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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 16, 2021. If you anticipate any difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Jennifer Kropke, Director of Energy Jobs, Office of Energy Jobs, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615, or by email at Jennifer.Kropke@doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Kropke, Director of Energy Jobs, Office Energy Jobs, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615, or by telephone at (240) 255-8283 and email at Jennifer.Kropke@doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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.

This information collection request contains:

- (1) OMB No. 1910-5179;
- (2) Information Collection Request Titled: Data Collection for the U.S. Energy Employment Report;
- (3) Type of Review: Reinstatement;
- (4) Purpose: The rapidly changing nature of energy production, distribution, and consumption throughout the U.S. economy is having a dramatic impact on job creation and economic competitiveness, but is inadequately understood and, in some sectors, incompletely measured by traditional labor market sources. The U.S. Energy and Employment Report Survey will collect data from businesses in in-scope industries, quantifying and qualifying employment among energy activities,

workforce demographics and the industry's perception on the difficulty of recruiting qualified workers. The data will be used to generate an annual U.S. Energy and Employment Report;

- (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,000;
- (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 30,000;
- (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 6,750;
- (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Statutory Authority: Sec. 301 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151); sec. 5 of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 764); and sec. 103 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5813).

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on June 10, 2021, by Carla Frisch, Director of the Office of Policy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the Federal Register.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 11, 2021.

Treena V. Garrett,
Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.
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