

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted by January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to: Office of Management and Budget, Attn: OMB Energy Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be submitted to: Department of Energy, Attn: Bryan Berringer, Office of Codes and Standards (EE-43), Room 1J-018/FORS, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Berringer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-431, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-0371, E-mail: Bryan.Berringer@HQ.DOE.GOV; Eugene Margolis, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, Forrestal Building, Mail Station GC-72, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9507; or the OMB Energy Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-3087.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Collection title: Proposed Clothes Washer Consumer Impact Analysis.

Form(s) submitted: OMB 83-I.

OMB Number: None.

Expiration date of current OMB clearance: N/A.

Type of request: Approval of new collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 600.

Estimated burden hours per respondent: 2 hours.

Frequency of response: One time.

Total annual reporting hours: 1,200.

Estimate cost burden to respondents: No monetary burden.

Collection description: OCS is collecting consumer data to determine the value consumers' place on clothes washer attributes, such as rinse and wash cycle temperature, annual electricity and water bill savings, price of clothes washer, top or front loading, etc. Legislation requires that "the Secretary consider, among other factors, * * * if any lessening of the utility or performance of the products is likely to result from the imposition of the standard" (42 U.S.C. Sec. 6295(o)(2)(B)(I)(3)). OSC will analyze the data to determine if the new efficiency standard

negatively impacts any of the attributes highly valued by consumers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from: Bryan Berringer, Office of Codes and Standards (EE-43), Room 1J-018/FORS, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121.

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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 x proposed frequency of response per year x estimated number of likely respondents.)

DATES: Comments must be filed by January 11, 1999. 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, D.C. 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, D.C. 20585. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426-1103, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at hmiller@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA-846(A), (B), and (C), "Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey" (MECS).

2. Energy Information Administration; OMB No. 1905-0169; Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; Mandatory.

3. EIA-846(A), (B), and (C) will be used to collect data on energy consumption and related subjects for the manufacturing sector of the U.S. economy. In addition to being used for the National Energy Modeling System, the MECS is used to augment a data base on the manufacturing sector. Respondents are manufacturing establishments.

4. Business or other for-profit.

5. 49,447 hours (18,000 respondents x 1 response per year x 8.24 hours per response) (The 148,340 hour burden is being prorated over a three-year period since the survey will be conducted only one time during this period.)

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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