

May 30, 2012

Ms. Sylvia Norris
U.S. Energy Information Administration
Office of Petroleum and Biofuels Statistics
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW, EI-25
Washington, DC 20585

RE: *Federal Register* notice of April 11, 2012, for the Petroleum Supply Forms (OMB Number: 1905-0165)

Dear Ms. Norris:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) on the Petroleum Supply Forms. The data collected on these forms are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses information from these forms to prepare the national income and product accounts, the annual input-output accounts (I-O), and gross domestic product (GDP) by industry. The attachment provides the details of our use. In addition, we regularly monitor the relationship between EIA measures of net petroleum exports, the change in petroleum stocks, consumer purchases of petroleum, and business purchases of petroleum and independently derived comparable measures in GDP. The EIA data for these comparisons are primarily from forms EIA 810-816.

In the future, this information will be important to BEA's proposed production of quarterly GDP-by-industry statistics which will offer a by-industry breakout of quarterly GDP growth benchmarked to the most recent set of annual industry accounts.

BEA has reviewed the proposed elimination of Form EIA-801 and changes to Forms EIA-805 and 810 and determined that they will not impact our use of the data.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the survey approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Ruth Bramblett, Source Data Coordinator, on 202-606-9653 or by e-mail at Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov. Should you need assistance in justifying these forms to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Fixler
Chief Statistician

Attachment

ATTACHMENT

Form(s)	Used to Prepare Estimates for
EIA 800, 801(current), 802, 804, 805 (with proposed changes), 810-819 (finished gasoline)	Personal consumption expenditures in GDP
EIA 803, 813 (crude oil stocks)	Change in private inventories in the GDP and gross output in the annual I-O table and in GDP-by-industry
EIA 816 (natural gas liquids)	Gross output in the annual I-O table and in GDP-by-industry