

Center (Draft EIS, DOE/EIS-02260). DOE intends, at a future date, to issue a Record of Decision pursuant to the Final EIS. The proposed Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan is being reviewed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The Department will consider NRC comments prior to the initiation of decontamination and decommissioning operations, and should DOE during the course of the National Environmental Policy Act process or as a result of comments from the NRC ultimately decide upon an approach that differs from the current preferred alternative in the Draft Decommissioning EIS, or adopt changes that affect the proposed Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan, then DOE will revise the Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan as necessary to reflect the changes.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan for the West Valley Demonstration Project are available for public inspection at the following locations:

U.S. Department of Energy, FOIA Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0001;

Hulbert Library, DOE-WVDP Public Reading Room, 18 Chapel St., Springville, NY 14141. 716-592-7742; and

Ashford Office Complex Public Reading Room, 9030 Route 219, West Valley, NY 14171-0191. (716) 942-4679.

The proposed Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan is also available at:

The U.S. Department of Energy West Valley Demonstration Project Web site, at <http://www.wv.doe.gov>; and

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Electronic Reading Room Web site, at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The West Valley Demonstration Project Act (the

Act), Public Law 96-368 of October 1, 1980, directed the Department of Energy to carry out a high-level radioactive waste management demonstration project at the WNYNSC. The purpose of the project was to demonstrate the solidification of high-level radioactive waste for disposal in a Federal repository. The Act also requires the Department to decontaminate and decommission the underground high-level waste storage tanks and other facilities where the solidified high-level radioactive waste was stored, the facilities used in the solidification of the waste, and any material and hardware used in connection with the project, in accordance with such requirements as the NRC may prescribe.

In accordance with the Act, DOE entered into an agreement with the NRC to establish arrangements for review and consultation by the NRC for the Project. The procedures for NRC review and consultation were established in the September 23, 1981 *Memorandum of Understanding* and section 2(c)(1) of the Act between DOE and NRC.

Accordingly, DOE is to submit to NRC, for its review and comment, a Project Decommissioning Plan for the facilities that were used in solidifying the waste, which includes a description of engineering and operating activities to be performed. The plan is to be reviewed by the NRC and comments provided to DOE. DOE is to review and consider the comments provided prior to the initiation of decontamination and decommissioning operations.

The decommissioning activities described in the proposed Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan for the West Valley Demonstration Project are consistent with the Phased Decision-making Alternative, the preferred alternative described in the *Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration Project and Western New York Nuclear Service Center*. Under the Phased Decision-making Alternative, the decommissioning of the Project and WNYNSC would be completed in two phases. Phase 1 decommissioning activities within the Project premises, which are described in the proposed Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan, are near-term removal actions that include removal of the Main Plant Process Building, Vitrification Facility, source area of the North Plateau Groundwater Plume, wastewater treatment facility lagoons, and certain ancillary buildings, foundations, slabs, and pads on the WVDP premises. The Phase 2 decisions on the decommissioning of the remainder of the Project and WNYNSC,

or its long-term management, would be made in the future and is not part of the proposed Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan.

DOE will issue a Record of Decision pursuant to section III.B.1 of the final EIS no sooner than 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has published its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. DOE will revise the proposed Phase 1 Decommissioning Plan to be consistent with the Record of Decision as necessary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC09-567-000, FERC-567]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

November 28, 2008.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due January 30, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** An example of this collection of information may be obtained from the Commission's Web site (at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>). Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC09-567-000. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>.

Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). First time users will have to establish a user name and password (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eregistration.asp>) before eFiling. The Commission will send an

automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments through eFiling.

Commenters filing electronically should not make a paper filing. Commenters that are not able to file electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket may do so through eSubscription (at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>). In addition, all comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely through FERC's Web site using the "eLibrary" link and searching on Docket Number IC09-567. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support (e-mail at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or call toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FERC is requesting comments on the FERC-

567, Gas Pipeline Certificates: Annual Reports of System Flow Diagrams and System Capacity. FERC-567 is an existing data collection, (OMB Control No. 1902-0005), consisting of a set of filing requirements, as contained in 18 CFR Parts 260.8 and 284.13.

The information from the FERC-567 is used by the Commission staff to obtain accurate data on pipeline facilities and the peak capacity of these facilities and to validate the need for new facilities proposed by pipelines in certificate applications. In modeling a pipeline applicant's system, Commission staff utilizes the FERC-567 data to determine configuration and location of installed pipeline facilities; verify and determine the receipt and delivery points between shippers, producers and pipeline companies; determine the location of receipt and delivery points and emergency interconnections on a pipeline system; determine the location of pipeline segments, laterals and compressor stations on a pipeline system; verify pipeline segment lengths and pipeline diameters; justify the maximum allowable operating pressures and suction and discharge pressures at compressor stations; verify the installed horsepower and volumes compressed at

each compressor station; determine the existing shippers and producers currently using each pipeline company; verify peak capacity on the system; and develop and evaluate alternatives to the proposed facilities as a means to mitigate environmental impact of new pipeline construction.

18 CFR 260.8 requires each major natural gas pipeline with a system delivery capacity exceeding 100,000 Mcf per day to file, to submit by June 1 of each year, diagrams reflecting operating conditions on the pipeline's main transmission system during the previous 12 months ended December 31. Section 284.13 of 18 CFR requires each interstate pipeline that provides transportation subject to the provisions of Subparts B and G of Part 284 to make an annual filing by March 1 of each year showing the estimated peak day capacity of the pipeline's system. These data are physical/engineering data which are not included as part of any other data collection requirement.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing reporting requirements.

**Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

FERC data collection	Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) × (2) × (3)
FERC-567 .....	100	1.714	81.28	13,931.39

For the FERC-567, the estimated cost burden to respondents is \$846,492.80 (13,931.39 hours/2080 hours per year times \$126,384 per year average per employee = \$846,492.80). The estimated cost per respondent is \$8,464.93.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

**Comments are invited on:** (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

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