

26, 1994 to encourage the Department of Energy to act more quickly to place surplus nuclear materials in safe forms for interim storage. When production of nuclear weapons ceased in the early 1990's, large inventories of plutonium, uranium, spent nuclear fuel, and other hazardous materials were stored in temporary arrangements awaiting processing into weapons components or other disposition. The Board was concerned that such materials, some of which are in unstable chemical forms, may rupture or leak from their temporary containers, or may cause or contribute to a fire. The Board accordingly recommended that the Department initiate or accelerate programs to process and repackage such materials so that they could be safely stored. The Secretary of Energy accepted Recommendation 94-1 in full, and a mutually agreeable Implementation Plan was issued in February 1995 and accepted by the Board.

This Public Meeting is for the purpose of examining progress on Recommendation 94-1 activities. Department of Energy personnel will review the status of key current issues which endanger established milestones affecting programs to process uranium and plutonium into stable forms, package plutonium for interim storage, stabilize spent fuel, and maintain the facilities needed to perform these activities over the next several years. The largest Recommendation 94-1 programs are at the Savannah River Site, the Hanford Site, the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, and Los Alamos National Laboratory, although most other defense nuclear sites are affected to some degree.

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: May 30, 1997.

**John T. Conway,**  
Chairman.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Strategic Petroleum Reserve; Opportunity for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Fossil Energy, Office of Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period for opportunity for public comment on Strategic Petroleum Reserve Policy.

**SUMMARY:** In preparation for the issuance of an Administration Statement of Policy concerning the capacity, size, use, and financing, among other issues, of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the Department of Energy, Office of Strategic Petroleum Reserve, on April 30, 1997, published a notice of opportunity for interested persons to submit written comments (62 FR 23437). The notice requested comments be submitted by June 16, 1997. Because of the extent of public interest in the policy review, and in order to provide for maximum participation by interested persons, the Office of Strategic Petroleum Reserve has decided to extend the filing date for comments.

**DATES:** Comments are due by July 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Mr. Richard D. Furiga, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Strategic Petroleum Reserve, FE-40, Room 3G-024, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20805.

Comments may also be submitted by use of the Internet by linking to the DOE Fossil Energy web site at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov/spr.html>.

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**Richard D. Furiga,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### 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 energy information collection(s) listed at the end of 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). The listing does not include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and

procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) Collection number and title; (2) summary of the collection of information (includes sponsor (the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) description of the likely respondents; and (5) estimate of total annual reporting burden (average hours per response × proposed frequency of response per year × estimated number of likely respondents.)

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before July 7, 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 DOE 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 Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426-1103, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at [hmillier@eia.doe.gov](mailto:hmillier@eia.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. NWP A-830R A/G, "Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste".

2. Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; OMB No. 1901-0260; Extension of Currently Approved Collection; Mandatory.

3. The NWP A-830R A/G is designed to serve as the service document for entries into the DOE accounting records to transmit data from utilities concerning payment of their contribution to the Nuclear Waste Fund.