

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

1. Respondent Universe

All domestic owners and operators of operating commercial nuclear reactors will be providing data. The survey is a census of the target population and, therefore, no statistical sample methods will be employed. Changes to the respondent population are only made when a reactor permanently shuts down and is no longer required to pay fees into the Nuclear Waste Fund. The last permanent shutdown occurred in February 1997, so there have been no changes to the respondent population since then. The number of operable units in the United States has been 104 for the last 15 years.

2. Procedures for Collecting the Information

Per contractual requirements, the Form NWPA-830G, "Appendix G - Standard Remittance Advice for Payment of Fees", including Annex A to Appendix G are required quarterly to ensure the accuracy of the quarterly fees, and to minimize interest payments when errors are made. There are no statistical procedures involved. However, since respondents are only required to report the adjustment factors used to calculate the "and sold" portion of their net electricity generated and sold amount, mathematical procedures must be used by the EIA to recalculate these factors using other data sources, from both the EIA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates

Response rates have always been 100 percent. The forms are transmittal documents and serve as a regulatory mechanism to insure timely response, since late response and fee payment will result in interest charged on the past due amount.

4. Tests of Procedures

These collections have been ongoing since July 31, 1983; therefore, no additional tests of procedures are necessary.

5. Name and Telephone Number of Individuals

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