

or other forms of information technology.

D. What are the estimated (1) Total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual dollar amount of operation, maintenance, and purchase of service costs associated with this data collection? The estimates should take into account the costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information. Estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services made as part of customary and usual business practices, or the cost of any burden hours for completing the form. EIA estimates that there are no additional costs other than those that the respondent incurs in keeping the information for its own uses.

E. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the Form EIA-851 and EIA-858?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

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

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.
ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the "Residential Energy Consumption Survey" (RECS) (Forms EIA-457A/G) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction

Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Notice of this submission was published in the Federal Register on January 21, 1997 (62 FR 3031). This notice supplements the earlier notice. Unless additional funding is made available, it will be necessary to delete the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) questions (questions K-1 through K-3). The target sample will also be reduced from 5,800 cases to 5,000. If necessary, this decrease in the target sample will reduce the annual burden by 290 hours from 2,005 to 1,715.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 20, 1997. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Office of Statistical Standards at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Jay Casselberry, Office of Statistical Standards, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Mr. Casselberry may be telephoned at (202) 426-1116, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at jcasselb@eia.doe.gov.

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Office of Energy Research

Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 97-10; Microbial Genome Program

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Health and Environmental Research (OHER) of the Office of Energy Research, U.S.

Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for grants in support of the Microbial Genome Program (MGP). The MGP focus is on developing and using high-throughput microbial genome sequencing that will provide functional genomic sequence and mapping information on microorganisms: with environmental or energy relevance; of phylogenetic significance; and of potential commercial importance and application. Bioinformatics tools relating to complete genomic sequences are also of importance to the MGP.

DATES: Preapplications referencing Program Notice 97-10 should be received by March 24, 1997. Formal applications in response to this notice should be received by 4:30 p.m., E.D.T., June 9, 1997, to be accepted for merit review and funding in early FY 1998.

ADDRESSES: Preapplications referencing Program Notice 97-10 should be sent to Dr. Marvin E. Frazier, Office of Health and Environmental Research, ER-72, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290; e-mail is acceptable for submitting preapplications using the following address:

ana.ahalt@oer.doe.gov. Formal applications referencing Program Notice 97-10 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 97-10. This address must be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand-carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Marvin E. Frazier, ER-72, Office of Health and Environmental Research, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-5468, e-mail: ana.ahalt@oer.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Molecular biological research on industrially important microorganisms and on microorganisms that live in extreme environments (including the deep subsurface, geothermal environments, hypersaline environments, frozen environments, and toxic waste sites) is a developing area of great scientific promise that will impact many DOE missions, other federal agency missions, and U.S. industry. The Microbial Genome Program supports key DOE business areas by providing microbial