



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Whiteman,

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) requests an emergency clearance for the limited purpose of modifying the confidentiality pledges used in surveys included under the following Information Collection Requests listed below:

- OMB No: 1905-0174 Petroleum Marketing Program
 - Form EIA-863, "Petroleum Product Sales Identification Survey"
 - Form EIA-878, "Motor Gasoline Price Survey"
 - Form EIA-888, "On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey;"

- OMB No: 1905-0175 Natural Gas Data Collection Program
 - Form EIA-910, "Monthly Natural Gas Marketers Survey"
 - Form EIA-912, "Weekly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report;"

- OMB No: 1905-0205 Monthly Natural Gas Production Report
 - Form EIA-914, "Monthly Crude Oil, Lease Condensate, and Natural Gas Production Report;"

- OMB No: 1905-0160 Uranium Data Program
 - Form EIA-851Q, "Domestic Uranium Production Report – Quarterly"
 - Form EIA-851A, "Domestic Uranium Production Report – Annual"
 - Form EIA-858, "Uranium Marketing Annual Survey;"

- OMB No: 1905-0145 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey
 - Form EIA-871, "Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey;"

- OMB No. 1905-0092 Residential Energy Consumption Survey
 - Form EIA-457, "Residential Energy Consumption Survey."

This request is due to an unanticipated event from a recent change in the law that affects the confidentiality pledges that EIA uses in 11 surveys protected under the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA).

EIA currently provides a pledge to respondents that the information they provide will be seen only by agency personnel or their agents, and will be used only for statistical

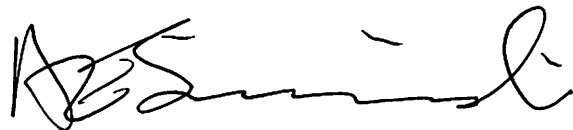


EIA currently provides a pledge to respondents that the information they provide will be seen only by agency personnel or their agents, and will be used only for statistical purposes. However, the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 allows and requires Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide Federal civilian agencies' information technology systems with cybersecurity protection for their Internet traffic. The purpose of this emergency clearance request in accordance with the P.L.104-13, 44 U.S.C 3507 and 5 C.F.R. §1320.13 is to implement a change in the CIPSEA pledge to notify respondents of the security monitoring by DHS. EIA plans to also publish a federal register notice seeking comments on the revised pledge language.

Clearance for the revised confidentiality pledge is needed prior to the expiration of these information collections for immediate use this month in EIA's regular weekly and monthly data collections. These collections support EIA's ability to assess energy supply and consumption for the nation and are essential to EIA's mission to collect, analyze, and disseminate independent and impartial energy information.

For these reasons EIA requests immediate approval of this emergency request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Sieminski', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Sieminski
Administrator
U.S. Energy Information Administration