

From: [Jimmy Kumana](#)
To: [Lorenz, Thomas](#)
Subject: MECS data reporting frequency
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 9:17:48 AM

Dear Mr Lorenz,

The MECS data is what everyone relies on as the most authoritative and reliable data base there is on US energy consumption data (my field of interest).

My associates and I also use it for following energy trends, and also for extracting benchmarking data when evaluating whether a client's facility has high or low potential for energy efficiency improvement.

Over the past 5 years my company has done overseas energy efficiency improvement projects in Mexico, Jamaica, Argentina, and China, all targeted towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Our foreign clients place a great deal of faith in the credibility of your data, and it guides their business investment decisions. Your data is also used by international agencies such as World Bank (IFC), UNIDO, and others as a reference point for their own efforts in promoting economic efficiency world wide.

It would help the general public greatly, especially those involved in mitigating climate disruptions caused by global warming, to have more frequent updates to the MECS data, as well as better validation procedures to ensure greater accuracy and reliability.

Sincerely,

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"Being 'Rich' is not about earning more or spending more or accumulating more assets. True wealth is when you neither need nor want any more." – Anonymous, 2012

From: Lorenz, Thomas [mailto:Thomas.Lorenz@eia.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 10:51 AM
To: Brueske, Sabine
Cc: Sabouni, Ridah; Adler, Bob
Subject: Request for help concerning a biennial MECS
Importance: High

Sabine,

First of all, I wanted to thank both you and Ridah for speaking with Bob Adler and myself about possible changes to the 2014 MECS. We have a few more groups to meet with before we examine and decide what changes/improvements to move forward with on the 2014 MECS. However, we will keep both you and Ridah abreast of the progress, and will have more conversations about the improvements to the 2014 MECS.

As you know from our discussion, an initiative Bob and I are undertaking is starting up a biennial MECS cycle in 2014. We understand the value having a more frequent MECS would be to data users and researchers such as yourself and others. The difficulty is convincing our senior-level management that there is a need for a biennial MECS. In this respect we could use your help.

I'm hoping through your many contacts in developing the Manufacturing Energy and Carbon Footprints for DOE's EERE office you would be willing to ask those contacts, particularly the working groups for the project, to send me their anecdotal and/or non-anecdotal evidence for the need for a biennial MECS. The more evidence we can gather strengthens our argument for having a biennial MECS. You may forward this email to not only your contacts who were in the working groups for the Manufacturing Energy and Carbon Footprints but also others you feel may need/want a biennial MECS. In turn, they may direct any questions/comments about a biennial MECS to me.

Thank you for your help!

Kindest Regards,

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