

- Industry input requested by IEA for the 2001 Program of Work
 - Disruption Simulation Exercise
 - Emergency Reserve issues
 - CERM (Coordinated Emergency Response Measures) activities
- Industry views in response to SEQ's request for intensified advice from the IAB
- Industry Supply Advisory Group

The Agenda for the "IEA Millennium Conference on Oil Security Strategy" on March 21–22, 2001, is under the control of the SOM and SEQ. It is expected that the IEA Millennium Conference will have the following Agenda:

I. The Changing Dynamics of Oil Markets

- The Oil Market in the Coming Decades
- The Impact of Industry Stocks and the Futures Market on Oil Market Dynamics
- Investments in Upstream Activities
- The Effect of Environmental Concerns
- The Shift from Oil to Natural Gas
- Oil Consumption in the Transport Sector

II. The Geopolitics of Oil Supply

- Future Supply Disruption and Dependence on the Middle East
- The Impact of Chokepoint Disruptions
- Security of Pipeline Networks

III. Future Emergency Response Strategy: Are IEA Measures Adequate to Meet the Challenges of the Next Several Decades?

- Current IEA Response Capability
- Cooperation with Non-Member Countries
- The Past and Future of Dialogue with Producers
- How Will Natural Gas Fit In?

IV. Strategies for Global Energy Security

- New Challenges and Strategies

The Agenda for the SEQ meeting on March 23, 2001, is under the control of the SEQ. It is expected that the SEQ will adopt the following agenda:

 1. Adoption of the Agenda
 2. Approval of the Summary Records of the 100th Meeting and the Joint SEQ/SOM Meeting of November 14, 2000
 3. SEQ Work Program
 - Year 2002 Work Program of the SEQ—First Elements
 4. Measures to Ensure Compliance with IEA Stockholding Commitments
 5. Supplementary Criteria for the Use of Emergency Stocks
 6. The Treatment of Unavailable Stocks
 7. Evaluation of the IEA Millennium Conference on Oil Security Strategy

8. Current Oil Market Situation and Security Considerations
 - Report on Oil Market Situation
 - Oil Data Transparency Initiatives
9. Analysis of Oil Stock Ticket Systems in IEA Member Countries
10. Emergency Reserve Issues
 - Emergency Reserve and Net Import Situation of IEA Countries IEA/SEQ(2001)9 on January 1, 2001
 - Emergency Reserve Situation of IEA Candidate Countries
11. Draft Questionnaire for Emergency Response Reviews
12. Policy and Legislative Developments in Member Countries
13. Current IAB Activities
14. Policy and Legislative Developments in Candidate Countries
 - Emergency Response Review of Korea
 - Status Report of Korea's Accession to the IEA
 - Other
15. Oil Security Developments in Non-Member Countries
 - Developments in China's Oil Security Policy IEA/NMC/SEQ(2001)1; IEA-China Workshop on Emergency Oil Stock Issues IEA/NMC/SEQ(2001)2 (April, Paris)
 - Workshop on Energy Security Concerns and Response Strategies for South Asia (February 10, New Delhi)
 - Other Initiatives and Events
16. Emergency Data System and Related Questions
 - Monthly Oil Statistics December 2000
 - Base Period FC First Quarter 2000/ Fourth Quarter 2000
 - Quarterly Oil Forecast—Current Quarter First Quarter 2001
17. Emergency Reference Guide
 - Update of Emergency Contact Points List
18. Other Business
 - Dates of June and November Meetings

As provided in section 252(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(ii)), these meetings are open only to representatives of members of the IAB and their counsel, representatives of members of the SEQ, representatives of the Departments of Energy, Justice, and State, the Federal Trade Commission, the General Accounting Office, Committees of Congress, the IEA, and the European Commission, and invitees of the IAB, the SEQ, or the IEA.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy, (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments concerning proposed revisions and a three-year extension to December 31, 2004, for the Form EIA–767, "Steam-Electric Plant Operation and Design Report."

DATES: Written comments must be filed on or before May 14, 2001. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to John G. Colligan, Energy Information Administration, Electric Power Division, EI–53.1, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585–0650. Alternatively, John Colligan may be contacted by telephone at (202) 287–1756 FAX at (202) 287–1934, or e-mail at jcolliga@eia.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to John Colligan at the address listed above. The Form EIA–767 is available on EIA's web site: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/fuelelectric.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

II. Current Actions

III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93–275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95–91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of

1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the collections under section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The Form EIA–767, “Steam-Electric Plant Operation and Design Report,” is a mandatory form filed annually by fossil-fueled steam-electric power generating plants with a combined nameplate rating of 50 (MW) or greater. The EIA–767 collects operational data from fossil and nuclear electric power plants. These data are compiled and published in several EIA publications.

II. Current Actions

The EIA will request OMB approval of: (a) A three-year extension of collection authority through December 31, 2004 and (b) the revisions described below. The proposed changes reflect the current highly competitive state of the electric power industry as a whole and the power generators in particular. EIA recognizes that its information collections must continue to adapt as the industry changes.

EIA has completed an extensive review and update of the electric power survey collection series. The form presented here is the result of that task which includes input from all sectors of the electric power industry. Electric generation and sales continue the trend toward open competition. The degree of competition is not uniform throughout the country at this time, but continues to grow sporadically, as reported by electric power data suppliers. With the increase in open competition among generators there is a corresponding need for protection from disclosure of individually-identifiable commercially sensitive information. Along with form changes, the EIA is proposing a revision to the commercially sensitive data elements collected on the Form EIA–767 which will be treated as confidential.

The Form EIA–767, “Steam-Electric Plant Operation and Design Report,” collects plant operational data. Form EIA–767 will be filed annually by all existing and planned fossil-fueled electric generating plants with a combined nameplate rating of 50 megawatts or greater. A significant change to this form is an increase in the

reporting threshold from 10 megawatts to 50 megawatts. The frame of the EIA–767 has been extended to include both regulated and unregulated generators. Also, a new Schedule 4D, “Boiler Plant Information, Nitrogen Oxide Controls” was created in order for all respondents to provide nitrogen oxide control information on a single schedule. Items 1 and 2 of Schedule 4D were previously found on Schedule 4C, and were completed only by generators 100 megawatts and greater; Schedule 4D, items 3, 4a, 4b, and 5 are new data elements. As a result of these and other additions (one data element on Schedule 4A regarding analysis method for primary fuel type, and three data elements on Schedule 9 regarding exit temperature of flue gas), a total of 8 data elements were added. However, 28 data elements were deleted, resulting in an overall net reduction of approximately 20 elements on the Form EIA–767.

With regard to confidential treatment of information reported to EIA on the electric power surveys, EIA is proposing changes in what elements will be treated as confidential and not released in individually-identifiable form. As the level of generation competition increases, so does the concern for the disclosure of confidential data. EIA is aware of these concerns regarding full disclosure of trade secrets. EIA is continuously monitoring the industry through the electric power survey system. Following are the EIA–767 survey data elements that will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed at the identifiable individual facility level. Elements that are currently treated as confidential by EIA on the Form EIA–767 are marked by asterisks. EIA is proposing additional confidential data elements which are listed below:

- a—Planned equipment*, planned plant changes*, planned retirement dates*, and fuel projections*;
- b—Heat rates*;
- c—Fuel consumption;
- d—Fuel quality;
- e—Financial data;
- f—Thermal output.

The EIA–767 form and instructions will address the specific data elements that will be treated as confidential.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency’s ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent to the Request for Information

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions need clarification?

B. Can the information be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 83.16 hours per response, previous burden was 84.00 hours per response. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

D. The agency estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to complete the collection. Will a respondent incur any start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

E. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

F. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User of the Information To Be Collected

A. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

B. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses 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 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments concerning proposed revisions to existing electric power survey forms, the creation of new forms, and a three-year extension to December 31, 2004, approval for all EIA electric power surveys. EIA's current electric power surveys are:

Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report,"
Form EIA-412, "Annual Report of Public Electric Utilities,"
Form EIA-417R, "Electric Power Systems Emergency Report,"
Form EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Utility Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions,"
Form EIA-860A, "Annual Electric Generator Report—Utility,"
Form EIA-860B, "Annual Electric Generator Report—Nonutility,"
EIA-861, "Annual Electric Utility Report," and
Form EIA-906, "Power Plant Report" (which replaced Forms EIA-759 and EIA-900 beginning with the reporting of January 2001 information).

EIA is proposing the changes outlined in this notice. The changes will result in the electric power survey forms listed below:

Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report,"
Form EIA-412 "Annual Electric Industry Financial Report,"
Form EIA-423, "Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants,"
Form EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions,"
Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report" (combined Forms EIA-860A and EIA-860B),
Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report," and
Form EIA-906, "Power Plant Report."

Form EIA-417R is not included in EIA's electric power surveys package for this comment request. Form EIA-417R will be included in a future separate Federal Register notice.

DATES: Written comments must be filed on or before May 14, 2001. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to John G. Colligan, Energy Information Administration, Electric Power Division, EI-53.1, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0650. Alternatively, John Colligan may be contacted by telephone at (202) 287-1756, FAX at (202) 287-1946, or by e-mail at jcolliga@eia.doe.gov.

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3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The EIA collects information about the electric power industry for use by government and private sector analysts. The survey information are disseminated in a variety of publications, electronic products, and electronic data files. For details on EIA's electric power information program, please visit EIA's web site at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/fuelelectric.html>.

II. Current Actions

The EIA will request OMB approval of: (a) a three-year extension, through December 31, 2004, for all the forms listed, and (b) modifications to the specific forms described below. The proposed changes EIA is requesting through this action reflect the increasingly competitive nature of the electric power industry as a whole and the power generators in particular. EIA recognizes that its information collections must continue to adapt as the industry changes. Elements associated with distributed generation are not included on current forms at this time. A final decision regarding the collection of this information has not been made, and the elements may be included in EIA's final proposal.

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As a means of improving its electric power surveys to reflect the changing industry, EIA proposes the following changes.

Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report." The most important change to the Form EIA-411 is the expansion of the data collected on transmission assets. Specifically, Item 6, Proposed Bulk Electric Transmission Line Additions, has been replaced with Schedule 6, Proposed Electric Transmission Asset