

final action for location(s) for dry loading naval spent nuclear fuel which is currently stored at the ICPP or which will be stored at ICPP prior to establishment of a dry storage facility, or for location(s) for temporary dry storage of naval spent nuclear fuel at the INEL. Those actions will be the subject of an upcoming Record of Decision.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 26th day of December 1996.

Richard Danzig,

*Acting Secretary of the Navy.*

Alvin L. Alm,

*Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Wetlands Involvement for Environmental Remediation at Argonne National Laboratory-East

**AGENCY:** Chicago Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Wetlands Involvement.

**SUMMARY:** DOE proposes to conduct a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) corrective-action program and other environmental remediation activities at contaminated sites at Argonne National Laboratory-East (ANL-E). Two of the contaminated sites include small wetlands. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR 1022), DOE will prepare a wetlands assessment for this proposed action. The wetlands assessment will be included in the environmental assessment being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

**DATES:** Comments are due to the address below no later than January 22, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to: Dr. W. S. White, NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439. (630) 252-2101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Further information on this proposed action and wetlands assessment can be obtained from Donna Green, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Argonne Group, 9800 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439. (630) 252-2264.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed action would involve two small palustrine emergent wetlands. One of the wetlands is 0.004 hectares

(0.0016 acres); the other is 0.036 hectares (0.015 acres). Contaminant hazards at these wetlands would be reduced by excavation, containment, or phytoremediation.

Issued in Chicago, IL on December 18, 1996.

Dr. W. S. White,

*NEPA Compliance Officer, Chicago Operations Office, Department of Energy.*

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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC-423]

### Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

January 3, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of request submitted for review to the Office of Management and Budget.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission, as explained below. The Commission received public comments from two entities in response to an earlier Federal Register notice of August 12, 1996 (61 FR 41779) and has replied to these comments in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before February 7, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Commission Desk Officer, 726 Jackson Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street N.E., Washington D.C. 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415 and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC Form No. 423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0024. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three year extension of these mandatory collection requirements.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing provisions of the Federal Power Act (FPA) as amended by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). The Commission uses the information reported on FERC Form No. 423 to conduct fuel reviews under Section 205 (a) and (e) of the FPA, and to prepare expert testimony in electric utility rate cases filed with the Commission. The Form 423 data provides the only effective means for assessing the potential impact of new developments on the future utility fuel supply patterns. The Commission's staff compare delivered fuel costs for utilities receiving like fuels of similar quality; detect consistently high cost patterns or irregularities indicative of possible uneconomic fuel purchase practices; evaluate the economic effect of unusual fuel purchases practices, such as buying fuel from affiliate fuel sources, as opposed to selecting buyers by competitive bids, and investigate a broad range of fuel costs and fuel purchase practice issues raised in contested rate proceedings.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 230 public utilities.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 17,112 total burden hours, 228 respondents, 713 responses annually, 2.0 hours per response (average).

Statutory Authority: Section 205, of the Federal Power Act, as amended by Section 208 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. (49 Stat. 851; 16 U.S.C. 824d).

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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