

Date: August 20, 2002

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST

Title: 10 CFR Parts 72 and 73, Reporting Requirements for Specific Events and Conditions, Proposed Rule

Part 72 Current Burden/Responses: 41,283 hours/234 responses
Part 73 Current Burden/Responses: 364,805 hours/77,734 responses

Part 72 Proposed Burden/Responses: 41,990 hours/263 responses
(+707 hours/+29 responses)
Part 73 Proposed Burden/Responses: 367,397 hours/77,917 responses
(+2,592 hours/+183 responses)

Part 72 Burden Attributable to Third-Party Collections: None
Part 73 Burden Attributable to Third-Party Collections: None

Part 72 Frequency of Response: Occasional, every 20 or 40 years
Part 73 Frequency of Responses: On occasion

Reasons for Changes in Burden/Responses: The proposed rule is expected to change the burden estimates contained in the clearances for Parts 72 and 73. Under Part 72, two 4-hour reports are being eliminated by the proposed rule; the requirements for submitting 24-hour reports are being made less stringent; and written followup reports may be submitted within 60 days rather than 30 days. Conversion of three 4-hour reports into 8-hour reports is not expected to lead to any change in burden. A new category of immediate followup reports will be required and licensees may be required to submit supplementary reports as needed. These reports are expected to lead to a slight increase in burden. Reports by licensees that they are issuing news releases or contacting other governmental agencies are expected to increase burden, both to the licensees and to NRC, but these reports are expected to enhance NRC's ability to respond in a timely manner to heightened public concerns. For Part 72, the net effect of these proposed changes is expected to increase the annual burden by 24 hours per response, including the annual 33 hours per respondent (one-time burden for implementing the rule). Under Part 73, written followup reports under § 73.71(a)(4) and under Appendix G may be submitted within 60 days rather than 30 days. This change also is necessary to reflect changes made elsewhere in Part 50 and Part 72. For Part 73, the net effect of these proposed changes is expected to reduce the total annual burden by approximately 6 hours per response. However, the 40 hours per respondent (one-time burden for implementing the rule) was factored over three years, so this reduction will not be realized until the next clearance cycle. Note also that the anticipated burden decrease of 6 hours per respondent is based on the burden in the current inventory. However, for 199 Part 73 licensees, we anticipate at least 1 response per licensee annually for a reduction of 1,194 hours.

Part 72 Level of Concurrence: Director, Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Part 73 Level of Concurrence: Chief, Licensing and International Safeguards Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Recordkeeping Requirements in Accordance with the Retention Periods for Records Rule: N/A

Search of the Information Requirements Control Automated System (IRCAS):

IRCAS was searched, no duplication was found.

Abstract: 10 CFR 72 establishes requirements, procedures, and criteria for the issuance of licenses to receive, transfer, and possess power reactor spent fuel and other radioactive materials associated with spent fuel in an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation.

10 CFR 73 prescribes requirements for establishment and maintenance of a physical protection system with capabilities for protection of special nuclear material at fixed sites and in transit and of plants in which special nuclear material is used. The information in the reports and records is used by the NRC staff to ensure that the health and safety of the public is protected and that license possession and use of special nuclear material is in compliance with license and regulatory requirements.

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