



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

January 18, 1990

TO: ALL LICENSEES OF OPERATING REACTORS, APPLICANTS FOR OPERATING
LICENSES, AND HOLDERS OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR LIGHT WATER
REACTOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN NRC REGULATORY IMPACT
SURVEY (GENERIC LETTER NO. 90-01)

In 1981 the NRC conducted a survey of utility views of the impact of NRC regulatory programs and initiatives on utility operations and resources. As a result of that survey, the NRC made a number of changes in its organization and practices. To assess the effectiveness of those changes and to inquire into the impact of current NRC practices, the NRC recently conducted Regulatory Impact Surveys at 13 utilities throughout the country. At each of the 13 utilities, senior managers from NRC headquarters and regional offices held group discussion sessions with a wide spectrum of individuals from the operator and engineer level up to senior corporate management. The NRC is currently evaluating the information gathered from these discussions to determine what changes, if any, should be made to the NRC's regulatory approach to enhancing the safe operation of nuclear power plants.

In order to augment the information gained from the survey of 13 utilities, the NRC is requesting that nuclear utilities, on a voluntary basis, complete the questionnaire provided in the enclosure to this letter. The purpose of this questionnaire is to provide the NRC with insight on the time which key nuclear power plant managers spend in responding to the various operational (or construction) inspections and audits (including those conducted by the company itself) that are imposed upon them.

Your voluntary submittal of the completed questionnaire by March 1, 1990 will be greatly appreciated. Input from a broad base of licensees is needed to ensure that the results of this survey are representative of conditions across the industry. The information provided will not be directly associated with a particular nuclear power plant. A copy of the final survey report will be provided to you upon completion.

This request is covered by Office of Management and Budget Clearance Number 3150-0011 which expires January 31, 1991. The estimated average burden hours is 60 person hours per licensee response, including searching data sources, gathering and analyzing the information, and the requested reports. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Information and Records Management Branch, Division of Information Support

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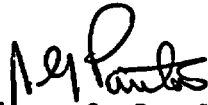
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Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555; and to the Paperwork
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Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. General Instructions/Questionnaire
2. List of Recently Issued
Generic Letters

NRC Regulatory Impact Survey
General Instructions

- | <u>Item Number</u> | <u>Instruction</u> | | |
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| 1. | <p>A separate Questionnaire Sheet should be completed for each of the following applicable types of operational/construction inspection, audit or evaluation:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NRC Team Inspections - Other NRC Resident, Regional and Headquarters inspections/audits - INPO Evaluations/Visits - Insurers (ANI) - EPA </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OSHA - DOT - State/Local Authorities - NRC-Required QA Audits - Other Self-Assessments - Other (Specify) </td> </tr> </table> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NRC Team Inspections - Other NRC Resident, Regional and Headquarters inspections/audits - INPO Evaluations/Visits - Insurers (ANI) - EPA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OSHA - DOT - State/Local Authorities - NRC-Required QA Audits - Other Self-Assessments - Other (Specify) |
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| 2. | <p>Based upon actual experience over the past several years, about how often is each of the activities identified in Item #1 conducted? Answers need not be precise, but should provide general statements of recent experience, such as "Two NRC Regional Office Inspections per Month" or "INPO Plant and Corporate Evaluations every 18 months."</p> | | |
| 3. | <p>Provide a brief description of the operations/construction areas which are reviewed by the various activities. These descriptions need not be provided for NRC inspections and audits, INPO Evaluations, and NRC-required QA audits.</p> | | |
| 4. | <p>Provide information on the extent of the inspection, audit or evaluation in terms of the typical size of the review group and the length of time required to conduct the review. For example "NRC Regional Office inspections typically consist of two inspectors who are onsite for one work week."</p> | | |
| 5. | <p>This question seeks information on the extent to which the available time of key managers is necessarily devoted to dealing with each of the specific review activities listed in Item #1. For multiple positions, such as Plant Department Heads, provide an average annualized percentage for the group and the number of Department Heads included.</p> | | |

NRC Regulatory Impact Survey
Questionnaire Sheet

1. Type of inspection, audit or evaluation: _____

2. Based on actual experience over the past several years, about how often is this activity conducted? _____

3. Operations/Construction areas covered: _____

4. Extent of the activity (how many people, for how long) _____

5. Approximate percentage of total time (on an annual basis) which the following managers must spend in direct involvement before, during, and in response to the activity described in Item #1.
 - a. Plant Department Heads _____ (number involved) _____
 - b. Plant Manager _____
 - c. Corporate Department Heads _____ (number involved) _____
 - d. Corporate Vice Presidents _____ (number involved) _____
 - e. Chief Nuclear Officer _____

LIST OF RECENTLY ISSUED GENERIC LETTERS

Generic Letter No.	Subject	Date of Issuance	Issued To
89-23	NRC STAFF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF 10 CFR PART 26 - GENERIC LETTER 89-23	10/23/89	ALL HOLDERS OF OPERATING LICENSEES AND CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
89-22	POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED ROOF LOADS AND PLANT AREA FLOOD RUNOFF DEPTH AT LICENSED NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS DUE TO RECENT CHANGE IN PROBABLE MAXIMUM PRECIPITATION CRITERIA DEVELOPED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (GENERIC LETTER 89-22)	10/19/89	ALL LICENSEES OF OPERATING REACTORS AND HOLDERS OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (EXCEPT BYRON BRAIDWOOD, VOGTLE, SOUTH TEXAS, AND RIVER BEND)
89-21	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF UNRESOLVED SAFETY ISSUE (USI) REQUIREMENTS	10/19/89	ALL HOLDERS OF OPERATING LICENSES AND CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS
89-20	PROTECTED AREA LONG-TERM HOUSEKEEPING	09/26/89	ALL FUEL CYCLE FACILITY LICENSEES WHO POSSESS, USE, OR PROCESS FORMULA QUANTITIES OF STRATEGIC SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL
89-19	REQUEST FOR ACTION RELATED TO RESOLUTION OF UNRESOLVED SAFETY ISSUE A-47 "SAFETY IMPLICATION OF CONTROL SYSTEMS IN LWR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS" PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 50.54(f)	09/20/89	ALL LICENSEES OF OPERATING REACTORS, APPLICANTS FOR OPERATING LICENSES AND HOLDERS OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR LIGHT WATER REACTOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
89-18	RESOLUTION OF UNRESOLVED SAFETY ISSUE A-17, "SYSTEMS INTERACTIONS IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS	09/06/89	ALL HOLDERS OF OPERATING LICENSES OR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

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