

Intent (LOI) (assuming one person per estimated submission) and 1,920 reviewers of proposals submitted through Grants.gov.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: The Office of Science receives about 1,000 DOE national laboratory and interagency proposals per year, based on an average of estimated submission numbers (fiscal year 2006 through fiscal year 2014) and about 7,000 pre-proposals and letters of intent per year, based on an estimate of about 200 per solicitation and the number of solicitations per year (about 35, based on an average between fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2014).

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: The time it takes to complete a form depends upon the type of form being completed. External users will need to register with PAMS in order to access the system. It takes approximately 30 minutes for external users to complete the forms required to become a registered PAMS user. Both LOI and pre-proposal forms take 15 minutes each, whereas completing a lab/interagency proposal will take about 2 hours. The reviewers require about 1 hour of analysis, per submission. Based on the annual estimated number of responses, broken down by DOE national laboratory, letter of intent and pre-proposal, the annual estimated time required for reviewers to complete analysis or responses and the time required for external users to register with PAMS, the estimated annual number of burden hours is 10,630.

*Total number of unduplicated respondents*: 9,920.

*Reports filed per person*: 1.

*Total annual responses*: 9,920.

*Total annual burden hours*: 10,630.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$0.

**Statutory Authority**: Section 641 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7251.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Electric Transmission Congestion Study

**AGENCY**: Department of Energy.

**ACTION**: Notice of Public Comment.

**SUMMARY**: The Department of Energy (Department) invites public comment on the draft National Electric Transmission Congestion Study.

**DATES**: Comments must be received on or before October 20, 2014.

**ADDRESSES**: The draft study is available for review at <http://www.energy.gov/node/942311>. Written comments may be submitted electronically to [Congestionstudy.comments@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Congestionstudy.comments@hq.doe.gov). Written comments may also be delivered by conventional mail to David Meyer, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585. Commenters are cautioned, however, that all conventional mail to the Department is subject to an automatic security screening process that may take up to three weeks and sometimes renders mailed material illegible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: David Meyer, at [David.Meyer@hq.doe.gov](mailto:David.Meyer@hq.doe.gov), or telephone 202-586-1411.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: Section 1221(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, codified at 16 U.S.C. 824p(a), directs the Secretary of Energy to conduct an electric transmission congestion study every three years, and to prepare it in consultation with affected states and regional reliability organizations. In the study, the Department seeks to provide information about transmission congestion by focusing on specific indications of transmission constraints and congestion and their consequences. The study focuses on a specific time frame—i.e., historical trends over the past few years, and looking forward three to five years. The study is based entirely on publicly available data and transmission-related documents.

The draft study is available for review at <http://www.energy.gov/node/942311>. All comments received will be made publicly available on <http://www.energy.gov/node/942311>. After reviewing and considering the public comments, the Department will prepare and release a final version of the study.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Notification of a New System of Records Notice for the EPA Personnel Access and Security System (EPASS)

**AGENCY**: Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION**: Notice.

**SUMMARY**: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Administration and Resource Management, Office of Administration, Security Management Division is giving notice that it proposes to create a new system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a). The EPA Personnel Access and Security System (EPASS) is being created to comply with the Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12), which was issued on August 12, 2004 and signed on August 27, 2004. HSPD-12 mandates a government-wide federal standard for ensuring that identification cards issued to government employees and contractors are reliable and secure. EPASS complies with the federal requirements and will enhance security, increase efficiency, reduce identity fraud, and protect personal privacy.

**DATES**: Persons wishing to comment on this new system of records notice must do so by September 29, 2014.

**ADDRESS**: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-2012-0836, by mail:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email*: [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov).

- *Fax*: 202-566-1752.

- *Mail*: OEI Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail code: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery*: OEI Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

**Instructions**: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEI-2012-0836. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information