

Date: December 20, 2005

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST

Title: 10 CFR Part 51, Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions (Draft OCP)

Current Burden/Responses: 78,765 hours/18 responses

Proposed Burden/Responses: 113,562 hours/30 responses

Frequency of Response: On occasion

Number of Respondents: 30

Reasons for Changes in Burden/Responses:

Due in part to passage of the new energy bill, the NRC anticipates an increase in burden in the power reactor area for COL reviews because of a projected increase in the number of applications. Conversely, burden from ESP reviews is expected to decrease from last clearance period due to industry shift in preference to the COL review process. License Renewal burden is expected to remain at similar levels in relation to the last clearance period.

Research and test reactors were forced to defer work for reactor licensing and decommissioning because of below-level program staffing levels and an increase in resources needed for post-9/11 security initiatives. These deferrals created a backlog. Therefore, the burden for research and test reactors over the next clearance period will increase.

The net burden in the materials area has decreased because of a combination of several factors. The estimate of the number of ISFSI applications decreased from 6 to 3 because most licensees are choosing to use NRC generically approved cask designs on a Part 72 ISFSI associated with an existing Part 50 license. The use of a generically approved cask design does not require a separate application or an environmental review. In addition, the reduction in the uranium recovery facilities is a result of the different license terminations, and a non-Agreement State becoming an Agreement State for Part 40 byproduct material. In addition, license terms for uranium recovery facilities have been extended from a 5-year term to a ten-year term, thereby reducing the number of applications. Also, there is a decrease in the hours estimated to prepare an application for a uranium facility due to a reassessment of the burden required to submit an application and, in addition, no LLW applications are expected. This has resulted in an overall average burden decrease of 126 hours (1668 - 1542 hours) since the last submittal.

There has also been an increase in the cost because the hourly rate has increased to \$201/hr.

Level of Concurrence:

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Recordkeeping Requirements in Accordance with the Retention Periods for Records Rule:
There are no recordkeeping requirements.

Search for Duplication of Information:

There is no duplication of requirements. NRC has in place an ongoing program to examine all information collections with the goal of eliminating all duplication and/or unnecessary information collections.

Abstract: 10 CFR Part 51 specifies information to be provided by applicants and licensees so that the NRC can make determinations necessary to adhere to the policies, regulations, and public laws of the United States, which are to be interpreted and administered in accordance with the policies set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

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