SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST

<u>Title</u>: 10 CFR Part 73, "Protection of Safeguards Information," Proposed Rule

<u>Current Burden/Responses</u>: 369,063 hours/77,917

<u>Proposed Burden/Responses</u>: 374,989 hours/78,398 (77,917 responses + 481 recordkeepers)

Reasons for Changes in Burden/Responses:

The proposed rule would require additional background checks, additional documents to be marked as safeguards information, add a new category of document marking requirements - safeguards information modified handling, and expand the universe of affected licensees and applicants.

Level of Concurrence: Branch Chief

Rulemaking and Guidance Branch

Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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

Abstract:

NRC is amending its regulations for the protection of Safeguards Information to protect it from inadvertent release and unauthorized disclosure which might compromise the security of nuclear facilities and materials. The proposed amendments would be consistent with Commission practices reflected in previously issued orders and advisories. The proposed amendments would affect certain licensees, information, and materials not currently specified in the regulations but which are within the scope of the Commission's statutory authority.