

U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: . Revision
2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR PART 70 - Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material Revision, Proposed Rule.
3. The form number if applicable: Not applicable
4. How often the collection is required:
  - (a) Event reports: NRC collects and evaluates required reports on a continuing basis as events occur.
  - (b) License applications: Certain existing licensees will make a one-time

submittal of information in response to the revised rule. Applicants for new licenses may submit applications and licensees may submit amendments at any time. Generally, licensees submit applications for license renewals every 10 years.

(c) ISA Summary: Under the revised rule, licensees will also submit information about changes that they make to update information submitted in conjunction with their license applications. Licensees will submit revised pages to the integrated safety analysis summary within 90 days of a change. For the safety system required by 10 CFR 70.62 (i.e., process safety information, integrated safety analysis, and management measures), every 12 months they will submit a summary of all changes made without prior Commission review and approval.

5. Who will be required or asked to report: Except for changes to section 70.50<sup>1</sup>, the proposed rule will apply to only certain licensees authorized to possess a critical mass of special nuclear material. The ones included are those that are or plan to be engaged in enriched uranium processing, fabrication of uranium fuel or fuel assemblies, uranium enrichment, enriched uranium hexafluoride conversion, plutonium processing, fabrication of mixed-oxide fuel or fuel assemblies, scrap recovery, decommissioning of facilities used for these activities, or any other activity that the Commission determines could significantly affect public health and safety. The licensees to which it applies at present operate the seven major fuel fabrication facilities. The rule does not apply to the U.S. Enrichment Corporation's (USEC) gaseous diffusion plants that are

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<sup>1</sup> The proposed change to reporting requirements in §70.50 could impact slightly a wider variety of Part 70 licensees.

regulated under Part 76.

6. An estimate of the number of annual responses: .....  
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7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 7
8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 8,844 hours per year.
9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Applicable
10. Abstract: The NRC is proposing to amend its regulations governing the domestic licensing of special nuclear material (SNM) for licensees authorized to possess a critical mass of SNM, that are engaged in one of the following activities: enriched uranium processing; fabrication of uranium fuel or fuel assemblies; uranium enrichment (other than USEC's gaseous diffusion plants); enriched uranium hexafluoride conversion; plutonium processing; fabrication of mixed-oxide fuel or fuel assemblies; scrap recovery of special nuclear material; or any other activity involving a critical mass of SNM that the Commission determines could significantly affect public health and safety or the environment. The proposed amendments would identify appropriate consequence criteria and the level of protection needed to prevent or mitigate accidents that exceed these criteria; require affected licensees to perform an integrated safety analysis (ISA) to identify potential accidents at the facility and the items relied on for safety necessary to prevent these potential accidents and/or mitigate their consequences; require the implementation of measures to ensure that the items

relied on for safety are available and reliable to perform their function when needed; require the inclusion of the safety bases, including a summary of the ISA, with the license application; and allow for licensees to make certain changes to their safety program and facilities without prior NRC approval.

Submit, by (insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register), comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. The proposed rule indicated in "The title of the information collection" will be or has been published in the Federal Register within several days of the publication date of this Federal Register Notice. Instructions for accessing the electronic OMB clearance package for the rulemaking have been appended to the electronic rulemaking. Members of the public may access the electronic OMB clearance package by following the directions for electronic access provided above and in the preamble to the titled rulemaking.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by (insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register):

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of July 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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