MESSAGE RE: THE PACE SURVEY

To the AERE Community:

I'm part of a group of researchers trying to demonstrate support for a resumption of the Census Bureau's Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures (PACE) survey. The PACE survey was run annually from 1973 to 1994, before falling victim to budget problems, being collected again only in 1999 and 2005. The PACE survey is the most comprehensive source of data on expenditures related to environmental protection for the United States manufacturing sector. It collects facility-level data on pollution abatement capital expenditures and operating costs associated with compliance to local, state, and federal regulations and voluntary or market-driven pollution abatement activities. The facility-level responses are then aggregated in various ways to provide industry level, state level, and national estimates of pollution abatement costs. The Census Bureau's Center for Economic Studies has enhanced their research value by merging the PACE data with data from the Census of Manufacturers and Annual Survey of Manufacturers.

It looks as though there is now some chance that the PACE Survey may be resumed. Demonstrating a substantial amount of support by researchers would be very helpful in moving the process forward.

Follow this link to a Petition where you can indicate your support for resuming the PACE Survey:

Thanks for your help with this, and please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

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