

spent fuel projected to be discharged, and spent fuel storage pool inventories and capacities. The form has been approved through December 31, 1997. Major revisions to Form RW-859 necessitate that the proposed form and new supplemental schedule be approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

## II. Current Actions

This notice is to solicit comments on proposed revisions to Form RW-859 and corresponding instructions. The extension request to OMB will be through December 31, 1998. The DOE is proposing to reduce the content of the Form RW-859 survey to only collect data elements that require annual update. Data that are not subject to annual revision will be collected every five years on a new Form RW-859S supplementary survey form. A summary of the proposed changes follows.

The following items will no longer be collected on the survey:

- Capacity data other than licensed capacity and current usable capacity
- Temporarily discharged fuel (all discharged fuel will now be designated as permanently discharged) and changes in assembly status
- Cross-reference assembly identifiers including American National Standard Institute (ANSI) identifier and fuel fabricator assembly identifiers
- Data on reconstituted fuel.

The following items will no longer be collected annually on the Form RW-859 survey, but will be collected once every five years on the Form RW-859S survey supplement:

- Dates not subject to annual revision (license renewal, reactor retirement, etc.)
- Cask-handling data
- Specific data on canisters and their contents
- Nonfuel components data.

The following items have been added to the annual Form RW-859 survey:

- Questions on quality assurance procedures and traceability
- Assembly-specific information on initial uranium content, initial enrichment, and burnup
- Current cycle start date.

The following will now be collected on the five-year Form RW-859S supplement:

- Reactor information including type, nuclear steam system supplier, design type, operational status, location, and rating
- Pool site configuration
- Crane data including capacity, limiting factors, dimensions, and clearance
- Site specific access and configuration data for the receiving/

upending area, cask handling area, pool cask loading area, and set-down platform area

- Transportation data including information on on-site roads, rail, and barge
- Historical assembly-specific data not previously reported.

## 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 responses. Please indicate to which form(s) your comments apply.

### General Issues

EIA is interested in receiving comments from persons regarding:

A. Whether the proposed collection(s) of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility. Practical utility is 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 EIA make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

### As a Potential Respondent

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

B. Can data be submitted in accordance with the due date specified in the instructions?

C. Public reporting burden for the annual Form RW-859 data collection is estimated to average 40 hours per response. Public reporting burden for the five-year Form RW-859S supplement is estimated to be 100 hours for the initial data collection and 20 hours for subsequent data collections. Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or 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.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collection of information, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

D. What is the estimated cost of completing these forms, including the direct and indirect costs associated with the data collection? Direct costs should include all costs, such as administrative costs, directly attributable to providing this information.

E. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

### As a Potential User

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the forms?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

D. For the most part, information is published by EIA in U.S. customary units, e.g., cubic feet of natural gas, short tons of coal, and barrels of oil. Would you prefer to see EIA publish more information in metric units, e.g., cubic meters, metric tons, and kilograms? If yes, please specify what information (e.g., coal production, natural gas consumption, and crude oil imports), the metric unit(s) of measurement preferred, and in which EIA publication(s) you would like to see such information.

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.

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