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B. SYSTEM APPLICATION/GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Does this system contain any information about individuals?** Yes
 - a. **Is this information identifiable to the individual?** Yes
 - b. **Is the information about individual members of the public?** Yes
 - c. **Is the information about DOE or contractor employees?** No
2. **What is the purpose of the system/application?**
Used and maintained by DOE to record, control and track FOIA and PA requests.
3. **What legal authority authorizes the purchase or development of this system/application?**
5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a

¹“Identifiable Form” - According to the OMB Memo M-02-22, this means information in an IT system or online collection: (i) that directly identifies an individual (e.g., name, address, social security number or other identifying number or code, telephone number, email address, etc.) or (ii) by which an agency intends to identify specific individuals in conjunction with other data elements, i.e., indirect identification. (These data elements may include a combination of gender, race, birth date, geographic indicator, and other descriptor).

C. DATA IN THE SYSTEM

1. **What categories of individuals are covered in the system?**
Individuals requesting copies of records from DOE under the provisions of the FOIA and the Privacy Act.
2. **What are the sources of information in the system?**
Individuals requesting copies of records and individuals responsible for processing and/or making determination on requests.
 - a. **Is the source of the information from the individual or is it taken from another source?** The source of the information is from the individual who makes the requests.
 - b. **What Federal agencies are providing data for use in the system?**
None.
 - c. **What tribal, state, and local agencies are providing data for use in the system?**
None.
 - d. **From what other third party sources will data be collected?**
None.

- e. **What information will be collected from the individual and the public?**
Name, address, telephone number and description of records sought.

3. **Accuracy, Timeliness, and Reliability**

- a. **How will data collected from sources other than DOE records be verified for accuracy?**
Since the data is provided by the individual, it is determined that the information is accurate at the time it is provided.
- b. **How will data be checked for completeness?**
Since the data is provided by the individual, it is determined that the information is accurate at the time it is provided.
- c. **Are the data current? What steps or procedures are taken to ensure the data are current and not out-of-date?**
Yes. Since the data is provided by the individual, it is determined that the information is current and not out-of-date at the time it is provided.
- d. **Are the data elements described in detail and documented?**
Yes, data elements are included in the appropriate fields.

D. ATTRIBUTES OF THE DATA

- 1. **Is the use of the data both relevant and necessary to the purpose for which the system is being designed?**

Yes.
- 2. **Will the system derive new data or create previously unavailable data about an individual through aggregation from the information collected, and how will this be maintained and filed?**

No.
- 3. **Will the new data be placed in the individual's record?**

N/A
- 4. **Can the system make determinations about employees/the public that would not be possible without the new data?**

N/A
- 5. **How will the new data be verified for relevance and accuracy?**

N/A

6. **If the data are being consolidated, what controls are in place to protect the data from unauthorized access or use?**

N/A

7. **If processes are being consolidated, do the proper controls remain in place to protect the data and prevent unauthorized access?**

N/A

8. **How will data be retrieved? Does a personal identifier retrieve the data? If yes, explain, and list the identifiers that will be used to retrieve information on the individual.**

Yes, data can be retrieved by the name of the individual, internal tracking number assigned to the request for information, subject, company name, or name of analyst.

9. **What kinds of reports can be produced on individuals? What will be the use of these reports? Who will have access to them?**

None.

10. **What opportunities do individuals have to decline to provide information (e.g., where providing information is voluntary) or to consent only to particular uses of the information (other than required or authorized uses)?**

None. The personal information stored in the system about members of the public is required in order for DOE to respond to their requests for agency records.

E. Maintenance and Administrative Controls

1. **If the system is operated in more than one site, how will consistent use of the system and data be maintained in all sites?**

N/A

2. **What are the retention periods of data in the system?**

Data retention for FOIA and PA records containing requests from the public is in accordance with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and DOE Records Schedule 14, Items 11 and 21. (see http://cio.energy.gov/documents/ADM_14.pdf).

3. **What are the procedures for disposition of the data at the end of the retention period? How long will the reports produced be kept?**

Procedures for disposition are documented in the NARA General Records and DOE Records Schedule 14, Items 11 and 21. (see http://cio.energy.gov/documents/ADM_14.pdf.) Reports are not produced.

4. **Is the system using technologies in ways that DOE has not previously employed (e.g., monitoring software, Smart Cards, Caller-ID)?**

No.

5. **How does the use of this technology affect public/employee privacy?**

N/A

6. **Will this system provide the capability to identify, locate, and monitor individuals?**

N/A

7. **What kinds of information are collected as a function of the monitoring of individuals?**

N/A

8. **What controls will be used to prevent unauthorized monitoring?**

N/A

9. **Under which PA system of records notice does the system operate?**

DOE-55 "FOIA and PA Requests for Records".

10. **If the system is being modified, will the PA system of records notice require amendment or revision?**

No.

F. ACCESS TO DATA

1. **Who will have access to the data in the system?**

Only authorized personnel who have a need to know and are approved by the FOIA Officer.

2. **How is access to the data by a user determined?**

Access is determined by evaluation of job responsibilities and on a need to know basis.

- 3. Will users have access to all data on the system or will the user's access be restricted?**

Access will be restricted by job roles and responsibilities.

- 4. What controls are in place to prevent the misuse (e.g., unauthorized browsing) of data by those having access?**

Administrative procedure, authentication policy, and physical controls are implemented to prevent misuse.

- 5. Are contractors involved with the design and development of the system and will they be involved with the maintenance of the system? If yes, were PA contract clauses included in their contracts and other regulatory measures addressed?**

Yes, contractors are involved in the design, development, and maintenance of the system. Personal information from the system may be disclosed to these contractors and their officers and employees in performance of their contracts. Those individuals who are provided this information are subject to the same limitations applicable to DOE officers and employees under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a.

Contract language states that data covered by the Privacy Act may be disclosed to contractors and their officers and employees. Any information that is obtained or viewed shall be on a need-to-know basis. Contractors are required to safeguard all information that they may obtain in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act and requirements of DOE. The contractor shall ensure that all DOE documents and software processed, and the information contained therein, are protected from unauthorized use and mishandling by assigned personnel.

- 6. Do other systems share data or have access to the data in the system? If yes, explain.**

No.

- 7. Who will be responsible for protecting the privacy rights of the public and employees affected by the interface?**

N/A

- 8. Will other agencies share data or have access to the data in this system?**

No.

- 9. How will the data be used by the other agency?**

N/A

- 10. Who is responsible for assuring proper use of the data?**

N/A

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