

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0113]

**Federal Acquisition  
Regulation; Information Collection;  
Acquisition of Helium**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0113).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning acquisition of helium. The clearance currently expires on October 31, 2004.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 8, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0113, Acquisition of Helium, in all correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**  
Linda Nelson, Contract Policy Division,  
GSA (202) 501-1900.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****A. Purpose**

The Helium Act (Pub. L. 86-777) (50 U.S.C. 167a, *et seq.*) and the Department of the Interior's implementing regulations (30 CFR parts 601 and 602) require Federal agencies to procure all major helium requirements from the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

The FAR requires offerors responding to contract solicitations to provide information as to their forecast of helium required for performance of the contract. Such information will facilitate enforcement of the requirements of the Helium Act and the contractual provisions requiring the use of Government helium by agency contractors, in that it will permit corrective action to be taken if the Bureau of Land Management, after comparing helium sales data against helium requirement forecasts, discovers apparent serious discrepancies.

The information is used in administration of certain Federal contracts to ensure contractor compliance with contract clauses. Without the information, the required use of Government helium cannot be monitored and enforced effectively.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Respondents:* 26.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Total Responses:* 26.

*Hours Per Response:* 1.

*Total Burden Hours:* 26.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0113, Acquisition of Helium, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 30, 2004

**Ralph J. De Stefano**

*Acting Director, Contract Policy Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy****Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive  
Patent License; Metrix Services, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Metrix Services, Inc., a revocable, nonassignable, exclusive license to

practice in the United States and certain foreign countries, the Government-owned invention described in U.S. Patent No. 5,511,122 entitled "Intermediate Network Authentication", Navy Case No. 74,836.

**DATES:** Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than September 24, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jane F. Kuhl, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-3083. Due to U.S. Postal delays, please fax (202) 404-7920, e-Mail [kuhl@utopia.nrl.navy.mil](mailto:kuhl@utopia.nrl.navy.mil), or use courier delivery to expedite response.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: September 2, 2004.

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U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission**

[Docket No. RP04-505-000]

**ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of  
Tariff Filing**

September 1, 2004.

Take notice that on August 27, 2004, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 190A, to become effective on September 1, 2004.

ANR states that the purpose of this filing is to seek approval for a non-conforming service agreement between ANR and Centra Gas Manitoba, Inc., which allows ANR to make deliveries to Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) at several of ANR's interconnection points with Great Lakes.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will