

January 22, 1999

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FROM: Richard P. Correia, Acting Chief  
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SUBJECT: DIRECT FINAL RULE FOR UNILATERAL CHANGES TO LICENSEE  
QA PROGRAMS

Attached please find the completed NRC Form 670 which supports the decision that OMB clearance is not required for the minor reduction in the information collection burden due to this rule. Please arrange for this form's transmission to OMB. Please direct any questions you may have to Harry S. Tavmassian at (301) 415-3092.

Attachment: As stated

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# **INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR MAKING AN INSIGNIFICANT BURDEN DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT A DECISION THAT OMB CLEARANCE IS NOT REQUIRED**

**TITLE OF COLLECTION:** Attach document containing proposed information collection(s).  
**Direct Final Rule, 10 CFR 50, Changes to Quality Assurance Programs**

## **DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION**

For rulemakings, provide, for each section that adds, deletes, or modifies information collections, all information requested in the table below. For all other collections, provide a general description of the information collection or a description of all modification(s) to the existing collection, and include all information specified in the table.

Section Number (Rules Only)	Number of Current Respondents	Current Burden Hours per Response	Revised Number of Respondents	Revised Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours Change	Description of Change
50.54 (a)(3)	45	40	37	40	(320)	<p>Changes to a NRC accepted quality assurance program description are currently required to be submitted to the NRC for review and approval. The rulemaking allows licensees to make changes without NRC approval in six programmatic areas if the changes do not reduce commitments in the program.</p> <p>A listing of which changes are not considered reductions in commitments, has been added as 50.54(a)(3)(i)-(vi).</p>

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NEED FOR/USE OF COLLECTION:

The rulemaking allows power reactor licensees to make certain quality assurance (QA) program changes without obtaining NRC approval of these changes. The rule allows licensees to make routine or administrative changes that should not have an adverse impact on the effectiveness of their QA programs. This action will reduce the number QA changes requested by the power reactors thereby reducing their information collection burden as well as reducing NRC resources required to review and approve the changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Has NRC had any consultation with the public, industry groups, or other agencies, etc., regarding this proposed collection? If yes, explain and indicate how any issues were addressed and resolved. ☒ YES ☐ NO

The rulemaking is in response to a Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) petition for rulemaking.

Does NRC expect to receive comments on this collection? If yes, explain. ☐ YES ☒ NO

Are the information collections considered controversial? If yes, explain. ☐ YES ☒ NO

EXPECTED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 02/19/1999

OCIO APPROVAL

Brenda Jo. Shelton

NRC Clearance Officer/OCIO

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