

these benchmarks in updated guidance materials?

Commenters may also consider providing comment on the totality of the accreditation process and comment on specific proposals contained within Executive Order 14279, or other innovative ideas related to accreditation. For example, Executive Order 14279 outlines new principles of a student-oriented accreditation system, and information on how these principles may be reflected in an updated Handbook could be useful. The Department also welcomes feedback on any other provisions contained within Executive Order 14279, including how to evaluate credential inflation. This feedback may pertain either to the standards contained in regulations, and how these might be modified by rulemaking, or the Handbook, and whether commenters believe the guidance contained therein incentivizes or encourages credential inflation at institutions.

While feedback received during the previous public comment period on Title IV topics will be used to update the Handbook, the Department believes this RFI is an opportunity for commenters to focus on any specific and additional changes to the Handbook that may be necessary to improve the clarity and ease of use of the Handbook.

The Department also encourages commenters to consider the totality of the Handbook, and its overall usefulness. We invite commenters to propose bold new ideas on how this resource can better help accrediting agencies ultimately validate the highest quality in postsecondary education. Resources like the Handbook should provide clear and concise information on how to comply with the HEA and its implementing regulations but should not include additional compliance requirements or set new policy. Regularly updating the Handbook is crucial for ensuring that the guidance provided to accrediting agencies remain relevant and effective. Overall, an effective Handbook should minimize the number of questions the Department receives from stakeholders, streamline the recognition process for both initial and renewing accrediting agencies, and aid in maintaining the integrity of the accreditation process.

This is an RFI only. This RFI is not a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to publish a revised Handbook in a specific timeline. This RFI does not commit any Department office to contract for any supply or service. We are not seeking contract proposals. The Department will not pay for any information or administrative costs that

you may incur in responding to this RFI. The documents and information submitted in response to this RFI become the property of the U.S. Government and will not be returned.

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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). The information collection requests a three-year extension of its collection, titled Assistance to Foreign Atomic Energy Activities, OMB Control Number 1901–0263.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before February 9, 2026. 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 by email to part810@nnsa.doe.gov. Include “Paperwork Reduction Act” in the subject line. Comments can also be sent by mail to Andrew Lyman, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Nonproliferation and Arms Control, NA–24, National Nuclear Security

Administration, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. Due to potential delays in DOE’s receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, DOE encourages responders to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information on DOE’s regulation of assistance to foreign atomic energy activities pursuant to 10 CFR part 810 is available at www.energy.gov/nnsa/10-cfr-part-810. For other questions, email to part810@nnsa.doe.gov or contact Andrew Lyman, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Nonproliferation and Arms Control, NA–24, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 287–1025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended 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.:* 1901–0263;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Titled:* Assistance to Foreign Atomic Energy Activities;
- (3) *Type of Review:* Extension;
- (4) *Purpose:* This collection of information from U.S. exporters is necessary in order to provide the Secretary of Energy with the appropriate information needed to make informed determinations regarding requests to directly or indirectly engage or participate in the development or production of special nuclear material outside the United States.
- (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 303;
- (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 681;
- (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 1,127;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$76,397.
Statutory Authority: Sections 57 b.(2) and 161p. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), 10 CFR part 810.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 9, 2025, by Matthew Napoli, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, 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 December 9, 2025.

Jennifer Hartzell,

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,
 U.S. Department of Energy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2574-094]

Merimil Limited Partnership; Lockwood Holdco, LLC; Notice of Application of Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

On October 8, 2025, the Merimil Limited Partnership (transferor) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) to transfer the license for the 6.92-megawatt Lockwood Hydroelectric Project (project) No. 2574. The project is located on Kennebec River in Kennebec County, Maine and does not occupy federal land.

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 801, the applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the project from the Merimil Limited Partnership to the to-be-formed Lockwood Holdco, LLC (transferee). The transferee will be required by the Commission to comply with all the requirements of the license as though it were the original licensee.

Applicants Contacts:

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FERC Contact: Woohee Choi, Phone: (202) 502-6336, Email: Woohee.Choi@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: January 7, 2026 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to, Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to, Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2574-094. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: December 8, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15319-001]

Jupiter Pumped Storage 1, LLC; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit

Take notice that Jupiter Pumped Storage 1, LLC, permittee for the proposed Mineral Run Pumped Storage Project No. 15319, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on March 1, 2024, and would have expired on February 29, 2028.¹ The project would have been located in Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

The preliminary permit for Project No. 15319 will remain in effect until the close of business, thirty days from the date of this notice. But, if the Commission is closed on this day, then the permit remains in effect until the close of business on the next day in which the Commission is open.² New applications for this site may not be submitted until after the permit surrender is effective.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: December 8, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15318-001]

Cabin Run Pumped Storage, LLC; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit

Take notice that Cabin Run Pumped Storage, LLC, permittee for the proposed Cabin Run Pumped Storage Project No. 15318, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on April 25, 2024, and would have expired on March 31, 2028.¹ The project would have been located near the Stony River and the unincorporated community of Bismarck in Tucker and Grant Counties, West Virginia.

The preliminary permit for Project No. 15318 will remain in effect until the close of business, thirty days from the

¹ *Jupiter Pumped Storage 1, LLC*, 186 FERC ¶ 62,101 (2024).

² 18 CFR 385.2007(a)(2) (2025).

³ *Cabin Run Pumped Storage, LLC*, 187 FERC ¶ 61,036 (2024).