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Dear Manufacturer,

One or more of your company's establishments have been selected to participate in our **mandatory 2014 Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (MECS)**. **We now ask that you access, complete, and submit your survey by March 31, 2015.**

The MECS is the Federal Government's only systematic 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.

Based on previous iterations of the MECS, we have found that manufacturers prefer to answer the MECS using our online reporting system, Centurion. This reporting method is fast, reliable, and secure. We ask that individuals most familiar with the establishment's energy systems and operations, such as a Plant or Operations Manager, complete the MECS. This person can complete the survey by following the detailed instructions located on the enclosed flier.

In an effort to conserve resources, the initial mailing for the MECS does not contain a paper questionnaire. All electronic tools including accessing online services and finding answers necessary to complete your survey(s) are available on the Business Help Site: <https://econhelp.census.gov/meecs> . If you cannot find an answer on the Business Help Site, call 1-800-528-3049, option 2, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Remember, 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.

Under Section 9 of Title 13, U.S. Code, your submitted report to the Census Bureau may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information and may be used only for statistical purposes. No data are published that could reveal the identity or activities of any specific individual or firm. Further, copies retained in respondents' files are immune from legal process.

On behalf of the U.S. Energy Information Administration and the Census Bureau, thank you for your assistance in this important project.

Sincerely,



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