

OVERVIEW OF FY 2004 NRC INFORMATION COLLECTION BUDGET (ICB)

This year, we were required to identify at least one new initiative that will reduce the burden on small businesses, update current burden reduction initiatives, and make quarterly progress reports.

NRC identified the following new initiative:

Reduce the burden on licensees, including small businesses, by developing an on-line system (SAFESOURCE) to apply for, amend, or renew licenses. In addition, a previously reported NMSS initiative, Consolidation of Licensing Process Requirements, was also updated to indicate that it impacts small business.

The following on-going initiatives are updates of current initiatives:

Reducing the Reporting Requirements Imposed on Power Reactor Licensees (NRR)

Risk Informing Regulations to Reduce Unnecessary Regulatory Burden on Reactor Licensees (NRR)

Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance, NUREG -1757, Volumes 1-3 (NMSS)

Consolidation of Licensing Process Requirements (NMSS)

Background on NRC's Programmatic Burden Reduction Activities:

FY 1999 - .4% reduction

FY 2000 - 0% reduction

FY 2001 - 5% reduction (Implemented the complete revision of Part 35)

FY 2002 - 0% reduction

FY 2003 - .2% reduction

FY 2004 - .2% reduction projected

NRC Information Collection Budget Burden Hour History:

FY 1999 - 9,518,110 hours

FY 2000 - 9,512,584 hours

FY 2001 - 8,167,933 hours

FY 2002 - 8,335,020 hours

FY 2003 - 8,912,407 hours

FY 2004 - 9,432,840 hours (projected)

Although this year's ICB projects a .2 percent programmatic burden reduction in FY 2004, adjustments based on revised burden estimates, an anticipated increase in the number of license applications for Design Certifications and Combined Licenses, and additional 10 CFR 50 Appendix S applications, increase NRC's FY 2004 ICB by almost 6 percent over its FY 2003 budget.