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Frank Norcross  
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I am responding to the "Notice & Request for Comments"

Completing a Monthly Worksheet in my opinion is unnecessary. There are so many reports already and I believe there is just too much redundancy with this grant.

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DOE Response to Public Comment on Proposed Information Collection Request

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 1910-5150

TITLE: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Status Report  
Federal Register Notice (60 Day): July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (Vol. 75, No. 134 pp. 40796)

Commenter: York County, PA

Date of comment: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**DOE Response:**

*DOE acknowledges that the monthly reporting requirements in the EECBG reporting guidance (EECBG 10-07A) represent an undue burden on EECBG recipients with formula allocations >\$2M. Under this guidance, applicable recipients were required to report outlays, obligations, and some performance metrics by project activity on a monthly basis. Anecdotal feedback from EECBG Project Officers and recipients indicated that the report of performance metrics by activity on a monthly basis was particularly burdensome and of marginal utility. This observation is consistent with your stated assertions.*

*As such, in the forthcoming revision to the reporting guidance (EECBG 10-07B), recipients will only be required to report outlays by project activity on a monthly basis. To minimize the burden represented by this monthly reporting requirement, monthly outlays will be automatically summed in PAGE to populate the quarterly performance report. DOE believes that the report of outlays on a monthly basis provides essential transparency on amount and object of Recovery Act expenditures. DOE estimates that the reduction in requirements amounts to an approximate 40% reduction in the annual reporting burden and should concurrently reduce confusion amongst grantees. Furthermore, the reduced burden should allow municipal staff to focus on the implementation of Recovery Act project funded under EECBG.*