

Data. The Department may disclose records from this system to another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the Department determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (a) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (b) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

These records will be maintained in an electronic database.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records are indexed by Social Security number, name, date of birth, and case tracking number.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

All records are retained and disposed of in accordance with Department Records Schedule 052: Ombudsman Case Files (N1-441-09-21) (ED 052). ED 052 is being amended, pending approval by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Records will not be destroyed until NARA-approved amendments to ED 052 are in effect, as applicable.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Access to and use of these records by Department employees and agents shall be limited to those persons whose official duties require access. This includes staff members of the Office of the Student Loan Ombudsman, Enforcement Office staff members, and other Department employees and agents. All physical access to the site where this system of records is maintained, is controlled and monitored by security personnel who check each individual entering the building for his or her employee or visitor badge.

The computer system offers a high degree of resistance to tampering and circumvention. This security system limits data access to staff on a "need to know" basis, and controls individual users' ability to access and alter records within the system. All users of this system of records are given unique user IDs with personal identifiers. All interactions by individual users with the system are recorded.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

If you wish to gain access to a record regarding you in the system of records, contact the system manager at the address listed above. You must provide necessary particulars such as your name, SSN, and any other identifying information requested by the Department while processing the request to distinguish between individuals with the same name. Your request must meet the requirements of 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

If you wish to contest the content of a record regarding you in the system of records, contact the system manager with the information described in the record access procedures. Your request must meet the requirements of 34 CFR 5b.7.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

If you wish to determine whether a record exists regarding you in the system of records, contact the system manager at the address listed above. You must provide necessary particulars such as your name, SSN, and any other identifying information requested by the Department while processing the request to distinguish between individuals of with the same name. Your request must meet the requirements of 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

The system of records notice entitled "Office of the Student Loan Ombudsman Records" (18-11-11) was published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 1999 (64 FR 72384, 72399-72400). The "Office of the Student Loan Ombudsman Records" system of records notice was most recently altered and republished in full in the **Federal Register** on March 8, 2016 (81 FR 12081).

The records that will be maintained in the CEMS system of records that are about individuals who have asserted defenses to the repayment of their Federal student loans, also known as "borrower defenses," pursuant to the Department's regulations at 34 CFR 685.206, previously were covered by the system of records notice entitled "Common Services for Borrowers (CSB)" (18-11-16), which was first published in the **Federal Register** on January 23, 2006 (71 FR 3503), subsequently updated on September 12,

2014 (79 FR 54685), and last altered on September 2, 2016 (81 FR 60683).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on Identifying Priorities for Reducing Barriers to Deployment of Hydrogen Infrastructure

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Request for Information (RFI) on Identifying Priorities for Reducing Barriers to Deployment of Hydrogen Infrastructure on EERE Exchange to gather information on priority areas for reducing barriers to deployment of hydrogen technologies, with a particular focus on hydrogen infrastructure.

DATES: Responses to the RFI must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) on August 10, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit comments electronically to FY18FCTOBARRIERSRFI@EE.DOE.GOV. Responses must be provided as attachments to an email. Include "Deployment Barriers RFI" as the subject of the email. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25MB be compressed (*i.e.*, zipped) to ensure message delivery. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.docx) attachment to the email, and 12 point font, 1 inch margins. Only electronic responses will be accepted. The complete RFI document is located at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be addressed to FY18FCTOBARRIERSRFI@EE.DOE.GOV. Further instruction can be found in the RFI document posted on EERE Exchange.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE posted on its website an RFI to solicit feedback from industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders on critical barriers to deployment of hydrogen infrastructure. The goal of the RFI is to identify these barriers and potential courses-of-action to address them to reduce deployment time and cost in implementing hydrogen technologies and to support the implementation of large-scale applications. Deployment of hydrogen

station regulatory compliance costs and time for regulatory processing have been shown to be substantial. Courses-of-action may include areas such as: Identifying gaps in existing regulations, codes and standards; streamlining regulatory, permitting, and certification processes; reducing unneeded compliance actions; or consolidating regulatory requirements. The RFI [DE-FOA-0001948] is available at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

Confidential Business Information

Because information received in response to this RFI may be used to structure future programs, funding and/or otherwise be made available to the public, respondents are strongly advised to not include any information in their responses that might be considered business sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential. If, however, a respondent chooses to submit business sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential information, it must be clearly and conspicuously marked as such in the response as detailed in the RFI [DE-FOA-0001948] at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

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Sunita Satyapal,

Director, Fuel Cell Technologies Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

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

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 Procurement Collection, OMB Control Number 1910-4100. This information collection request covers information necessary to administer and manage DOE's procurement and acquisition programs.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before July 13, 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 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 the: 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.

If you wish access to the collection of information, without charge, contact the person listed as soon as possible. Sharon Archer, Procurement Analyst, MA-61/L'Enfant Plaza Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024, Sharon.Archer@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Sharon Archer, by email: Sharon.Archer@hq.doe.gov, or by telephone at (202) 287-1739.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.* 1910-4100 (Renewal); (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Procurement Information Collection; (3) *Type of Request:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* Under 48 CFR part 952 and Subpart 970.52, DOE must collect certain types of information from those seeking to do business with the Department or those awarded contracts by the Department. This information collection is necessary for the solicitation, award, administration, and closeout of DOE procurement contracts. (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7,387; (6) *Annual Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 666,082; (7) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$56,616,970.

Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2201.

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John Bashista,

Director, Office of Acquisition Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Proposed New Survey or Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EIA is requesting a three-year extension of EIA-882T, "Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research." EIA-882T

provides EIA with the authority to utilize qualitative and quantitative methodologies to pretest questionnaires and validate the quality of data collected on EIA's surveys. EIA uses EIA-882T to meet its obligation to publish, and otherwise make available independent, high-quality statistical data to federal government agencies, state and local governments, the energy industry, researchers, and the general public.

DATES: EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than August 13, 2018. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments to Brian Hewitt, U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, EI-21 Washington, DC 20585. If you prefer, you can email them to: brian.hewitt@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you need additional information, send your request to Brian Hewitt, U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, EI-21, Washington, DC 20585. If you prefer, you can email brian.hewitt@eia.gov or contact him by telephone at 202-586-5045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.:* 1905-0186; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research;

(3) *Type of Request:* Renewal;

(4) *Purpose:* The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is requesting a three-year approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to utilize qualitative and quantitative methodologies to pretest questionnaires and validate the quality of the data that is collected on EIA and DOE survey forms. Through the use of these methodologies, EIA will conduct research studies to improve the quality of energy data being collected, reduce or minimize survey respondent burden, and increase agency efficiency. This authority would also allow EIA to improve data collection in order to meet the needs of EIA's customers while also staying current in the evolving nature of the energy industry.

The specific methods proposed for the coverage by this clearance are described below. Also outlined is the legal authority for these voluntary information gathering activities.