public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Magnet Schools Assistance Program—Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) Table Form.

OMB Control Number: 1855–0025.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 116.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 58.

Abstract: The collection of this information is part of the government-wide effort to improve the performance and accountability of all federal programs, under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) passed in 1993, the Uniform Guidance, and EDGAR. Under GPRA, a process for using performance indicators to set program performance goals and to measure and report program results was established. To implement GPRA, ED developed GPRA measures at every program level to quantify and report program progress required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended. Under the Uniform Guidance and EDGAR, recipients of federal awards are required to submit performance and financial expenditure information. The GPRA program level measures and budget information for the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) are reported in the Annual Performance Report (APR). The APR is required under 2 CFR 200.328 and 34 CFR 75.118 and 75.590. The annual report provides data on the status of the funded project that corresponds to the scope and objectives established in the approved application and any amendments. To ensure that accurate and reliable data are reported to Congress on program implementation and performance outcomes, the MSAP APR collects the raw data from grantees in a consistent format to calculate these data in the aggregate.

Dated: June 20, 2018.

Tomakie Washington, Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: Thursday, July 12, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2018 8:00, a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Drive, Rockville, MD 20852.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Board: The purpose of this Board is to make recommendation to DOE–SC with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of the Agenda
- News From the Office of Science
- News From the Office of Basic Energy Sciences
- BES 40th Report Presentations
- Materials Sciences and Engineering Division COV Report
- Scientific User Facilities Division COV Meeting Announcement

- Public Comments
- Adjourn

Breaks Taken as Appropriate

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Katie Runkles at (301) 903–6594 (fax), or katie.runkles@science.doe.gov (email). Reasonable provisions will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 45 days on the Committee’s website: www.science.energy.gov/bes/besac/meetings.

Issued at Washington, DC, on June 21, 2018.

Latanya Butler, Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection package requests a three-year extension of “Industrial Relations,” OMB Control Number 1910–0600. This proposed collection covers major Departmental Contractor Human Resource Information necessary for contract management, administration, and cost control.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 26, 2018. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the Desk Officer for the Department of Energy of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible.
SUMMARY: EIA submitted an information collection request for extension as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection request is a three-year extension with changes to Form EIA–63C, Densified Biomass Fuel Report under OMB Control Number 1905–0209. Form EIA–63C collects data on wood pellet fuel and other densified biomass fuel production, sales, and inventory levels from U.S. manufacturing facilities of densified biomass fuel products for the purpose of estimating densified biomass fuel consumption in the United States, as well as production, sales, and inventory at state, regional, and national levels.

DATES: EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than July 26, 2018. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the DOE Desk Officer at 202–395–0710.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the OMB Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, 735 17th Street NW, Room 10102, Washington, DC 20503 and to Alesia Gant, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–1615, or by email at alesia.gant@hq.doe.gov; Ms. Gant may also be contacted at (202) 287–1476.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Alesia Gant at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

1. OMB No. 1910–0600;
2. Information Collection Request Title: Industrial Relations;
3. Type of Request: Renewal;
4. Purpose: This information is required for management oversight of the Department of Energy’s Facilities Management Contractors and to ensure that the programmatic and administrative management requirements of the contracts are managed efficiently and effectively;
5. Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 42;
6. Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 316;
7. Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 4,093;
8. Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: $0.


Issued in Washington, DC on June 18, 2018.

John R. Bashista,
Director, Office of Acquisition Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EIA submitted an information collection request for extension as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection request is a three-year extension with changes to Form EIA–63C, Densified Biomass Fuel Report under OMB Control Number 1905–0209. Form EIA–63C collects data on wood pellet fuel and other densified biomass fuel production, sales, and inventory levels from U.S. manufacturing facilities of densified biomass fuel products for the purpose of estimating densified biomass fuel consumption in the United States, as well as production, sales, and inventory at state, regional, and national levels.

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DOE Desk Officer: Brandon Debruhl, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503,
Email: Brandon_F_DeBruhl@omb.eop.gov.

and to:

Connor Murphy, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585,
Email: DensifiedBiomass2018@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions, should be directed to Connor Murphy at 202–287–5982, or by email Connor.Murphy@eia.gov. You can view Form EIA–63C Densified Biomass Fuel Report online at https://www.eia.gov/survey/#eia-63c.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

1. OMB No. 1905–0209;
2. Information Collection Request Title: Densified Biomass Fuel Report;
3. Type of Request: Three-year extension with changes;
4. Purpose: Form EIA–63C Densified Biomass Fuel Report is part of EIA’s comprehensive energy data program. The survey collects information on the manufacture, shipment, exports, energy characteristics, and sales of pellet fuels and other densified biomass fuel products data from facilities that manufacture densified biomass fuel products, primarily pellet fuels, for energy applications. The data collected are a primary source of information for the nation’s growing production of biomass products for heating and electric power generation, for use in both domestic and foreign markets.

4(a) Changes to Information Collection: Respondents will no longer have to answer the following six questions:

- Part 2 Question 2.2 “What is the operational month”
- Part 2 Question 2.4 “What is the total installed horsepower of the pellet extrusion machinery at this facility”
- Part 2. Question 2.6 “What is the planned maximum annual production capacity at this facility”
- Part 2. Question 2.7 “What is the planned total installed horsepower of the pellet extrusion machinery at this facility”
- Part 3. Question 3.2 “In the reporting period, did the mill utilize any portion of the above feedstock for uses other than transformation into densified biomass products, such as to operate the mill, produce electricity (combined heat and power) or other beneficial use of energy produced (such as heating/cooling)”
- Part 4. Question 4.2 “Export Port.”

EIA also removed the requirement to report quantity, characteristics, inventory, and revenue data on compressed fuel logs, bricks and briquettes from on questions 3.3, 3.4 and 4.1.

Finally, the due date for annual respondents (small biomass fuel manufacturers having a capacity of less than 10,000 tons per year or planned facilities) to report is changed from February 1 to June 1 to coincide with the industry’s off-season and ease their reporting burden during the heating season which is their busiest time of the year. Respondents that need to file annually will only need to report limited data in Parts 1 and 2 of the form;

5. Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 108;
6. Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 1,065;
7. Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 1,467;
8. Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: The cost of the burden hours is estimated to be $111,026 (1,467 burden hours times $75.69 per hour). EIA estimates that there are no additional costs to respondents associated with the survey other than the costs associated with the burden hours.