

heavy traffic congestion. The FEIS provides a number of recommended improvements both on and off Base to address the effects of the traffic generated by the Preferred Alternative. The Navy is programming funds for improvements at gates and on Base and is submitting a request for Defense Access Road Program approval for some of these improvements off Base.

The FEIS finds all direct effects to land use to be within NNMC and consistent with NNMC plans; all actions take place within the NNMC boundaries. Off Base, the BRAC actions increase traffic on roads already experiencing traffic congestion. Community planners believe that the traffic congestion in the region could cause land development plans to be altered and the BRAC traffic volumes contribute to the congestion with heavier volumes than previously anticipated in their plans.

Economic impacts to the surrounding economy from the large investment in construction and renovation of facilities under the Preferred Alternative would be beneficial. Personnel relocating from WRAMC are not expected to change their off base residences and lodging being added for the increase in staff, patients and visitors is considered adequate; impacts to local housing, schools, or community services are expected to be minimal. Impacts to human health and safety are not expected.

The FEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, special interest groups, and interested parties. The FEIS is also available at the following local libraries and public facilities: Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814; Chevy Chase Library, 8005 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD, 20815; Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD, 20817; Kensington Park Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, MD, 20895; Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850; Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD, 20814; Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc., 7700 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814; and Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1204, Bethesda, MD, 20814.

The FEIS is also available at the following Web sites: [http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/Professional/Public\\_Affairs/BRAC/](http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/Professional/Public_Affairs/BRAC/); and <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Agency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 2, 2008. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to JoAnna Sellen, Office of International Regimes and Agreements (NA-243), National Nuclear Security Administration, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-1348, or by e-mail at [Joanna.Sellen@nnsa.doe.gov](mailto:Joanna.Sellen@nnsa.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to the person listed in **ADDRESSES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This package contains: (1) *OMB No.* {enter "New"}; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* U.S. Declaration under the Protocol Additional to the U.S.-

IAEA Safeguards Agreement ("Additional Protocol"), and Collection of Information by the Department of Energy; (3) *Type of Review:* New; (4) *Purpose:* Develop Information for Inclusion by the Department of Energy in the United States Declaration to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) under the Additional Protocol to the U.S.-IAEA International Safeguards Agreement.

This proposed collection of information is pursuant to implementing the provisions of the Protocol Additional to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the IAEA for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America (the "Additional Protocol" or "AP"). The Additional Protocol is a supplement to the existing U.S.-IAEA Safeguards Agreement, which entered into force in 1980; once the U.S. AP enters into force, it will become part of the Safeguards Agreement. The United States signed the U.S. AP in 1998, President Bush submitted it to the Senate on May 9, 2002 for the Senate's advice and consent to ratification, and the Senate approved a resolution providing such advice and consent on March 31, 2004. Legislation to implement the U.S. AP was enacted on December 18, 2006. Entry into force of the U.S. AP will take place when the President deposits the instrument of ratification with the IAEA.

The Department of Energy is the Lead Agency for implementing the Additional Protocol at locations owned, operated, or leased by or for DOE, including Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)-licensed or certified activities on DOE installations, and, in coordination with the Department of Defense, non-military locations on installations that store or process naval reactor fuel (collectively known as "DOE Locations"). This collection of information affects only those persons performing activities at DOE Locations that would be declarable to the IAEA under the U.S. AP. The NRC is the Lead Agency for locations that are subject to the regulatory authority of the NRC, pursuant to the NRC's regulatory jurisdiction under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*), with the exception of those NRC-licensed or certified activities at DOE Locations. The Department of Commerce (DOC) is the Lead Agency for all other locations in the United States, except U. S. Government locations and those locations for which the NRC is the Lead Agency. All persons, including DOE contractors performing declarable activities at locations other than those for which DOE is the Lead Agency,

would submit their declarations for these activities at non-DOE Locations to either the NRC or DOC, as appropriate.

The Department of Energy proposes to collect information that is required for submission under the U.S. AP.

Collecting this information from those entities that are actually performing declarable activities at DOE Locations provides the most effective and efficient way for DOE to identify such declarable activities and the locations associated with such activities, and to assemble accurate and timely information on such activities.

All reporting requirements that are applicable to respondents making their declarations through DOE can be found in Article 2.a of the U.S. AP. These activities are considered to be funded, specifically authorized or controlled by, or carried out on behalf of, the United States, by virtue of the fact that the Department of Energy, as an agency of the U.S. Government, controls all activities, regardless of performer, that occur at its installations.

(5) *Respondents*: Respondents will primarily include DOE Management and Operations (M&O) contractors operating DOE installations and facilities. DOE estimates that 10–15 respondents will submit declarations under the U.S. AP; however, the number will fluctuate on an annual basis. Because any person performing a declarable activity at a location for which DOE is the Lead Agency must report that activity through DOE, and because the identity of such persons might change from year to year as declarable activities are initiated or terminated, DOE cannot estimate with certainty the total number of respondents subject to this collection of information. Likewise, it cannot estimate with certainty the number of small businesses, if any, that would be affected by this collection.

(6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: The burden in person-hours of responding to the proposed collection of information will depend on the number of declarable activities at the respondent's location. This effort might range from as low as 40 hours, for a location with one or two declarable activities, to as many as 400 hours, for a location with 30–40 declarable activities. This effort includes annual effort expended in maintaining and training on using the software provided by DOE to assemble and report the information as well as making the declaration.

**Statutory Authority:** Public Law 109–401 (December 18, 2006).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

**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 requests a three-year extension of its Department-wide Printing and Publishing Activities, OMB Control Number 1910–0100. This information collection request covers information necessary to the Department for gathering and compiling data from its facilities nation-wide on the usage of in-house printing and duplicating facilities as well as all printing productions from external Government Printing Office vendors.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before May 5, 2008. 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 OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202–395–4650.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to: DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; and to: Dallas Woodruff, Lead Printing Specialist, U.S. Department of Energy, M/S MA–421, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585; or by fax at 202–586–0753 or by e-mail at [dallas.woodruff@hq.doe.gov](mailto:dallas.woodruff@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The individuals listed in **ADDRESSES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910–0100; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Department-wide Printing and Publishing Activities; (3) *Purpose:* The information collected is reported to the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP). It provides the JCP a

comprehensive overview of Department-wide printing and duplicating activities; (4) *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 163; (5) *Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1607; (6) *Number of Collections:* The information collection request contains five (5) information and/or recordkeeping requirements.

**Statutory Authority:** See 44 U.S.C. 103, 501 & 504, and the Government Printing and Binding Regulations, Title IV; Joint Committee on Printing Report Forms.

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**Mary R. Anderson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08–93–000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

March 27, 2008.

Take notice that on March 19, 2008, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP08–93–000 an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's regulations for permission and approval to abandon in-place compression facilities at its Kermit compressor station, located in Winkler County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Specifically, Northern proposes to abandon in-place two compressor units: A G.E. 9,300 horsepower unit and a Solar 1,080 horsepower unit and station piping at its Kermit compressor station. Northern states that the two units were damaged during a fire and explosion in the spring of 2003. Northern avers that no physical construction activities will occur to abandon the compressor units in-place since the units were severed from the station piping and disconnected after the fire and