

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Energy Information Administration****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Submission for OMB
Review; Comment Request**

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

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA has submitted the energy information collections listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and a three-year extension under section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq).

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 6, 2003. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within that period, you should contact the OMB Desk Officer for DOE listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the OMB Desk Officer for DOE, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (A copy of your comments should also be provided to EIA's Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Grace Sutherland, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Ms. Sutherland may be contacted by telephone at (202) 426-1068, FAX at (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at Grace.Sutherland@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This section contains the following information about the energy information collections submitted to OMB for review: (1) The collection numbers and title; (2) the sponsor (*i.e.*, the Department of Energy component); (3) the current OMB docket number (if applicable); (4) the type of request (*i.e.*, new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (5) response obligation (*i.e.*, mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (6) a description of the need for and proposed use of the information; (7) a categorical description of the likely respondents; and (8) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (*i.e.*, the

estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

1. Forms EIA-846 A/B/C, "Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey".
2. Energy Information Administration.
3. OMB Number 1905-0169.
4. Three-year extension.
5. Mandatory.
6. 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 database on the manufacturing sector.

Respondents are manufacturing establishments. In addition to the changes proposed in an earlier August 26, 2002 **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 54797) soliciting public comments on MECS, EIA is proposing to add questions to the MECS regarding the production of steam and other thermal output. The first two items will be located in what was Section 3 of 1998 MECS questionnaires. The first question will ask for the amount of steam produced within onsite combined-heat-power/cogeneration units and the second question will ask for the amount of steam produced in steam only (or hot water only) boilers. These changes mirror what is currently asked on Section 2, Electricity. The MECS has always asked for the amount of steam and hot water produced from renewable energy, such as from solar and geothermal means, and will continue to do so.

Another related change is a modification to the end-use matrix. EIA proposes to subdivide the current end-use category "boiler fuel" into consumption used for "boiler fuel in a combined-heat-power/cogeneration process" and "any boiler fuel not included (in the previous category). Please note that in those questions and others, no end-use categorization of steam and hot-water is required.

These additional changes are proposed because of the increasing focus on issues related to combined heat and power and the need for information on this topic. As steam and electricity production leave the direct control of the manufacturing plant, EIA needs a better understanding of the effects on energy consumption.

7. Business or other for-profit.
8. 55,291 (18,000 respondents X 1 response per year X 9.22 hours) With a 3-year approval, the burden is prorated over the three-year period and averaged from a total of 165,873 hours.

Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Record of Decision, Kentucky Pioneer
Integrated Gasification Combined
Cycle Demonstration Project, Trapp,
Clark County, KY**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared an environmental impact statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS-0318) to assess the environmental impacts associated with a proposed project that would be cost-shared by DOE and Kentucky Pioneer Energy, LLC (KPE) under DOE's Clean Coal Technology (CCT) Program. The project would provide a commercial scale application of a modified version of the British Gas Lurgi (BGL) integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) technology utilizing a co-feed of coal and Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF). The proposed project location is a previously disturbed site owned by East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) approximately 3.2 kilometers (2.0 miles) west of Trapp, Kentucky. After careful consideration of the potential environmental impacts, along with program goals and objectives, DOE has decided that it will provide approximately \$60 million in Federal funding support (about 15% of the total cost of approximately \$414 million) to design, construct, and demonstrate the commercial scale operation of the technology proposed by KPE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information about the project or the EIS, contact Mr. Roy Spears, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, Morgantown, WV 26507; telephone: (304) 285-5460; fax: (304) 285-4403; or e-mail:

rspear@netl.doe.gov. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue,