appropriate Department of Energy Authorization Official.

(5) The Department will develop and implement options necessary to sustain a technically competent Nuclear Explosive Safety Study Group talent pool.

(6) The Department recognizes the need to pursue the safety management enhancement sought in Recommendation 98–2 consistent with the development of the Pantex Integrated Safety Management System as part of the Implementation Plan for Recommendation 95–2.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application and Stockpile Management, Defense Programs, is the Responsible Manager for the preparation of the Implementation Plan. He will work with you to develop an acceptable plan, meeting our mutual expectations.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Richardson.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Response to Recommendation 98–1 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Integrated Safety Management and the Department of Energy (DOE) Facilities.

AGENCY: Department of Energy

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board published Recommendation 98–1, concerning integrated safety management and the Department of Energy (DOE) facilities, on October 6, 1998 (63 FR 53646). Section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b) required the Department of Energy to transmit a response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by November 20, 1998. The Secretary's response follows.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C., 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ellen Livingston-Behan, Senior Program Advisor to the Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20585.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 2, 1998.

Theodore Wyka,

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

November 20, 1998.

The Honorable John T. Conway, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 98–1, issued on September 28, 1998, recommends improvements to the Department's program for resolving the findings of its independent internal safety oversight organization. I agree that such improvements will enhance our ability to ensure safety. Thus, the Department accepts Board recommendation 98–1.

The Department is committed to having an effective internal, independent oversight function as part of an overall safety assurance approach that also includes line management self-assessments. The Department's policy on line environment, safety and health oversight clearly establishes our expectations that robust, rigorous and credible contractor self-assessments together with Department line management oversight provide the primary basis for ensuring safety. Concurrently, the Department's Office of Oversight is responsible for independent safety oversight. Its findings are communicated to line management through inspection reports (such as safety management evaluations), topical and issue reviews, special studies, and accident investigations. Adequate and timely resolution of safety findings is the responsibility of line management, which has overall responsibility for performing work safely, gathering and considering safety feedback, and making necessary improvements. By acting on the Board's recommendation, we expect to further clarify these roles and responsibilities, and promote effective communication between line management and the independent oversight organization. Both are essential to the effective resolution of identified oversight findings.

The Department has completed a preliminary analysis of the issues raised in the Board's recommendation, and has identified the following as the foundation and focus of our implementation plan.

- The plan will describe a consistent, disciplined framework for developing and implementing corrective action plans in response to oversight findings, tracking and reporting status of corrective actions, verifying the completion of corrective actions, and resolving differences or issues that may arise relative to corrective actions. Department directives will be revised to implement the necessary framework.
- The role of the Office of the Secretary in resolving differences or issues that may arise in response to independent oversight findings will be clarified through enhancements to existing Department directives.

I have asked Ms. Ellen Livingston-Behan, Senior Program Advisor to the Office of the Secretary, to serve as the responsible manager for this recommendation. As the principal point of contact with the Board for this recommendation, she will work with you and your staff to develop an acceptable implementation plan that meets our mutual expectations. If you have questions, please contact her at (202) 586–9500.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Richardson

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 99–04: Human Genome Program—Technological Advances

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Correction.

In notice document 98–31367 beginning on page 64944, in the issue of Tuesday, November 24, 1998, make the following correction:

On page 64945, in the third column, under the heading ''Program Funding'', in the second line the dollar amount should read ''$5,000,000''.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 3, 1998.

John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

RIN 1904–AA67

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, the Office of Codes and Standards (OCS) in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted by January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to: Office of Management and Budget, Attn: OMB Energy Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be submitted to: Department of Energy, Attn: Bryan Berringer, Office of Codes and Standards (EE–43), Room 1J–018/FORS, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Berringer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE–431, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121, (202) 586–0371, E-mail: Bryan.Berringer@HQ.DOE.GOV; Eugene Margolis, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, Forrestal Building, Mail Station GC–72, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–9507; or the OMB Energy Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–3087.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Collection title: Proposed Clothes Washer Consumer Impact Analysis.

Form(s) submitted: OMB 83–I.

OMB Number: None.

Expiration date of current OMB clearance: N/A.

Type of request: Approval of new collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 600.

Estimated burden hours per respondent: 2 hours.

Frequency of response: One time.

Total annual reporting hours: 1,200.

Estimate cost burden to respondents: No monetary burden.

Collection description: OCS is collecting consumer data to determine the value consumers' place on clothes washer attributes, such as rinse and wash cycle temperature, annual electricity and water bill savings, price of clothes washer, top or front loading, etc. Legislation requires that ''the Secretary consider, among other factors, * * * if any lessening of the utility or performance of the products is likely to result from the imposition of the standard'' (42 U.S.C. Sec. 6295(o)(2)(B)(I)(3)). OSC will analyze the data to determine if the new efficiency standard negatively impacts any of the attributes highly valued by consumers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from: Bryan Berringer, Office of Codes and Standards (EE–43), Room 1J–018/FORS, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 7, 1998.

Dan W. Reicher,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection(s) listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13). The listing does not include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) Collection number and title; (2) summary of the collection of information (includes sponsor (the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) description of the likely respondents; and (5) estimate of total annual reporting burden (average hours per response x proposed frequency of response per year x estimated number of likely respondents.)

DATES: Comments must be filed by January 11, 1999. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395–3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW, Washington, D.C. 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI–70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426–1103, FAX (202) 426–1081, or e-mail at hmiller@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA–846(A), (B), and (C), ''Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey'' (MECS).

2. Energy Information Administration; OMB No. 1905–0169; Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; Mandatory.

3. EIA–846(A), (B), and (C) will be used to collect data on energy consumption and related subjects for the manufacturing sector of the U.S. economy. In addition to being used for the National Energy Modeling System, the MECS is used to augment a data base on the manufacturing sector. Respondents are manufacturing establishments.

4. Business or other for-profit.

5. 49,447 hours (18,000 respondents x 1 response per year x 8.24 hours per response) (The 148,340 hour burden is being prorated over a three-year period since the survey will be conducted only one time during this period.)

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104–13).

Issued in Washington, D.C., December 4, 1998.

Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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