas Bonnar. The mailing address is Department of Energy, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Attn: Douglas Bonnar, EI-23, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by email (douglas.bonnar@eia.gov) is recommended. Alternatively, Douglas Bonnar may be contacted by telephone at 202-586-1085 or by fax at 202-586-3045.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Douglas Bonnar at the contact information given above. Forms and instructions are also available on the Internet at: <http://www.eia.gov/survey/#uranium>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) OMB No. 1905-0160;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Uranium Data Program;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Three-year extension;
- (4) *Purpose:*

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 3501 *et seq.*), 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 burden of collection requirements on the public. 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.

Form EIA-851A collects annual data from the U.S. uranium industry on