

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DOD-2019-OS-0085]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 9, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Under

Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Office of Legal Policy, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000, ATTN: Monica Trucco, or call (703) 697-3387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Application for the Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States; DD Form 293; OMB Control Number 0704-0004.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is needed to provide Service members a method to present to their respective Military Department Discharge Review Boards their reason/justification for a discharge upgrade, as well as, providing the Military Departments with the basic data need to process the appeal.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,000.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 10,000.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: As required.

Dated: July 3, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Codes, Standards, Specifications, and Other Guidance for Enhancing the Resilience of Electric Infrastructure Systems Against Severe Weather Events**

AGENCY: Office of Electricity, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: Many investor- and consumer-owned electric utilities, as well as the state and local government agencies or boards that oversee or regulate them, are seeking cost-effective ways to make electric infrastructure systems more resilient against severe weather events, *e.g.*, windstorms, floods, wildfires, etc. The purpose of this RFI is to gather "relevant consensus-based codes, specifications, and standards,"¹ state and industry best practices, and

¹ The Disaster Recovery Reform Act, which was signed into law on October 5, 2018 as part of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254), includes several references "to relevant consensus-based codes, specifications, and standards," including in sections 1234 and 1235.

other pertinent materials to provide guidance for enhancing the physical and operational resilience of electric grid systems and their components, *e.g.*, generation, transmission, control centers, and distribution facilities, against these events. Gathering this information will enable existing requirements and expert knowledge on this subject to be synthesized and made broadly available to interested policy officials and other decision-makers. In addition, this information may aid the Federal Emergency Management Agency in its implementation of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018, as well as other federal efforts to enhance resilience. Organizing existing knowledge in this way will also help identify important information gaps that can then be addressed through targeted research and development activities and through emergency preparedness actions by government agencies and the private sector.

The U.S. Department of Energy also supports actions to enhance the weather-related resilience of other domestic forms of energy infrastructure, particularly oil and natural gas systems. A parallel RFI will be issued to gather analogous resilience information pertinent to those sectors.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 23, 2019.

ADDRESSES:

Email: Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments electronically, to grid.resilience@hq.doe.gov, with "Grid Resilience" in the subject line. Comments, data, and other information submitted to DOE electronically should be provided in PDF, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, WordPerfect, or text (ASCII) file format. The information received in response to this RFI may be used to structure future DOE programs and will be available to the public. Respondents are strongly advised not to include any document or information that might be considered commercially- or business-sensitive, proprietary, confidential, critical electric infrastructure information, or classified for reasons of national security. Submissions should be written in English, be free of any defects or viruses, and without special characters or any form of encryption.

U.S. Mail to: U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Mailstop OE-20, Washington, DC 20585, Attn: Office of Electricity, Guidance for Enhancing Grid Resilience.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Meyer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Electricity, 1000