

## FAQs for Survey Form EIA-930A Annual Balancing Authority Generator Inventory Report

### Essentials

#### What is the Form EIA-930A?

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The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Form EIA-930A *Annual Balancing Authority Generator Inventory Report* collects data on the inventory of electric generators belonging to each respondent of the Form EIA-930 *Hourly and Daily Balancing Authority Operations Report*.

#### Is reporting data on Form EIA-930A Mandatory?

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For those companies identified as respondents, yes, reporting is mandatory based on Title 15 U.S.C. §772(b), as amended.

#### How does EIA identify companies that must respond to Form EIA-930A

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All entities in the contiguous United States that are listed in the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's (NERC's) Compliance Registry as a balancing authority must submit information as required by this data collection. Registered balancing authorities that are parties to the coordinated functional registration agreement JRO00001 are required to jointly submit for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO).

#### What will the information collected be used for?

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The purpose of this data collection is to identify the inventory of electric generators belonging to each respondent of Form EIA-930 *Hourly and Daily Balancing Authority Operations Report*. This collection provides an overview of each balancing authority's sources of generation and ensures that multiple respondents to Form EIA-930 are not reporting generation for the same electric generators. It will also provide insight into which subset of generators reported on Form EIA-860 have their generation reflected in Form EIA-930 and which subset do not.

### Form Questions

#### Where can I find my "EIA Plant ID" or "EIA Generator ID"?

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The IDs are generated and assigned by EIA when a power plant first submits its Form EIA-860.  
<https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia860m/>.

**What should I do for electric power plants and generators that do not have an EIA Plant ID and EIA Generator ID because they are power plants located in Canada or Mexico, and thus were not previously required to obtain an EIA Plant ID and EIA Generator ID?**

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Specify the EIA Plant ID as 0 and specify the EIA Generator ID as “TBD”. After submission EIA will assign a unique EIA Plant ID and EIA Generator ID that can be reported in future submissions.

**What if the generator technology is not listed as an option?**

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You may choose to use the categories listed as “All Other” or “Unknown”.

**What if I do not know the capacity of the generator?**

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If unknown, please provide an estimate.

**What if there is no name for the planned facility?**

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Enter “NA 1”, “NA 2”, etc., for unnamed planned facilities.

## **Submission**

**What is the reporting deadline?**

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Form EIA-930A is due to EIA annually between the first business day of January and the last business day of February. The initial annual data collection for 2023 will begin on September 16th and is due by November 15th.

**How do I submit the form?**

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Use EIA Secure File Transfer located at <https://signon.eia.doe.gov/upload/noticeoog.jsp>

Please use the provided pre-filled Excel file format. Blank templates may be found here: <https://www.eia.gov/survey/#eia-930a>

The process to submit forms is described in the form instructions.

**What time period should the data represent?**

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All operating and planned generators as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the collection cycle year.

**Can I submit via my SFTP I use for the hourly EIA-930 survey?**

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No, the EIA-930A is a completely different survey and the EIA-930A forms are not accepted via EIA-930 hourly data submission methods.

**Who do I contact if I need assistance submitting the form?**

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Call the EIA Survey Support Team at 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) or email to [eia4usa@eia.gov](mailto:eia4usa@eia.gov).

## **Contact EIA**

### **Who do I contact if I have technical questions on completing the form?**

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Call the EIA Survey Support Team at 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) or email to [eia4usa@eia.gov](mailto:eia4usa@eia.gov).

### **I have questions about the form. How do I request help?**

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If you have any questions about this U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) survey after reading the instructions, please contact the EIA Survey Support Team Contact Center at 1-855-EIA-4USA (1-855-342-4872) or send an email to [eia4usa@eia.gov](mailto:eia4usa@eia.gov).