

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST

Title: 10 CFR Part 61 - Licensing Requirements for Land Disposal of Radioactive Wastes, Clearance Extension

Current Burden/Responses: 4,887 hours/111 responses

Proposed Burden/Responses: 4,059 hours/12 responses

Burden Attributable to Third-Party Collections: 9 hours

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annual

Reasons for Changes in Burden/Responses: The overall burden estimate for Part 61 has decreased from 4,887 hours (374 reporting and 4,513 recordkeeping) to 4,059 hours (42 reporting and 4,017 recordkeeping) for a net reduction of 828 hours (332 for reporting and 496 recordkeeping) for the following reasons:

- (1) the burden associated with Section 61.30(a)(3) to transfer funds and records from site operator to site owner increased because the number of Agreement State licensees is expected to increase from 1 to 3, thus increasing the burden by 9 hours from 4.5 to 13.5 hours;
- (2) the burden associated with Section 61.31(c)(3) to provide records of the location and quantity of radioactive wastes, upon license termination, to the party responsible for institutional control of the disposal site increased because the number of Agreement State licensees is expected to increase from 1 to 3, thus increasing the burden 11 hours from 5.5 to 16.5 hours;
- (3) the burden associated with Section 61.53 to provide records evaluating the potential health and environmental impacts during construction and operation of the disposal site and to transfer those records, upon license termination, to the party responsible for institutional control of the disposal site increased because the number of Agreement State licensees increased from 2 to 3, thus increasing the burden 960 hours from 1,920 to 2,880 hours;
- (4) the burden associated with Section 61.57 to attach a label for identification of Class A, B, or C wastes has been eliminated because this section is not considered an information collection in that it does not require specific information such as the volume, date received, or decontamination. The estimated number of Agreement State licensees in the previous clearance was 2, but has been reduced to 0. Thus, the burden has been decreased by 144 hours;
- (5) the burden associated with Section 61.80 (a)-(e) has been eliminated because there are no specific information collections identified in these sections. These sections provide generic guidance for keeping records. The actual records of receipt and acceptance of radioactive waste shipments are identified under Section 61.80(f);
- (6) the burden associated with Section 61.80(f) to maintain records of receipt and acceptance of radioactive waste shipments decreased because the estimated number of Agreement State licensees in the previous clearance package was 7, but should have been 3. Thus, the burden has been revised to reflect a decrease of 1,476 hours from 2,583 to 1,107 hours;
- (7) the burden associated with Section 61.80(h) to submit annual financial reports increased because the estimated number of Agreement State licensees increased from 2 to 3, thus increasing the burden by 1hour, from 2 to 3 hours;
- (8) the burden associated with Section 61.80(i) to submit annual reports on site activities decreased. The estimated number of Agreement State licensees in the previous package was 2, which means only 2 responses have been received. The clearance package indicated 16 responses. In addition

to this error, the clearance package indicates 2 respondents when it should have been 3. The burden should have been 27 hours instead of 144 hours, a difference of 117 hours; and

- (9) the burden associated with Section 61.80(l) to record receipt, acceptance, storage, and disposal of radioactive waste decreased because the estimated number of Agreement State licensees in the previous clearance package was 7, but should have been 3. In addition, the number of responses per respondent was 3. Past experience shows that only one response per respondent was received. Therefore, the burden has been reduced from 84 to 12 hours, thus a decrease of 72 hours.

Based on the last 3 years' experience and the elimination of a label for identification purposes of Class A, B, or C wastes under Section 61.57, the estimated number of responses has decreased from 111 to 12 responses resulting in a difference of 99 responses for the next clearance period.

The previous OMB clearance package contained an estimated number of respondents based, in part, on forecasts of new low level waste (LLW) disposal facilities that were to have gone into operation in the U.S. This has not occurred. The current figures are based on the three operating LLW sites in NRC Agreement States only. No new facilities are expected to be licensed in the next several years.

There is a change in cost because the hourly rate increased from \$125/hr to \$144/hr.

Level of Concurrence: Branch Chief, Environmental and Performance Assessment Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Recordkeeping Requirements in Accordance with the Retention Periods for Records Rule:
Records retention periods are in accordance with standard record retention periods.

Search of the Information Requirements Control Automated System (IRCAS):
IRCAS was searched on October 16, 2001. No duplication was found.

Abstract: NRC regulations in 10 CFR Part 61 establishes the procedures, criteria, and license terms and conditions for the land disposal of low-level radioactive waste. The information collected in the applications, reports, and records is evaluated by the NRC to ensure that the licensee's or applicant's physical plant, equipment, organization, training, experience, procedures, and plans provide an adequate level of protection of public health and safety, common defense and security, and the environment.

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