

**ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Election Assistance Commission's Voting System Test Laboratory Program Manual, Version 1.0**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

**ACTION:** Notice; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on EAC's request to renew an existing information collection, EAC's Voting System Test Laboratory Program Manual, Version 1.0. Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for approval of this information collection by the Office of Management and Budget; they also will become a matter of public record.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before 11:59 p.m. E.D.T. on October 17, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection must be submitted in writing through either: (1) Electronically to [votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov](mailto:votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov); via mail to Mr. Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Testing and Certification, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005; or via fax to (202) 566-1392. An electronic copy of the manual, version 1.0, may be found on EAC's Web site at <http://www.eac.gov/open/comment.aspx>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection, please contact Mr. Brian Hancock, Director, Voting System Testing and Certification,

Washington, DC, (202) 566-3100, *Fax:* (202) 566-1392.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

In this notice, EAC seeks comments on the paperwork burdens contained in the current version of the Voting System Test Laboratory Manual, Version 1.0 OMB Control Number 3265-0004 only. Version 1.0 is the original version of the Manual without changes or updates.

**Current Information Collection Request, Version 1.0**

*Title:* Voting System Test Laboratory Manual, Version 1.0.

*OMB Number:* 3265-0013.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Needs and Uses:* Section 231(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), 42 U.S.C. 15371(a), requires EAC to "provide for the testing, certification, decertification, and recertification of voting system hardware and software by accredited laboratories." To fulfill this mandate, EAC has developed and implemented the Voting System Test Laboratory Program Manual, Version 1.0. This version is currently in use under OMB Control Number 3265-0013. Although participation in the program is voluntary, adherence to the program's procedural requirements is mandatory for participants.

*Affected Public:* Voting system manufacturers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8.

*Total Annual Responses:* 8.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 200 hours.

**Thomas R. Wilkey,**

*Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

[FR Doc. 2011-23710 Filed 9-15-11; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6820-KF-P**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Electricity Sector Cybersecurity Risk Management Process Guideline**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on DOE's intent to publish the Electricity Sector Cybersecurity Risk Management Process Guideline. The guideline describes a risk management process that is targeted to the specific needs of electricity sector organizations and adds to the body of resources that help refine the definition and application of effective cybersecurity for all organizations in the Electricity Sector.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before Friday, October 28, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted to Matthew Light, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.; Fax 202-586-2623; E-mail: [matthew.light@hq.doe.gov](mailto:matthew.light@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Request for additional information should be directed to Matthew Light at [matthew.light@hq.doe.gov](mailto:matthew.light@hq.doe.gov), phone 202-316-5115.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE invites public comment on DOE's intent to publish a guidance document entitled: Electricity Sector Cybersecurity Risk Management Process Guideline. The primary goal of this guideline is to describe a risk management process that is targeted to the specific needs of electricity sector organizations. This document is designed to add to the body of resources that help refine the definition and application of effective cybersecurity for all organizations in the Electricity Sector.

The Electricity Sector Cybersecurity Risk Management Process Guideline was developed by the DOE, in collaboration with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and representatives from both the public and private sector. The NIST Special Publication 800-39, Managing Information Security Risk provides the foundational methodology for this document.

The Electricity Sector Cybersecurity Risk Management Process Guideline is available for review at [https://public.commentworks.com/CW\\_DOE\\_AWF/](https://public.commentworks.com/CW_DOE_AWF/).

**Authority:** 6 U.S.C. 101 note.

Issued at Washington, DC, on September 8, 2011.

**Patricia A. Hoffman,**

*Assistant Secretary, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

[FR Doc. 2011-23781 Filed 9-15-11; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6450-01-P**