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1. Agency/Subagency originating request U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission	2. OMB control number <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. 3150 - 0139 <input type="checkbox"/> b. None
3. Type of information collection (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> a. New collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Revision of a currently approved collection <input type="checkbox"/> c. Extension of a currently approved collection <input type="checkbox"/> d. Reinstatement, without change , of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired <input type="checkbox"/> e. Reinstatement, with change , of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired <input type="checkbox"/> f. Existing collection in use without an OMB control number	4. Type of review requested (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Regular <input type="checkbox"/> c. Delegated <input type="checkbox"/> b. Emergency - Approval requested by (date):
	5. Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> a. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. No
	6. Requested expiration date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Three years from approval date <input type="checkbox"/> b. Other (Specify):

7. Title
NRC Form 327, Special Nuclear Material (SNM) and Source Material (SM) Physical Inventory Summary Report, and NUREG/BR-0096, Instructions and Guidance for Completing Physical Inventory Summary

8. Agency form number(s) (if applicable)
NRC Form 327

9. Keywords
Nuclear Materials, Special Nuclear Material, Source Material, Material Control and Accounting

10. Abstract
NRC Form 327 is submitted by fuel facility licensees to account for special nuclear material. The data is used by NRC to assess licensee material control and accounting programs and to confirm the absence of (or detect the occurrence of) SNM through theft or diversion. NUREG/BR-0096 provides specific guidance and instructions for completing the form.

11. Affected public (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") <input type="checkbox"/> a. Individuals or households <input type="checkbox"/> d. Farms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Business or other for-profit <input type="checkbox"/> e. Federal Government <input type="checkbox"/> c. Not-for-profit institutions <input type="checkbox"/> f. State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") <input type="checkbox"/> a. Voluntary <input type="checkbox"/> b. Required to obtain or retain benefits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Mandatory
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13. Annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden a. Number of respondents <u>10</u> b. Total annual responses <u>23</u> 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically <u>0.0</u> % c. Total annual hours requested <u>98</u> d. Current OMB inventory <u>98</u> e. Difference <u>0</u> f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change 2. Adjustment <u>0</u>	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs <u>0</u> b. Total annual costs (O&M) <u>0</u> c. Total annualized cost requested <u>0</u> d. Current OMB inventory <u>0</u> e. Difference <u>0</u> f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change 2. Adjustment
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15. Purpose of information collection (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") <input type="checkbox"/> a. Application for benefits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Program planning or management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Program evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> f. Research <input type="checkbox"/> c. General purpose statistics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Regulatory or compliance <input type="checkbox"/> d. Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> a. Recordkeeping <input type="checkbox"/> b. Third-party disclosure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Reporting <input type="checkbox"/> 1. On occasion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Quarterly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Semi-annually <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. Annually <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Biennially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8. Other (describe) every 2 months
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17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: <u>Jayne McCausland</u> Phone: <u>301-415-6219</u>
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19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

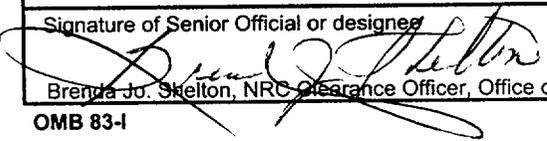
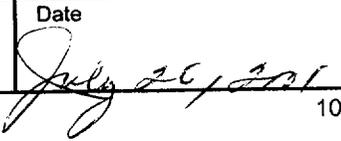
On behalf of this Federal agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9.

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8 (b) (3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It uses plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention periods for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8 (b) (3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, or mandatory);
 - (v) Nature of extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of the instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of these provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Authorized Agency Official	Date
Signature of Senior Official or designee 	Date 

Brenda Jo. Skelton, NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer

FINAL OMB SUPPORTING STATEMENT
FOR
NRC FORM 327
"SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL (SNM) AND SOURCE MATERIAL (SM)
PHYSICAL INVENTORY SUMMARY REPORT"
AND
NUREG/BR-0096
"INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING
PHYSICAL INVENTORY SUMMARY REPORTS"
(3150-0139)

EXTENSION REQUEST

Description of the Information Collection

Special nuclear material (SNM) is required to be controlled and accounted for because of the government's national security obligation to prevent or detect loss, diversion or theft, or the appearance thereof, of quantities of SNM that could be used for clandestine nuclear devices. To meet this obligation, NRC's safeguards Material Control and Accounting (MC&A) regulations for fuel facilities require the conduct of physical inventories of SNM on a periodic basis by licensees. Section 74.17 requires the reporting of physical inventory results on Form 327 each time that a physical inventory is conducted by any fuel facility authorized to possess and use more than one effective kilogram of SNM.

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Need for and Practical Utility of the Information

NRC Form 327 requires that licensees submit information concerning inventory difference (ID), standard error of the ID (SEID), SEID limit, and ID limit. The information is needed to permit NRC to evaluate licensee performance and ability to provide accurate accounting for SNM and to confirm the absence of (or detect the occurrence of) SNM theft or diversion. The information provided by NRC Form 327 is used for:

- 1) Determining whether SNM is lost, diverted, or stolen;
- 2) Assessing the material control and accounting performance and compliance of SNM licensees;
- 3) Making safeguards regulatory decisions; and
- 4) Fulfilling the Commission's commitment to report to the public (in NUREG-0430) differences between licensees' book and physical inventories.

NUREG/BR-0096 provides specific guidance and instructions for completing the form in accordance with the requirements of the particular regulation a licensee is subject to.

2. Agency Use of Information

The NRC uses the information to ensure that licensees are complying with 10 CFR 74.17 in a manner adequate to properly account for SNM and protect public health and safety and the common defense and security. The information is also used by the NRC to evaluate licensees' operations to ensure that they are meeting the requirements of their licenses.

3. Reduction of Burden Through Information Technology

There are no legal obstacles to reducing the burden by the use of improved information technology. Certain information is maintained by some licensees using automated information technology. Licensees are encouraged to use automated information technology whenever it will reduce the burden on them. However, respondents report classified information and thus must adhere to security regulations. Because of the type and relatively small amount of information, the reports do not lend themselves readily to the use of automated information technology.

4. Effort to Identify Duplication and Use Similar Information

The Information Requirements Control Automated System (IRCAS) was searched to identify duplication. None was found. The physical inventory data requested on NRC Form 327 are not available in any other NRC data collection system. NRC requires periodic SNM material status reports from all SNM licensees (DOE/NRC Forms 742 and 742C), but that information is based on licensee book records and is not necessarily the immediate result of a physical inventory, nor do such forms provide measurement uncertainty and related information needed to assess the reliability of licensees' accounting programs.

5. Effort to Reduce Small Business Burden

NRC has determined that the licensees required to submit NRC Form 327 are not small entities as that term is defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

6. Consequences to Federal Programs' or Policy Activities if the Collection is not Conducted or is Conducted Less Frequently

The reporting corresponds to the physical inventory frequencies required by NRC regulations. The frequency depends on which regulation (regarding physical inventories) a licensee is subject to, which in turn depends on the category of SNM possessed by the licensee and the level of control and monitoring requirements imposed. Less frequent reporting would result in (1) unacceptable delays in determining whether a safeguards significant quantity of SNM had been lost, diverted, or stolen; (2) inadequate NRC knowledge of a licensee's current processing throughput; and (3) inadequate NRC knowledge of a licensee's current measurement capabilities.

7. Circumstances Which Justify Variation from OMB Guidelines

There is no variation from OMB guidelines.

8. Consultations Outside the NRC

Opportunity for public comment was published in the Federal Register on March 21, 2001 (66 FR 15911). No comments were received.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondents

Not applicable.

10. Confidentiality of Information

The respondent's data for high enriched uranium are classified, and low enriched uranium is usually treated as proprietary. Thus, the information is confidential. The only exception is the periodic publication of inventory difference data (after a minimum of one year waiting period) in NUREG-0430, which requires the Commission's approval before the information is released.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

None.

12. Estimated Burden and Burden Hour Cost

As noted above, the reporting frequency depends on which regulation (regarding physical inventories) a licensee is subject to, which in turn depends on the category of SNM possessed by the licensee and the level of control and monitoring requirements imposed. There are currently two uranium enrichment facilities that are required to conduct physical inventories every two months. Two facilities that process strategic SNM and one that processes SNM of moderate strategic significance are required to conduct physical inventories at least every six months. Additionally, there are five fabricators of commercial power reactor fuel (SNM of low strategic significance) that are required to perform physical inventories at least every 12 months. Overall, there will be an estimated 23 inventory summary reports required each year.

The completion of the SNM Physical Inventory Summary Report will require approximately four and one-fourth (4¼) staff hours per licensee per report (including any time needed to read or review the NUREG guidance document). The total industry burden would then be approximately 98 hours (23 reports x 4¼ hours/report). The total annual cost would be approximately \$14,112 (98 hours x \$144 per hour).

13. Estimate of Other Additional Cost

Not applicable.

14. Estimated Annualized Cost to the Federal Government

The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government in administering the program and procedures contained in these requirements is:

Annual cost - professional effort
(23 reports x 2 hours/report x \$144 per hour) = \$6,624

Annual cost - compilation, printing
and distribution of inventory difference
information in NUREG-0430
(\$750 for compilation, \$360 for printing,
and \$440 for distribution) = \$1,550

Total annual cost = \$8,174.

These costs are fully recovered through fee assessments to NRC licensees pursuant to 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171.

15. Reason for Change in Burden or Cost

There is no change in the burden. However, the cost for professional effort has been increased in accordance with Part 170 to \$144 per hour.

16. Publication for Statistical Use

None.

17. Reason for Not Displaying the Expiration Date

None.

18. Exceptions to the Certification Statement

Not applicable.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

Statistical methods are not used in this collection of information.

U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the 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.

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4. How often the collection is required: The frequency of reporting corresponds to the frequency of required inventories, which depends essentially on the strategic significance of the SNM covered by the particular license. Certain licensees possessing strategic SNM are required to report inventories every 2 months. Licensees possessing SNM of moderate strategic significance must report every 6 months. Licensees possessing SNM of low strategic significance must report annually.

5. Who will be required or asked to report: Fuel facility licensees possessing special nuclear material.

6. An estimate of the number of responses: 23

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 10

8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 98 hours (an average of approximately 4.25 hours per response for 23 responses).

9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Not applicable.

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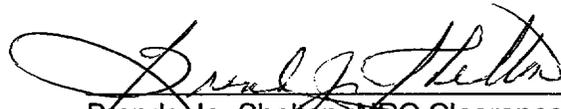
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The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this *26th* day of *July*, 2001.

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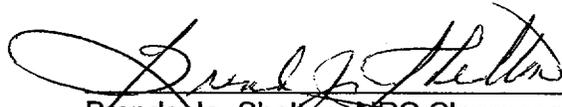
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