

EIA Photovoltaic Shipments Survey Clearance Stakeholders Meeting



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Overview

- EIA will be proposing changes to its Photovoltaic Cell/Module Shipments Report (63B) survey in 2016
- EIA expects these changes to become effective by January 1, 2017
- EIA proposed changes will include additions, deletions and modifications to data it currently collects
- Today's meeting is intended to
 - Brief stakeholders on EIA's draft proposals
 - Solicit comments on EIA's draft proposals
 - Today's meeting will discuss only proposed major changes to the forms

U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Triennial Survey Clearance Process

- OMB generally clears agency surveys on a 3-year cycle
- EIA Photovoltaic Survey was last cleared in CY 2014
- Currently scheduled to expire in May 2017
- EIA will institute formal clearance process in CY 2016
- EIA expects to complete survey clearance process in CY 2016 – with changes effective by January 1, 2017

EIA Tentative Clearance Schedule

- Issue 60-day EIA Federal Register Notice (≈ March/April 2016)
- 60-day Public Comment Period (≈ April thru June 2016)
- 30-day OMB Federal Register Notice (≈ late August 2016)
- 30-day OMB Public Comment Period (≈ September 2016)
- OMB Review/Approval Process (≈ September – October 2016)
- EIA posts approved survey instruments (≈ November - December 2016)
- EIA begins new survey cycle (January 2017)

Summary of Proposed Significant Changes Form 63B, Annual PV Cell/Module Shipments Report

- Additions, Frequency and Frame Change
 1. Change the reporting period to monthly
 2. Reduce the monthly frame to include only 'large' producers with the intent of capturing at least 90% of peak kilowatts shipped
 3. Survey the entire frame of all known US producers annually with a short version of the form
 4. Ask for current and planned production capacity
- Deletions
 5. On Schedule 6B, delete shipments by sector and end use questions
 6. On Schedule 4B, delete 'Energy Conversion Efficiency'
 7. Delete questions for 'System'

For more information

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