

Name
Title
Company
Street Address
City, State, Zip

Dear Respondent,

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), in support of the Office of the General Counsel (GC), is conducting its survey of spent nuclear fuel, discharges, inventories, storage capacities, etc. Form GC-859 *Nuclear Fuel Data* collects information from all operators of commercial nuclear reactors and owners of spent nuclear fuel. The current survey will collect data from June 30, 2013 through December 31, 2017, a 4.5 year period.

Information collected on this form will be used to design and operate a system for disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear waste generated by commercial nuclear utilities in the United States. Response to this data collection is mandatory pursuant to 15 USC §772(b) and 15 USC §764(b). Your company's mandatory participation in this survey will continue into the future unless your company ceases to maintain an operational reactor or keep stocks of spent nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear waste. The data collected on this form are not considered confidential. EIA estimates the average reporting burden for this survey is 90 hours.

Article IV, Section A.1.(a) of the Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste requires the submission of Appendix B of the Standard Contract on an annual basis. A letter sent to all contract holders in 1988 removed the requirement of filing Appendix B by stating that timely submission of Form RW-859 (now the Form GC-859) satisfied the requirement of filing Appendix B. The data collected on this form is not considered confidential.

The following items are enclosed on DVD or CD:

- A blank electronic copy of the Form GC-859 Survey
- The Form GC-859 Data Collection System
- Software instructions for the Data Collection System
- A copy of the 1988 letter to Standard Contract holders informing them that submission of the Form RW-859 satisfies the requirement to submit Appendix B.

Instructions for filling out the form are included in the Form GC-859 Survey. General instructions for are in Appendix A and specific instructions pertaining to each section of the survey form are included within the schedules.

The Form GC-859 Data Collection System contained on the DVD or CD was developed in Microsoft Access. If you do not have Microsoft Access installed on your computer system, please contact EIA to obtain a self-contained version of the Data Collection System. Unless otherwise indicated, data on the form should reflect the spent fuel discharged from July 1, 2013 - December 31, 2017.

To the greatest extent practicable, respondents will provide data either in the data collection system or as any commonly readable, present-day electronic spreadsheet file type. Survey response can be provided by email (recommended) or on CD/DVD. If the respondent is unable to provide the data in commonly readable present-day electronic spreadsheet format, the respondent will be required to re-verify any data which is manually inputted by DOE.

We request that the completed form be submitted by [INSERT DUE DATE]. Please contact the following EIA representative if you will experience difficulty in meeting the requested due date.

If you have any questions, please contact Marta Gospodarczyk at (202) 586-0527 or Marta.Gospodarczyk@eia.gov.

Sincerely,

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