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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.

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). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Revision

2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR Part 34 - Licenses for Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Radiographic Operations

3. The form number if applicable: Not applicable

4. How often the collection is required: Applications for new licenses and amendments may be submitted at any time. Applications for renewal are submitted every 10 years. Reports are submitted as events occur.

5. Who is required or asked to report: Applicants for and holders of specific licenses authorizing the use of licensed radioactive material for radiography.

6. An estimate of the number of responses: 546 (156 NRC licensee responses and 390 Agreement State licensee responses)

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 364 (104 NRC licensees and 260 Agreement State licensees)

8. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 139,644 hours. The NRC licensees total burden is 39,990 hours (87 reporting hrs plus 39,903 recordkeeping hrs). The Agreement State licensees total burden is 99,654 hours (218 reporting hrs plus 99,436 recordkeeping hrs). The average burden per response for both NRC licensees and Agreement State licensees is 256 hours.

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

10. Abstract: 10 CFR Part 34 establishes radiation safety requirements for the use of radioactive material in industrial radiography. The information in the applications, reports and records is used by the NRC staff to ensure that the health and safety of the public is protected and that licensee possession and use of source and byproduct material is in compliance with license and regulatory requirements.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F23, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site: http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by (insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register). Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

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

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10 CFR PART 34
LICENSES FOR RADIOGRAPHY AND RADIATION SAFETY
REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS
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REVISION

Description of the Information Collection

NRC regulations in 10 CFR Part 34 establish rules that specify radiation safety requirements for the use of licensed byproduct material in industrial radiography. The regulations provide for comprehensive and consistent radiation safety requirements in NRC and Agreement State regulations, and safety requirements designed to reduce the likelihood of accidents involving radioactive sources in industrial radiography.

A. Justification

1. Need for and Practical Utility of the Information

Part 34 provides certain requirements exclusive to licensees using byproduct material for purposes of industrial radiography, a technique of nondestructive testing. The byproduct material is normally employed in the form of sealed sources which emit high levels of radiation for the purpose of examining structures and various materials. The sources are remotely moved from their shielded position in the radiographic device to an unshielded position up to several meters away from the device and again returned to their shielded position at the completion of each radiograph. These radiographic devices are also often moved from location to location at a job site, and also transported from job site to job site. The many manipulations of the sources and movement and transport of the devices result in unique and continuing potential and actual hazardous radiological conditions.

Section 34.11 requires that applications for specific licenses for use of sealed sources in radiography be filed on NRC Form 313, "Application for Material License." The NRC materials licensing staff will review the information submitted on NRC Form 313 to determine whether an applicant for a license has training, experience, equipment, facilities, and procedures for the use of licensed material that are adequate to protect the public health and safety.

The use of NRC Form 313 has been previously approved by OMB under clearance number 3150-0120, which should be referred to for information collection burden and supporting data.

Section 34.13 provides that an applicant must submit the following information with the application:

- 34.13(b) - Schedule and description of training programs for radiographers and radiographers' assistants that meet the requirements of § 34.43;
- 34.13(c) - Procedures to verify and document the certification status of the radiographers it employs, including that the certification is valid;
- 34.13(d) - Written operating and emergency procedures as described in § 34.45 covering its radiation safety program;

34.13(e) - Program for semiannual inspections of the job performance of each radiographer and radiographer's assistant as described in § 34.43;

34.13(f) - Description of overall organizational structure as it applies to radiation safety responsibilities in radiography, including specified delegations of responsibility and authority;

34.13(g) - Identification and listing of the qualifications of the individual designated as the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), responsible for implementing the licensee's radiation safety program, as described in § 34.42;

34.13(h) - For applicants that intend to perform leak testing of sealed sources or exposure devices containing DU shielding, a description of procedures for performing the tests and the qualifications of the person(s) authorized to do the leak testing; also, if the applicant intends to analyze its own leak test wipe samples, a description of the procedures to be followed;

34.13(i) If the applicant intends to perform its own calibrations, a description of calibration procedures for survey instruments, based on § 34.25, and a description of relevant experience of the person(s) who will perform the calibrations;

34.13(j) - An identification of locations of and a description of all field stations and permanent radiographic installations. This requirement has previously been included under "Facilities and Equipment," Item 9, on NRC Form 313;

34.13(k) - Specification of location where all documents and records required by this part and other parts of this chapter will be maintained as specified in § 34.89;

34.41(c) - For applicants that intend to conduct lay barge, offshore platform, or underwater radiography, procedures describing activities to be performed.

This information is reviewed by the NRC staff to determine whether the training, radiation safety, and internal inspection programs and procedures and the licensee's organizational structure will provide adequate protection of the public health and safety. The NRC review and the findings therefrom form the basis for NRC licensing decisions.

The burden and cost associated with this requirement are incurred in connection with the submission of the application, NRC Form 313, referred to under Section 34.11, above. The use of NRC Form 313 has been previously approved by OMB under clearance number 3150-0120, which should be referred to for information collection burden and supporting data.

Section 34.20(b)(1) requires that each radiographic exposure device have an attached label bearing information identifying the radionuclide in the device, its activity and the date the activity was last measured, the manufacturer, serial, and model number, and the licensee's name, address, and telephone number. This information will serve as a safety notice to users and members of the public. The label requirement has been incorporated in the regulations, in part, in conformance with ANSI Standard N432.

Section 34.25(b) requires that each radiation survey instrument be calibrated at intervals not to exceed 6 months and after each instrument servicing, and Section 34.25(c) requires that a record of the calibration be maintained in accordance with § 34.65. The radiation survey is one of the most important aspects of radiation safety, and the instruments must be periodically calibrated to assure reasonable accuracy when measuring radiation levels that individuals are exposed to during radiographic operations. The licensee will use the records to assure itself

that the instruments available to radiographers and radiographers' assistants are properly

calibrated. The records allow NRC inspectors to verify that required calibrations have been performed.

Section 34.27(c)(1) requires a licensee who uses sealed sources to have the source tested for leakage at intervals not to exceed 6 months, and Section 34.27(c)(2) requires the licensee to maintain records of leak test results of sealed sources in accordance with § 34.67 A leak test is the only effective method of determining the integrity of the sealed sources. Serious radiological hazards could result from a leaking source. The records allow NRC inspectors to verify that required leak tests have been performed.

Section 34.27(d) requires that licensees report within 5 days results of leak testing which indicate that a source is leaking. The report must describe the equipment involved, the test results, and the corrective action taken. The NRC staff uses the report in assessing whether the corrective actions initiated by the licensee are adequate to protect workers and the public from the hazards of a leaking source. The NRC staff also uses the report to identify generic problems with regard to source design, radiographic equipment design, or problems in source manufacturing and quality control.

Section 34.27(e) requires leak testing of the “S” tubes of those radiographic devices that use depleted uranium (DU) for shielding at least annually and maintain records of these tests in accordance with § 34.67. These records allow the licensee and the NRC to verify that the required tests have been performed to verify the condition of the “S” tube.

Section 34.29(a) and (b) requires that the licensee conduct a quarterly physical inventory to account for all sealed sources, and all devices containing DU, received and possessed under the license, and maintain records of the inventories under § 34.69 for 3 years from the date of the inventory. This information is used by the licensee and NRC to verify that all radioactive material is accounted for and is properly stored.

Section 34.31(a), (b)(1), and (2) requires that the licensee have a program for inspection and maintenance of radiography devices, source changers, associated equipment, transport and storage containers, and survey instruments, and for inspection and maintenance of Type B packaging used to transport radioactive materials. Section 34.31(c) requires the license make a record of any equipment problems and any maintenance performed during the daily visual and operability checks specified in § 34.31(a), or during the inspections specified in § 34.31(b), and specifies that these records must be made in accordance with § 34.73 and each record retained for 3 years after it was made. The records are needed for the licensee and NRC to verify that appropriate actions have been taken if problems are found and to assist the licensee in keeping track of when the equipment was last inspected and maintained and when the inspection is next due. The records are used by NRC staff to determine the extent of licensee compliance.

Section 34.33(b) requires that entrance controls and/or the visible and audible alarms on permanent radiographic installations required by Section 34.33(a) be tested and records of the tests maintained. Entrance controls are to be tested monthly while both visible and audible alarms must be tested at the beginning of each day the installation is to be used in order to ensure that they are functioning properly to prevent inadvertent entry into a radiographic installation (cell) while a source is in the unshielded position. Records of the alarm tests and entrance control tests are to be maintained under § 34.75 for 3 years after they are made.

These alarms are an important backup to the radiation survey instrument and are intended to prevent inadvertent entry into a radiographic installation (cell) while a source is in the unshielded position. These records are used by NRC to ensure compliance with its regulations regarding worker and public health and safety.

Section 34.35(a) requires that the licensee not use a source changer or container to store licensed material unless the source changer or the container has securely attached to it a durable, legible, and clearly visible label. This requirement ensures that any individual who may come in contact with the source changer or storage container is made aware of the presence of radioactive material.

Section 34.35(b) requires that the licensee not transport licensed material unless the material is packaged, labeled, marked, and accompanied with appropriate shipping papers in accordance with regulations set out in Part 71. This is necessary so that the licensee may demonstrate that it is in compliance with regulations stated in Parts 34 and 71.

Section 34.43(b)(1) requires the licensee to provide radiographers with copies of pertinent sections of Parts 19, 20, 30, and 34, as well as instructions in applicable Department of Transportation regulations as referenced in Part 71, the NRC license, and the licensee's operating and emergency procedures. These are needed to ensure that radiographers are sufficiently knowledgeable of applicable regulations prior to using licensed material.

Section 34.43(c)(1) requires the licensee to provide radiographers' assistants with copies of pertinent sections of Parts 19, 20, and 30, and instructions in applicable Department of Transportation regulations as referenced in Part 71, and the NRC license under which the assistant will perform radiography, as well as copies of the licensee's operating and emergency procedures. This is needed to ensure that radiographers' assistants are sufficiently knowledgeable of applicable regulations prior to using licensed material.

Section 34.43(f) requires that the licensee maintain records of training to include oral, written, and practical examinations, refresher safety training, and semiannual inspections of job performance, and that these records be maintained in accord with § 34.79 and kept for 3 years after the record is made. These records are needed to enable licensees to adequately administer their training program and to demonstrate compliance with NRC requirements. The need for retention of these records for a period of 3 years allows the NRC to inspect to ensure that these individuals are properly trained.

Section 34.45(a) requires that licensees have a program for routine operations and emergencies for employees to follow in performing safety functions. This program, and its associated procedures, is necessary to ensure that individuals handling radioactive material will have guidance in appropriately carrying out safety functions and is to include: (1) safe handling and use of sealed sources and radiographic exposure devices, (2) conducting radiation surveys, (3) controlling access to radiographic areas, (4) locking and securing radiographic exposure devices, storage containers, and sealed sources; personnel monitoring, (5) transporting sealed sources, (6) inspection, maintenance, and operability checks of radiographic exposure devices, (7) transport and storage containers, and survey instruments, (8) steps to be taken if a pocket dosimeter reads off-scale, (9) identifying and reporting defects and noncompliance, (10) accident procedures, (11) minimizing exposure, (12) source recovery, and (13) maintenance of records.

Section 34.45(b) requires that the licensee maintain copies of current operating and emergency procedures in accordance with § 34.81 and § 34.89. These records are necessary to ensure that individuals have current procedures to use in the conduct of radiographic operations.

Section 34.47(b) requires radiographers to read and record the exposure on their direct reading dosimeters (pocket dosimeters or electronic personal dosimeters) at the beginning and end of each shift, and that records be maintained for 3 years after the record is made, as specified in § 34.83(a). The requirement is to ensure that the licensee knows the radiation exposure a worker received during a given shift in case the worker's personnel dosimeter is lost, so that the licensee can take appropriate action (e.g., adjust the worker's assignments so as to maintain the accumulated dose within regulatory limits). These records are reviewed by NRC to ensure compliance with regulatory limits.

Section 34.47(c) requires that pocket dosimeters or electronic personal dosimeters be checked at periods not to exceed 12 months for correct response to radiation, and that records shall be maintained for 3 years after the record is made as specified in § 34.83(a). These records are necessary for the licensee to be able to verify that the pocket dosimeter is responding correctly to radiation.

Section 34.47(d) requires that a determination of exposure be made if an individual's pocket dosimeter goes off-scale and that the result of the determination be maintained in accordance with § 34.83(d). This requirement restricts individuals from working with radiation after a dosimeter discharges, unless any exposure to radiation can be ruled out or the RSO makes a determination of the individual's exposure and makes a record of that determination. This determination is needed to verify that an individual's dose does not exceed regulatory limits.

Section 34.47(e) requires that if a personnel dosimeter is lost or damaged, the worker is required to cease work immediately until a replacement film badge or TLD is provided and the exposure is calculated for the time period from issuance to loss or damage. In addition, the results of the calculated exposure and the time period involved must be included in the records as specified in § 34.83(d). This requirement is also to ensure that a worker's dose does not exceed regulatory limits.

Section 34.47(f) requires that the licensee maintain reports received from personnel dosimeter processors until the license is terminated and that the record be maintained in accordance with § 34.83(c). This information may be needed to reconstruct a worker's dose history in the event the worker loses his/her records, to permit a planned special exposure, and to show compliance with regulatory limits.

Section 34.47(g)(4) requires that alarm ratemeters be calibrated at periods not to exceed 1 year for correct response to radiation, and that the licensee must maintain records of the calibrations for 3 years after the record is made as specified in § 34.83(b). This requirement provides a means for the licensees to demonstrate that their alarm ratemeters are properly calibrated.

Section 34.49(c) requires that radiography licensees conduct a survey of the radiographic exposure device whenever a source is exchanged or before placing a radiographic exposure device in storage if that survey is the last one performed on the workday, and Section 34.49(d) requires these surveys be recorded as specified under § 34.85. This information is needed to demonstrate that the radioactive source is in the fully shielded position at the end of the work

day after the device has been placed in its storage location. Without such a survey, the device could, if the source is not fully shielded, cause excessive and unnecessary radiation exposure to workers and members of the public. These records are reviewed by NRC to ensure compliance with regulatory limits.

Section 34.61 requires the licensee to have a copy of the license, license conditions, documents incorporated by reference, and all amendments until the NRC terminates the license. The purpose is so that the licensee will have copies available for review and be able to verify that it is in compliance with the conditions of the license and the commitments that it has made.

Section 34.63 requires that the licensee maintain records showing receipts and transfers of sealed sources and devices using DU shielding for 3 years after the record is made. The records must include: the date, the individual making the record, the radionuclide, number of becquerels (curies) or mass (for DU), and manufacturer, model, and serial number of each sealed source and device, as appropriate. The records allow NRC inspectors to verify the sources/devices the licensee is presently using.

Section 34.65 requires that the licensee maintain records of the calibrations of their radiation survey instruments, and that the records be retained for 3 years. The records allow NRC inspectors to verify that required calibrations have been performed. The licensee will use the records to assure itself that the instruments available to radiographers and radiographers' assistants are properly calibrated. In addition, these records are necessary to verify that the licensee is in compliance with NRC requirements as described in § 34.25, and to ensure the safety of the users of these instruments.

Section 34.67 requires that the licensee maintain records of leak test results and that the records be retained for 3 years. These records are necessary to verify that the licensee is in compliance with NRC requirements as described in § 34.27, and for the licensee to ensure the integrity of the sealed sources/devices in use.

Section 34.69(a) requires that the licensee maintain records of quarterly inventories of sealed sources and devices containing DU shielding as specified in § 34.29, and that each record be retained for 3 years after it is made. Section 34.69(b) requires that the record include the date of the inventory, the name of the individual conducting the inventory, the radionuclide and the number of becquerels (curies) in each device, location of sealed source and/or devices, and the manufacturer, model, and serial number of each sealed source and/or device, as appropriate. For devices containing DU shielding, the record must also show the mass of DU in each container. The inventories are used by the licensee to verify the location of sources and/or devices and to control the type, quantity and use of byproduct material. The records allow NRC inspectors to verify that the required inventories have been conducted and to ensure that the licensee is in compliance with authorized possession limits.

Section 34.71(a) requires that the licensee maintain utilization logs showing for each sealed radioactive source: (1) a description, including the make, model number, and serial number of the radiographic exposure device or transfer or storage container in which the sealed source is located; (2) the identity and signature of the radiographer to whom assigned; and (3) the plant or site where used and dates of use, including the dates removed from and returned to storage.

Section 34.71(b) requires that the licensee retain records of utilization logs for a period of 3 years after the record is made. The records required by this section allow NRC inspectors to determine whether the licensed material has been properly controlled and used.

Section 34.73(a) requires that the licensee maintain records of any equipment problems and any maintenance performed under § 34.31(a) and (b) during inspection and maintenance of radiographic exposure devices, transport and storage containers, associated equipment, source changers, and survey instruments and that the records be retained for 3 years after they are made.

Section 34.73(b) states that records of equipment problems and maintenance as required by § 34.73(a) must include the date of check or inspection, name of inspector, equipment involved, any problems found, and what repair and/or maintenance, if any, were done. The records are needed to enable the licensee to keep track of when the equipment was last inspected and maintained and when inspection is next due. The records are used by NRC staff to determine the extent of compliance by the licensee.

Section 34.75 requires that the licensee maintain records of the alarm system and entrance control device tests at permanent radiographic installations as specified under § 34.33 and retain each record for 3 years after it is made. The records are needed to enable the licensee to keep track of when entrance control and alarm system tests were last performed and when they are next due. The records are also used by NRC inspectors to determine compliance with required testing of important safety equipment.

Section 34.79 requires that the licensee maintain records of training of radiographers and radiographers' assistants in accordance with § 34.43(f). Section 34.79(a) requires that the record includes certification documents, copies of written tests, dates of practical examinations, and names of individuals conducting and receiving the practical examinations. Section 34.79(b) requires that records of refresher safety training and semiannual inspections for each radiographer and each radiographer's assistant be maintained. The records must list the topics discussed, the dates of the training, and names of the instructors and attendees. For the semiannual inspections of each radiographer and radiographer's assistant by the RSO or designee, specified in § 34.43(e), the records must also include a list of the items checked and any noncompliances observed. This is needed to enable licensees to demonstrate compliance with NRC requirements and to keep track of when training is required. The records of the semiannual inspections of job performance will be used by the licensee to ensure that workers are conducting operations in accordance with the license. The records are used by NRC staff to determine the extent of compliance by the licensee.

Section 34.81 requires the licensee to retain records of current operating and emergency procedures specified in § 34.45, until the Commission terminates the license. The records allow the operators to have access to an up-to-date set of written operating procedures so that they can operate the radiography equipment properly. The NRC inspectors review these procedures to ensure that previous instructions are being provided to the workers.

Section 34.83 requires licensees to maintain exposure records specified in § 34.47 as follows: (a) direct reading dosimeter readings and yearly operability tests and retain for 3 years after the record is made, (b) records of alarm ratemeter calibrations and retain them for 3 years from the date the record was made, (c) reports from personnel dosimeter processor until the

Commission terminates the license, and (d) records of estimates of exposures as a result of off-scale personal direct reading dosimeters or lost or damaged personnel dosimeters until the Commission terminates the license. The records serve as an important mechanism for controlling exposure on a day-to-day basis, provide indications of inadvertent exposure, and provide a backup record of estimated exposure in case a personnel dosimeter is lost. The records are used by NRC staff to determine the extent of compliance by the licensee.

Section 34.85 requires the licensee to maintain a record of the last survey made on each radiographic exposure device on each day it is used, just prior to placing the device in storage, as specified in § 34.49(c). Each record must be maintained for 3 years after it is made. These records enable the licensee to verify that the required radiation surveys have been done and that they are in compliance with the radiation dose limits.

Section 34.87 requires the licensee to maintain each record in a legible form that may be electronic stored including all pertinent information throughout the specified retention period.

Section 34.89(a) requires licensees to maintain copies of records required by this part and other applicable parts of this chapter at the location specified in § 34.13(k) to demonstrate compliance with NRC regulations in conducting radiographic operations and to ensure that adequate information is available to safely handle radioactive material.

Section 34.89(b) requires licensees to maintain copies of documents and records sufficient to demonstrate compliance at any field stations and each temporary job site as applicable. The purpose is to demonstrate compliance with NRC regulations in conducting radiographic operations and to ensure that adequate information is available at sites where radioactive material is handled. These documents and records include: (1) the license authorizing the use of licensed material; (2) a copy of Parts 19, 20, and 34 of NRC regulations; (3) utilization records for each radiographic exposure device dispatched from that location as required by § 34.71; (4) records of equipment problems in daily checks of equipment as required by § 34.73(a); (5) records of alarm system and entrance control checks required by § 34.75, if applicable; (6) daily pocket dosimeter readings as required by § 34.47(b); (7) operating and emergency procedures required by § 34.45; (8) evidence of the latest calibration of the radiation survey instrument in use at the site, as required by § 34.65; (9) evidence of the latest calibration of alarm ratemeters and operability checks of pocket dosimeters as required by § 34.47(c); (10) latest survey records required by § 34.85; (11) the shipping papers for the transportation of radioactive materials required by § 71.5 of this chapter; and (12) when operating under reciprocity pursuant to § 150.20 of this chapter, a copy of the Agreement State license authorizing the use of licensed materials.

Section 34.101(a) requires written reports within 30 days of the occurrence of the following: 1) unintentional disconnection of the source assembly, 2) inability to retract the source assembly to its fully shielded position and secure it in this position, and 3) failure of any component critical to safe operation to properly perform its intended function.

Section 34.101(b) specifies that the report required under Section 34.101(a) is to include: 1) description of the equipment problem, 2) cause of the problem, 3) manufacturer name and model number of equipment involved, 4) date, time, and place of the incident, 5) actions taken to establish normal operations, 6) corrective action(s) taken to prevent recurrence, and 7) qualifications of personnel involved in incident.

Section 34.101(c) requires the licensee to notify the appropriate NRC regional office within 30 days prior to conducting radiographic operations or storing radioactive material in excess of 180 days at any location not listed on the license. These requirements are necessary in order to provide the NRC with information in a timely manner to permit inspection of radioactive material at these locations to ensure that they are in compliance with NRC safety regulations.

The following describes the information collection requirements of Appendix A to § 34.43(a) and their need and practical utility. Appendix A specifies the requirements to be an independent organization and the certification program criteria all organizations must address. Appendix A does not impose requirements on NRC's radiography licensees. Part I of the Appendix provides the requirements to be an independent certifying organization. Parts II and III provide the requirements for the certification program and written examinations for a certifying entity, including the Agreement States. NRC anticipates that certifying entities will maintain their program procedures as long as the organization is identified by NRC as a certifying entity.

For information required under each Part of Appendix A, NRC would review the program description to ensure that it includes the elements in that Part.

Appendix A, Part I, item 6 requires that an independent certifying organization have a set of written organizational by-laws and policies that provide adequate assurance of lack of conflict of interest and a system for monitoring and enforcing those by-laws and policies. The procedures are needed to ensure the independent certifying organization has a program in place for monitoring and enforcing its by-laws and policies.

Appendix A, Part I, item 9 requires that an independent certifying organization have written procedures describing all aspects of its certification program, maintain records of the current status of each individual's certification and the administration of its certification program. The procedures are needed to ensure that the independent certifying organization has an adequate certification program. The records are needed by the certifying organization to maintain an awareness of each individual's certification, and to record its activities on the administration of its certification program. They would review the records during periodic program reviews.

Appendix A, Part I, item 10 requires that an independent certifying organization have procedures to ensure that certified individuals are provided due process with respect to the administration of its certification program, including the process of becoming certified and any sanctions imposed against certified individuals. The procedures are needed to ensure that the independent certifying organization provide certified individuals adequate due process.

Appendix A, Part I, item 11 requires that an independent certifying organization have procedures for proctoring examinations and for ensuring that the individuals proctoring each examination are not employed by the same company or corporation (or a wholly-owned subsidiary of such company or corporation) as any of the examinees. The procedures are needed to help ensure fairness in the examination process.

Appendix A, Part I, item 12 requires that independent certifying organizations and/or Agreement States exchange information about certified individuals with the Commission and the Agreement States. This information is needed to ensure that knowledge about certified individuals is shared between the regulatory bodies and the certifying organization.

Appendix A, Part I, item 13 requires that an independent certifying organization provide a description to the Commission of its procedures for choosing examination sites and for providing an appropriate examination environment. The procedures are needed to ensure that the independent certifying organization provide for appropriate examination sites and environments.

Appendix A, Part II, item 2 requires that a certification program must require applicants for certification to provide documentation that demonstrates that the applicant has: (a) received training in the topics set forth in Appendix A to this part; (b) satisfactorily completed a minimum period of on-the-job training; and (c) received verification by an Agreement State or an NRC licensee that the applicant has demonstrated the capability of independently working as a radiographer. Submission of this documentation to the certifying organization is necessary for the certifying organization to verify an applicant's training and to determine that the applicant meets certain certification criteria.

Appendix A, Part II, item 3 requires that a certification program must include procedures to ensure that all examination questions are protected from disclosure. The procedures are intended to ensure that the examinees will not have access to certification examination questions.

Appendix A, Part II, item 4 requires that a certification program must include procedures whereby an application can be denied or a certification revoked, suspended, and reinstated. NRC would review the program description to ensure that it includes this element. The procedures are intended to ensure that the certification program include provisions for denying applications, revoking, suspending, and reinstating an individual's certification.

Appendix A, Part II, item 6 requires that a certification program must include procedures for renewing the certifications and, if the procedures allow renewals without examination, require evidence of recent active full-time employment and annual refresher training. The procedures are intended to ensure that the certification program include provisions for certification renewal.

Appendix A, Part II, item 7 requires that the certification program provide for timely responses to public enquiries concerning an individual's certification status.

Appendix A, Part III, item 3 requires that test items in written examinations be drawn from a question bank containing psychometrically valid questions based on the material in § 34.43(g).

2. Agency Use of the Information

The NRC uses the information required by this part, including the records that 10 CFR Part 34 requires licensees to maintain during the application process, inspections, license renewals, and license amendment reviews to assure that licensees are complying with NRC radiation safety requirements for possession and use of licensed radioactive material in radiography.

3. Reduction of Burden Through Information Technology

There are no legal obstacles to reducing the burden associated with this information collection. However, because of the types of information, including the need for signature of a responsible

individual and the infrequency of submission, the application form and reports do not lend themselves readily to the use of automated information technology for submission.

4. Effort to Identify Duplication and Use Similar Information

The Information Requirements Control Automated System (IRCAS) was searched to identify duplication. None was found. There is no similar information available to the NRC.

5. Effort to Reduce Small Business Burden

Many NRC radiography licensees are small businesses. Efforts have been made to keep the requirements for information to a minimum. However, since the health and safety consequences of improper handling or use of a radiography source are likely to be the same for large and small entities, it is not possible to further reduce the burden on small businesses by less frequent or less complete recordkeeping or reporting.

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

If the information collection was not conducted, or was conducted less frequently, NRC would not have the information needed to assure that licensees are conducting and will continue programs in a manner that will assure adequate protection of the public health and safety. Required reports are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur. Applications for new licenses and amendments are submitted only once. Applications for license renewals are submitted every 10 years. Information submitted in previous applications may be referenced without being resubmitted.

7. Circumstances Which Justify Variation from OMB Guidelines

Section 34.27(d) varies from OMB guidelines in requiring that licensees report within 5 days of the leak testing any result which would indicate that a source is leaking. This requirement for a report in less than 30 days is necessary because a leaking source could present a radiological hazard to workers and the public, and NRC must be notified promptly in order to be able to assess whether corrective actions initiated by the licensee are adequate.

Section 34.83(c) requires that licensees maintain reports received from the personnel dosimeter processor. This requirement restates existing requirements in 10 CFR Part 20, which is cleared under OMB clearance number 3150-0014.

Section 34.83(d) varies from OMB guidelines by requiring that licensees maintain records of estimates of exposures as a result of off-scale pocket dosimeters or lost or damaged personnel dosimeters until the Commission terminates the license. This information may be needed to reconstruct a worker's dose history in the event the worker loses his/her records, and to permit a planned special exposure.

8. Consultations Outside the NRC

Opportunity for public comment on the information collection requirements was published in the Federal Register on May 11, 2001 (66FR24166). There were no comments received.

9. Payment or Gift to Respondents

Not Applicable.

10. Confidentiality of Information

None, except for proprietary information.

11. Sensitive Questions

None.

12. Estimated Burden and Burden Hour Cost

The information in the following table summarizes the information in Tables 1 and 2 for NRC licensees and in Tables 3 and 4 for Agreement State licensees.

	NRC Licensees (hrs/yr)	Agreement State Licensees (hrs/yr)
Reporting	87	218
Recordkeeping	39,903	99,436
Total	39,990	99,654

The total burden and cost for Part 34 is 139,644 hours (39,990 plus 99,654) and $20,108,736 (139,644 hours times $144/hr). The burden estimates are based on staff's best estimate of the time required to perform information collection activities. Cost estimates are based on the rate used in NRC's license fee rule.

13. Estimate of Other Additional Cost.

Not applicable.

14. Estimated Annualized Cost to the Federal Government

For the requested clearance period, the annualized burden and cost to NRC staff for application reviews under Part 34 is estimated to be 10 hours and $1440 (10 hours times $144/hr) (see Table 3). 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

The number of NRC licensees has decreased from 158 to 104, resulting in a burden reduction of 20,295 hours. The number of Agreement State licensees has decreased from 316 to 260, resulting in a burden reduction of 21,129 hours. The number of responses decreased from 219 to 182. The net result of NRC licensees and Agreement State licensees terminating their operations and relinquishing their licenses is a combined reduction in burden of 41,425 hours, and a decrease in responses of 37.

16. Publication for Statistical Use

None.

17. Reason for Not Displaying the Expiration Date

The requirement is contained in a regulation. Amending the Code of Federal Regulations to display information that, in an annual publication, could become obsolete would be unduly burdensome and too difficult to keep current.

18. Exceptions to the Certification Statement

None.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

Statistical methods are not employed in this collection of information.

TABLE 1
ANNUAL INFORMATION COLLECTION BURDENS ASSOCIATED WITH
RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR PART 34 FOR NRC LICENSEES

Section	No. of Recordkeepers	Hrs/ Record	Total Burden (hr/yr)	Record Retention
34.20(b)(1)	104	0.4	41.60	
34.25(b)&(c) - see § 34.65	104		0.00	3 Yrs
34.27(c)(1)&(2) - see § 34.67	104		0.00	3 Yrs
34.27(e) - see § 34.67	104		0.00	3 Yrs
34.29(a)&(b) - see § 34.69	104		0.00	
34.31(a)&(b)(1)&(2)&(c) - see § 34.73	104		0.00	
34.33(b) - see § 34.75	26		0.00	
34.35(a)	104	0.8	83.20	3 Yrs
34.35(b)	104	36	3,744.00	3 Yrs
34.43(b)(1)&(c)(1)	104	2.5	260.00	
34.43(f) - see § 34.79	104		0.00	
34.45(a)&(b) - see § 34.81	104		0.00	RULT[1]
34.47(b) - see § 34.83(a)	104		0.00	3 Yrs
34.47(c) - see § 34.83(a)	104		0.00	3 Yrs
34.47(d) - see § 34.83(d)	104		0.00	RULT[1]
34.47(e) - see § 34.83(d)	104		0.00	RULT[1]
34.47(f) - see § 34.83(c)	104		0.00	
34.47(g)(4) - see § 34.83(b)	104		0.00	3 Yrs
34.49(c)&(d)	104		0.00	3 Yrs
34.61	104	0.16	16.64	RULT[1]
34.63	104	1.6	166.40	3 Yrs
34.65	104	1.6	166.40	3 Yrs
34.67	104	1.2	124.80	3 Yrs
34.69(a)&(b)	104	2	208.00	3 Yrs

[1]Retain until license is terminated

Section	No. of Recordkeepers	Hrs/ Record	Total Burden (hr/yr)	Record Retention
34.71(a)&(b)	104	36	3,744.00	3 Yrs
34.73(a)&(b)	104	27	2,808.00	3 Yrs
34.75	26	48.2	1,253.20	3 Yrs
34.79(a)&(b)	104	5	520.00	3 Yrs
34.81	104	0.08	8.32	RULT[1]
34.83(a)	104	122.5	12,740.00	3 Yrs
34.83(b)	104	2.5	260.00	3 yrs
34.83(c)&(d)	104	3.2	332.80	3 Yrs
34.85	104	120	12,480.00	3 Yrs
34.87	104		0.00	life of program
34.89(a)&(b)	104	5.4	561.60	RULT
Appendix A, Part I, item 6	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part I, item 9	1	104	104.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part I, item 10	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part I, item 11	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part I, item 13	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part II, item 2	104	1	104.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part II, item 3	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part II, item 4	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part II, item 6	1	10	10.00	life of program

[1]Retain until license is terminated.

Section	No. of Recordkeepers	Hrs/ Record	Total Burden (hr/yr)	Record Retention
Appendix A, Part II, item 7	132	.5	66.00	
Appendix A, Part III, item 3	1	40	40.00	life of program
TOTAL			39,903.00	

TABLE 2
ANNUAL INFORMATION COLLECTION BURDENS ASSOCIATED WITH
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR PART 34 FOR NRC LICENSEES

SECTION	No. of Responses	Hours/ Response	Total Burden (hr/yr)
34.11 - see OMB clearance No. 3150-0120	0	0	0.00
34.13(b)-(k) - see OMB clearance No. 3150-0120	0	0	0.00
34.27(d)	1	4	4.00
34.41(c) - see OMB clearance No. 3150-0120	0	0	0.00
34.101 (a)&(b)	4	10	40.00
34.101 (c)	45	0.5	22.50
Appendix A, Part I, Item 12	2	10	20.00
TOTALS	52		87.00

NRC Licensees Burden and Cost

It is estimated that, for NRC licensees and applicants, there will be 52 responses and 87 burden hours annually, there will be 104 recordkeepers and a recordkeeping burden of 39,903 hours annually, and the total NRC licensees burden will be 39,990 hours, at a cost of $5,758,560.

TABLE 3
ANNUAL INFORMATION COLLECTION BURDENS ASSOCIATED WITH **RECORDKEEPING** REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR PART 34 FOR AGREEMENT STATE LICENSEES

Section	No. of Recordkeepers	Hrs/ Record	Total Burden (hr/yr)	Record Retention
34.20(b)(1)	260	0.4	104.00	
34.25(b)&(c) - see § 34.65	260		0.00	3 Yrs
34.27(c)(1)&(2) - see § 34.67	260		0.00	3 Yrs
34.27(e) - see § 34.67	260		0.00	3 Yrs
34.29(a)&(b) - see § 34.69	260		0.00	
34.31(a)&(b)(1)&(2)&(c) - see § 34.73	260		0.00	
34.33(b) - see § 34.75	65		0.00	
34.35(a)	260	0.8	208.00	3 Yrs
34.35(b)	260	36	9,360.00	3 Yrs
34.43(b)(1)&(c)(1)	260	2.5	260.00	
34.43(f) - see § 34.79	260		0.00	
34.45(a)&(b) - see § 34.81	260		0.00	RULT[2]
34.47(b) - see § 34.83(a)	260		0.00	3 Yrs
34.47(c) - see § 34.83(a)	260		0.00	3 Yrs
34.47(d) - see § 34.83(d)	260		0.00	RULT[1]
34.47(e) - see § 34.83(d)	260		0.00	RULT[1]
34.47(f) - see § 34.83(c)	260		0.00	
34.47(g)(4) - see § 34.83(b)	260		0.00	3 Yrs
34.49(c)&(d)	260		0.00	3 Yrs
34.61	260	0.16	41.60	RULT[1]
34.63	260	1.6	416.00	3 Yrs
34.65	260	1.6	416.00	3 Yrs
34.67	260	1.2	312.00	3 Yrs
34.69(a)&(b)	260	2	520.00	3 Yrs

[1]Retain until license is terminated

Section	No. of Recordkeepers	Hrs/ Record	Total Burden (hr/yr)	Record Retention
34.71(a)&(b)	260	36	9,360.00	3 Yrs
34.73(a)&(b)	260	27	7,020.00	3 Yrs
34.75	65	48.2	3,133.00	3 Yrs
34.79(a)&(b)	260	5	1,300.00	3 Yrs
34.81	260	0.08	20.80	RULT[1]
34.83(a)	260	122.5	31,850.00	3 Yrs
34.83(b)	260	2.5	650.00	3 yrs
34.83(c)&(d)	260	3.2	832.00	3 Yrs
34.85	260	120	31,200.00	3 Yrs
34.87	260		0.00	life of program
34.89(a)&(b)	260	5.4	1,404.00	RULT
Appendix A, Part I, item 6	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part I, item 9	1	104	104.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part I, item 10	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part I, item 11	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part I, item 13	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part II, item 2	260	1	260.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part II, item 3	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part II, item 4	1	10	10.00	life of program
Appendix A, Part II, item 6	1	10	10.00	life of program

[1]Retain until license is terminated.

Section	No. of Recordkeepers	Hrs/ Record	Total Burden (hr/yr)	Record Retention
Appendix A, Part II, item 7	330	0.5	165.00	
Appendix A, Part III, item 3	1	40	40.00	life of program
TOTAL			99,436.00	

TABLE 4
ANNUAL INFORMATION COLLECTION BURDENS ASSOCIATED WITH
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR PART 34 FOR AGREEMENT STATE LICENSEES

SECTION	No. of Responses	Hours/ Response	Total Burden (hr/yr)
34.11 - see OMB clearance No. 3150-0120	0	0	0.00
34.13(b)-(k) - see OMB clearance No. 3150-0120	0	0	0.00
34.27(d)	3	4	12.00
34.41(c) - see OMB clearance No. 3150-0120	0	0	0.00
34.101 (a)&(b)	10	10	100.00
34.101 (c)	113	0.5	56.00
Appendix A, Part I, Item 12	5	10	50.00
TOTALS	130		218.00

Agreement State Licensees Burden and Cost

It is estimated that, for Agreement State licensees and applicants, there will be 130 responses and 218 burden hours annually, there will be 260 recordkeepers and a recordkeeping burden of 99,436 hours annually, and the total Agreement State licensees burden will be 99,654 hours, at a cost of $14,350,176.

TABLE 5
ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
FOR REVIEW OF REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH 10 CFR PART 34

Section	No. of Licensee Responses	Fed Govt Staff Hours Per Response
34.27(d)	1	4.00
34.101(a and b)	4	4.00
34.101(c)	45	0.50
Appendix A, Part I, Item 12	2	1.00
TOTALS	52.00	10.00