

A Message from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) and the U.S. Census Bureau:

One or more of your company's establishments have been selected to participate in EIA's **2018 Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (MECS)**. The MECS is the Federal Government's only representative survey that gauges energy impacts on various parts of the industrial sector. It measures energy consumption and related manufacturing characteristics and behaviors; provides industry, policymakers and the public with unbiased and accurate data; and evaluates manufacturing demands in the face of rising energy prices and national security concerns. It is essential that your company responds to ensure reliable and unbiased estimates of manufacturing energy consumption.

Website:

Authentication Code:

Due Date:

1. **Sign in** OR **register** at the website above.
2. **Add** your authentication code.
3. **Report** by clicking on "REPORT NOW." You can return to your account over multiple sessions to complete the survey.

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW and will be kept strictly **CONFIDENTIAL**. We estimate this survey will take an average of 9.2 hours to complete. Additional information about the authority, confidentiality, and burden of this data collection can be found on the back of this letter.

For assistance with completing this survey, please sign into your Census Bureau account or call our customer help line at 1-800-528-3049, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Thank you in advance for your time and participation, and for helping the U.S. Energy Information Administration and the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people, places, and economy.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Census Bureau

OMB Number

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 1905-0169 and appears in the top right corner of each reporting screen. Without this approval, we could not conduct this survey.

Authority and Confidentiality

This survey is **mandatory** under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. Law No. 93-275, and under Title 3, Subtitle B, of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, Pub. Law No. 99-509, as amended by Title 1, Subtitle G, of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Pub. Law No. 102-486. Failure to respond may result in criminal fines, civil penalties, and other sanctions as provided by law.

Title 13, United States Code, Sections 131 and 182, authorizes this collection. The U.S. Census Bureau is required by Section 9 of the same law to keep your information confidential and use your responses only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify your business, organization, or institution. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

Burden Estimate Statement

We estimate this survey will take an average of 9.2 hours to complete, including the time to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the survey.